

CONFIDENTIAL

CORNELIA P. SPENCER

9/21/43

1. Position-Sea-Weather 02°08'N, 50°10'E; Clear and moderate sea.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time and Kind of 1st Hit 0803 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit #5 hold port side.
5. Effect of Hit Major underwater damage and flooding at #5; shaft broken.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or why not 0900 (57 min.) - Ship beyond control; fear of further attack.
7. Persons Aboard - 68 Lost by torpedo explosion - 2.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0835 (32 min.) - 1 torpedo.
9. Location of Hit #5 hold starboard side.
10. Effect of Hit Extensive damage; aft magazine exploded.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk - 0927 (1 hour, 24 minutes).
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 0920 (1 hr. 17 min.) - 1 torpedo.
13. Location of Hit Machinery spaces port side.
14. Effect of Hit Exploded and set fire to settling tank; flooded machinery spaces. Vessel plunged stern first.