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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

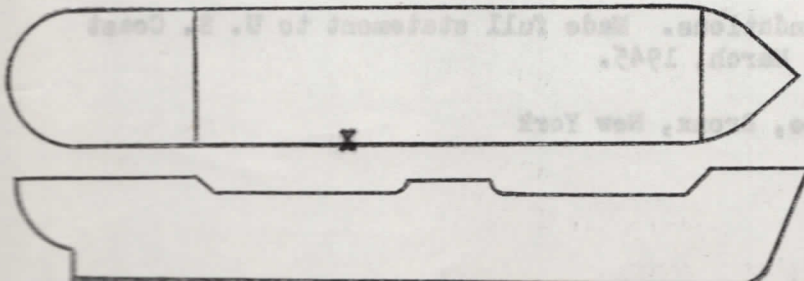
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship **S/s CHARLES D. McIVER** Service **Freight**

Owner **United States of America** Operator **Marine Transport Lines, Inc.**

Information furnished by **Julius Palu, Master** Date **23 April, 1945**

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built 1943 Propulsion Steam
2	Tonnage	Gross 7176 Net 4380
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd 27' 9" mean Aft 19' 09"
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd 13' 06" Aft 19' 09"
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature Ballast Tons
6	Voyage	From Antwerp To Southend, U.K.
7	Were routing orders followed	Yes
8	Any criticism of orders	No
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLEAR Light breeze, clear Sea smooth CALM
10	Was enemy sighted? When	No
11	Any friendly ships in sight	Yes, in convoy
12	Were navigation lights on	Daytime
13	Date and time of attack	Date 22 March, 1945 3-22-45 Time 1430
14	Position	Latitude 31-22.35N Longitude 03-05.50E
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	Vessel struck by mine or torpedo MINED
16	Number of hits	One
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	#4 hold starboard side
18	Effect of hits	Sunk SANK SHIP
19	Was ship armed? What type	Yes. 1-3", 1-45 8-22 MM
20	Was armament used? State result	No
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship No Cargo No
22	Was deck ruptured	No
23	Did ship break in two	No
24	Was SOS sent	No
25	Ship's speed	Normal 10.5 knots When attacked 9.5 knots When abandoned stopped
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned Approximately 1455 Sunk 1455 (25 min.)
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom No When ----
28	Was ship brought in	How No Approximate damage SUNK, 6-4572. Total Loss



*Fill in this diagram to show attack hits, fires, etc.

Indicate by star (*) rafts, floats, or suits used as temporary refuge in water before rescue by lifeboats.

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29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried 4 Which used 4 lifeboats
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost None How ----
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried 4 Which used None
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost 24 How 3 - NOT NEEDED
33	Life floats.....	Number carried 2 Which used None
34	Life floats.....	Number lost None How NOT NEEDED
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried 78 Number used None
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked No Casualties None
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	4 Boat 5 30 MIN Raft ---- Float ---- Picked up immediately Raft ---- Float ----
38	Rescued by and where..... 4 B	By British Patrol Craft at the scene Where AT SCENE
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers 1 Enlisted men 26
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers 8 Radiomen 2 Unlicensed 32
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers None Others 1 U.S. Army Officer (Cargo Security)
42	Total on board.....	70
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers None Enlisted men None
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers None Radiomen None Unlicensed One
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers None Others None
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers None Enlisted men None
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers None Radiomen None Unlicensed None
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers None Other: None
49	Total casualties.....	Injured One Lost None
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning 0 Fire 0 Shell or torpedo 0 Other causes 0
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew 27 Officers 8 Radio operators 2 Unlicensed 32 Passengers 70 Others 2 Total 70
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats 70 Rafts ---- Floats ---- Suits ---- Preservers ---- Other means ---- No aid ----
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below 5 Number lost below None
54	Number of look-outs.....	9 Armed Guard
55	Any defective material.....	No
56	Any personnel fault.....	No

COMMENTS, CRITICISMS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The comments, criticisms, or recommendations of survivors with respect to safety of seamen and ships involved in war actions are earnestly solicited by Headquarters in order that the fullest provision possible may be made for the safety of American ships and seamen.

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No criticism or comments or recommendations. Made full statement to U. S. Coast Guard Hearing Unit at Antwerp on 23 March, 1945.

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