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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 **Ms CHINA MAIL**

Service **OCEAN FREIGHT.**

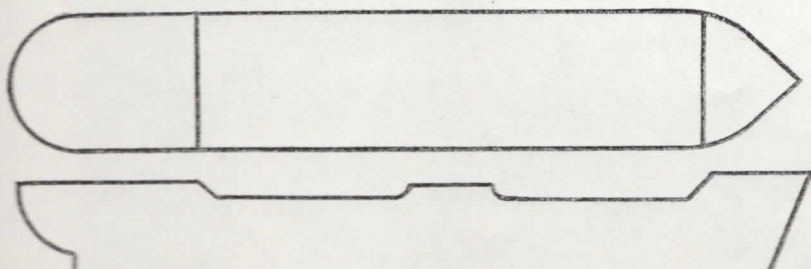
Owner **WSA**

Operator **AMERICAN MAIL LINE**

Information furnished by **MASTER**

Date **23 APRIL, 1945**

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built 1942 Propulsion DIESEL
2	Tonnage	Gross 8616 Net 5080
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd 24'06" (M) Aft 23
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd 13'8" Aft 18'04" (M)
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature AMMUNITION Tons 2500
6	Voyage	From PHILADELPHIA, PA. To NAPLES, ITALY.
7	Were routing orders followed	YES
8	Any criticism of orders	NO
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLEAR Sea CALM.
10	Was enemy sighted? When	YES; DURING ATTACK.
11	Any friendly ships in sight	YES; CONVOY.
12	Were navigation lights on	NO.
13	Date and time of attack	Date 3-15-44 Time 0120
14	Position	Latitude DOCKED AT NAPLES, ITALY Longitude
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	BOMBED
16	Number of hits	SEVERAL (FRAGMENTS FROM NEAR MISS)
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	ALLOVER
18	Effect of hits	SLIGHT DAMAGE
19	Was ship armed? What type	YES
20	Was armament used? State result	NO. (RIFLES USED TO EXTINGUISH FLARES)
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 12.0 When attacked DOCKED When abandoned N.A.
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned N.A. Sunk N.S.
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom N.A. When —
28	Was ship brought in	How OWN POWER Approximate damage SLIGHT.



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

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LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
		NOT ABANDONED.
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>77</u> Number used <u>0</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boat _____ Raft _____ Float _____
		Boat _____ Raft _____ Float _____
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>NOT ABANDONED</u> Where _____
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>2</u> Enlisted men <u>8 11</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>10</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>52</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>1</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>77</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>0</u> Lost <u>0</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>0</u>
		Other causes <u>0</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>13</u> Officers <u>10</u> Radio operators <u>1</u>
		Unlicensed <u>52</u> Passengers <u>1</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>77</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>0</u> Rafts <u>0</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u>
		Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>0</u>
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>5</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>ONE G.P.</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>NO</u>
56	Any personnel fault.....	<u>NO</u>

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.

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

