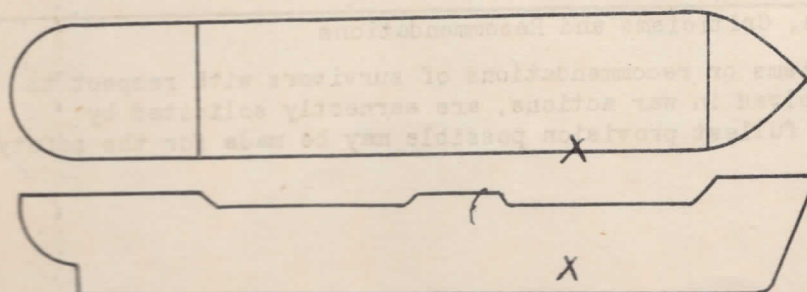


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REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S. COLABEE Service OCEAN FREIGHT
Owner ILLINOIS-ATLANTIC CORP. Operator AMERICAN HAWAIIAN LINE
Info. furnished by 1ST ASSIST. & CHIEF MATE. Date 19 JULY, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built <u>1920</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2.	Tonnage	Gross <u>5617</u> Net <u>4019</u>
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. <u>24' 24" (M)</u> Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>20' 09" (M)</u> Aft
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>4500</u>
6.	Voyage	From <u>CUBA</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>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>CALM</u>
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	<u>YES; AFTER ATTACK</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>3/12/42</u> Time <u>2140</u>
14.	Position	Lat. <u>22° 14' N</u> Long. <u>77° 35' 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-FOR'D - 1-#2</u>
18.	Effect of hits	<u>EXTENSIVE DAMAGE</u>
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	<u>NO</u>
20.	Was armament used (State result)	<u>-</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 <u>10.0</u> When attacked <u>0.0</u> When abandoned <u>3</u>
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>2155</u> ^(15 min) Sunk <u>NOT SUNK.</u>
27.	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>YES; CREW</u> ^{OF CUBAN SS.} When <u>NEXT DAY</u>
28.	Was ship brought in	How <u>TOWED, 3/28/42</u> Approx. damage <u>HULL DAMAGE</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

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29.	Lifeboats	No. carried 2 Which used 1
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 1 How <i>TORP. EXPL.</i>
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 <i>NO</i> Casualties 0
37.	Time in each boat, raft etc.	Boat <i>6 HRS</i> — Raft — Float Boat — Raft — Float
38.	Rescued by & where	By <i>MADE PORT</i> Where <i>KEY VERDE LIGHTHOUSE</i>
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 28
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
42.	Total on board	<i>37</i>
43.	No. gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
44.	No. ship's crew injured	Officers 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 0
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 4 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 19
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 0 Lost 23
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 23 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 0 Other causes 0
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 0 Officers 4 Radio Oprs. 1 Unlicensed 9 Passgrs. 0 Others 0 Total 14
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 11 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 3
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 4 No. lost below 4
54.	No. of lookouts	<i>2</i>
55.	Any defective material	<i>NO</i>
56.	Any personnel fault	<i>NO</i>

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.