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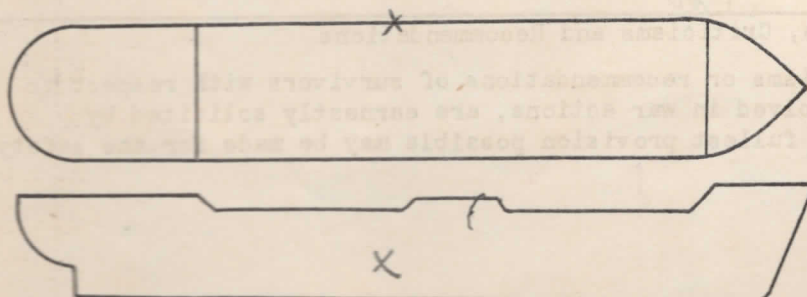
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

## REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S. CITY OF ALMA Service OCEAN FREIGHTOwner U.S.M.C. Operator WATERMAN S.S. CORP.Info. furnished by CHIEF OFFICER & CREW Date 2 AUGUST 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built <u>1920</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2.	Tonnage	Gross <u>3446</u> Net <u>3344</u>
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. <u>26'1 1/2" (M)</u> Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>26'1 1/2" (M)</u> Aft
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>MANGANESE ORE</u> Tons <u>7400</u>
6.	Voyage	From <u>TRINIDAD</u> To <u>BALTIMORE, MD.</u>
7.	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u>
8.	Any criticism of orders	<u>YES</u>
9.	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>OVERCAST</u> Sea <u>MODERATE</u>
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	<u>NO</u>
11.	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>NO</u>
12.	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO</u>
13.	Date and time of attack	Date <u>6/2/42</u> Time <u>2210</u>
14.	Position	Lat. <u>23°N</u> Long. <u>62°30'W</u>
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDO</u>
16.	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-MACH.P</u>
18.	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	<u>NO</u>
20.	Was armament used (State result)	<u>NO</u>
21.	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>NO</u> Cargo <u>NO</u>
22.	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23.	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24.	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25.	Ship's speed	Normal When attacked When abandoned
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>2212 (2 min.)</u> Sunk <u>2213 (3 min.)</u>
27.	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When <u>—</u>
28.	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approx. damage <u>SUNK.</u>



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



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

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
29.	Lifeboats	No. carried 4 Which used 1
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 3 How NO TIME FOR
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 0 Which used 0
32.	Life rafts	No. lost 0 How 0
33.	Life floats	No. carried 0 Which used 0
34.	Life floats	No. lost 0 How 0
35.	Lifesaving suits	No. carried 0 No. used 0
36.	Were boats, etc. attacked	Attacked NO Casualties 0
37.	Time in each boat, raft etc. 1	Boat 4 DAYS Raft Float Boat Raft Float
38.	Rescued by & where 1B	By ALLIED SHIP Where 45 MI OFF SAN JUAN P.R.
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 27
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
42.	Total on board	36
43.	No. gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
44.	No. ship's crew injured	Officers 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 2
45.	No. passgrs. & others injured	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
46.	No. gun crew lost (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
47.	No. ship's crew lost	Officers 6 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 19
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 2 Lost 26
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 22 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 4 Other causes 0
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 0 Officers 2 Radio Oprs. 0 Unlicensed 8 Passgrs. 0 Others 0 Total 10
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 10 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 0
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 4 No. lost below 4
54.	No. of lookouts	3
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.