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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 ~~CV~~ **CITY OF RAYVILLE**

Service **OCEAN FREIGHT**

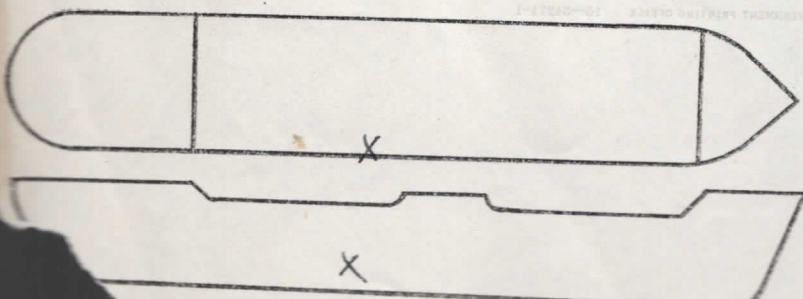
Owner **U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION**

Operator **U.S. LINES**

Information furnished by **MASTER**

Date **10 JULY, 1944**

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built 1920 Propulsion MOTOR - DIESEL
2	Tonnage	Gross 5883 Net 3666
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd 25' Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd 14'5" Aft
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL Tons
6	Voyage	From ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA To MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
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	NO
11	Any friendly ships in sight	NO
12	Were navigation lights on	NO (DAYLIGHT)
13	Date and time of attack	Date 11/8/40 Time 1938
14	Position	Latitude 120MI. SW. MELBOURNE. Longitude
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	MINE
16	Number of hits	ONE
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	MID SHIP AFT
18	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP
19	Was ship armed? What type	NO
20	Was armament used? State result	-
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship NO Cargo NO
22	Was deck ruptured	YES
23	Did ship break in two	NO
24	Was SOS sent	NO
25	Ship's speed	Normal 10 When attacked 10 When abandoned 0
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 1946 Sunk 2030 (50 min)
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom NO When
28	Was ship brought in	How NO Approximate damage SUNK.



*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 <u>4</u> Which used <u>2</u> <u>1 DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>1 NOT NEEDED</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>0</u> Which used <u>—</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>—</u> How <u>—</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>0</u> Which used <u>—</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>—</u> How <u>—</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>0</u> Number used <u>—</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>—</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	<u>2</u> Boat <u>3 SHRS</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u> Boat <u>—</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u>
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>FISHERMEN (AUSTRALIAN)</u> Where <u>20 MILES OFF APOLLO BAY, ADST</u>
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>9</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>29</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>39</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>1</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>1</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>1</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>0</u> Other causes <u>0</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>0</u> Officers <u>3</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>29</u> Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>33</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>38</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>3</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>3</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 earnestly solicited by Headquarters in order that the fullest provision possible may be made for the safety of American ships and seamen.