

SUBJECT: COLLISION BETWEEN NORWEGIAN M.S. ROSEVILLE
AND U.S.S. DASHING WAVE.

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EXCERPT FROM 11ND BOARDING REPORT, "SS DASHING WAVE", (US), 4 SEPT 1943.

Collision at Sea: On 23 August at 2313 (ship's time), position 23°52' S, 170°20' W, speed 17 knots, course 58° True, subject vessel collided with the MS ROSEVILLE. The night was dark and visibility poor, and at 2310 the lookout on the forward gun turret reported an unidentified ship bearing down at 355' relative. Range at this time is variously estimated between 2500 - 3000 yards. The Second Mate, WILLIAM E. HOWELL, was on watch, and he ordered "25' right". A few seconds later, he states he ordered 10' more right, but in the confusion believed he heard someone yell "Ship to starboard", and that prevented him from ordering right. Upon the appearance of the Captain on the bridge, about a minute later, hard right was ordered, and at this time the ROSEVILLE turned on its running lights and blew two short blasts. The DASHING WAVE was struck a glancing blow on the port quarter while still swinging hard right, and did not turn on running lights or answer the signal prior to the collision. The collision did not impair the seaworthiness of either vessel, and after exchanging identifications and assurances that neither vessel needed assistance, courses were resumed.

"Attached as Enclosure (A) is a diagram prepared by Captain MILLER regarding the collision. He estimates the damage to his ship as about \$5,000 consisting of a dent in hull abreast No. 4 hold port, warped deck and bulkheads in No. 5 hold, caved-in port rails from No. 4 hatch aft, and destruction of after port life raft rack."

Dissemination: COMINCH F-20; JAG; CG; 12ND; 13ND; WSF

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E. L. Miller
E. L. Miller, Master
"Dashing Wave"

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this collision could have easily been avoided.

I am quite sure that his 3rd anchor is what raked our port rails.

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First Position : As reported to the Master by the Second Mate

Second Position : As seen by the Master

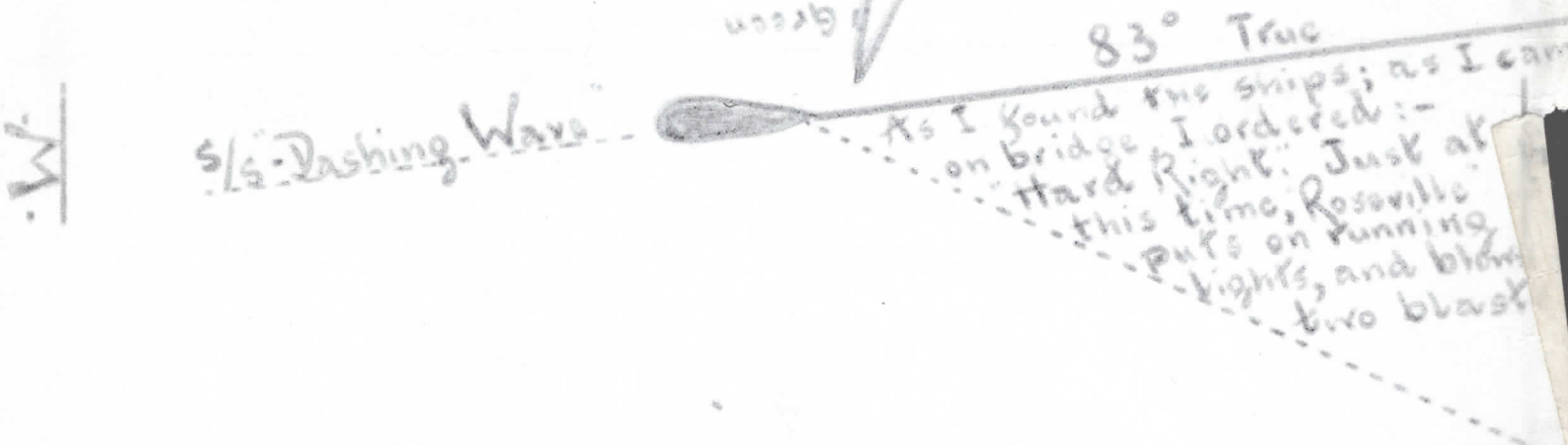
Third Position : As seen by the Master

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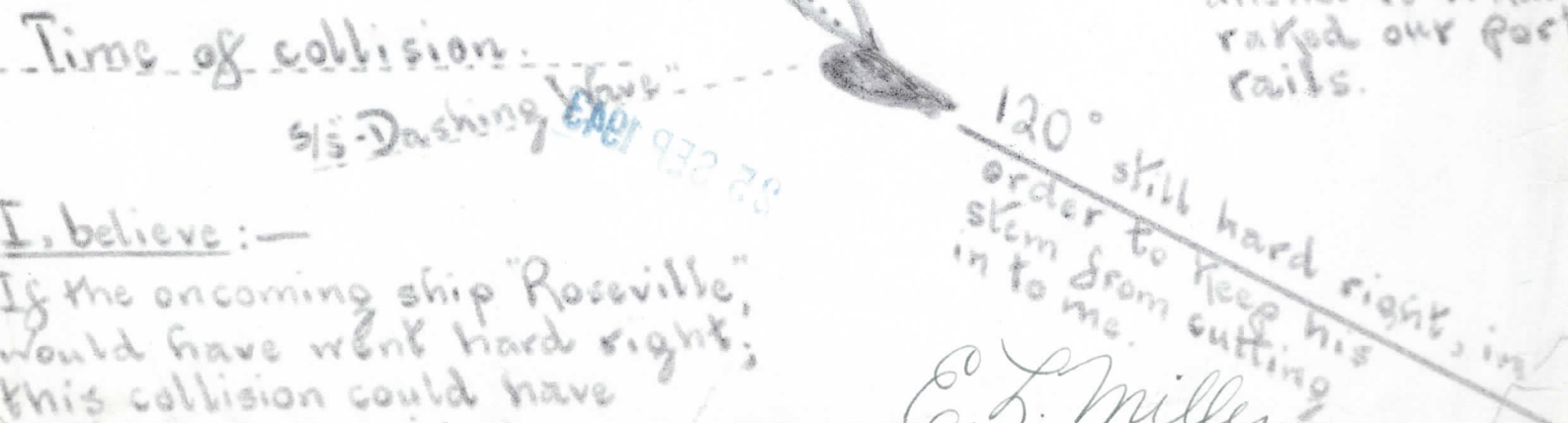
South-West Pacific
#1 Pos. 11:10 PM L.A.T. Ship



#2 Pos. about 30" later



#3rd Pos. 11:13 PM L.A.T. Ship



I believe: -
If the oncoming ship "Roseville", would have went hard right; this collision could have easily been avoided.

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S.S. Dashing Wave

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