

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
 REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

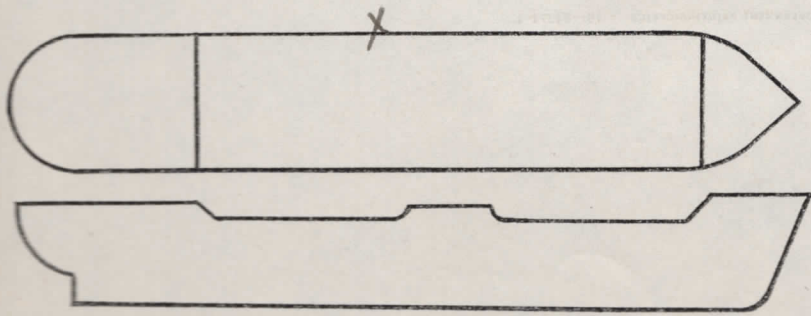
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship S/s DAVID DUDLEY FIELD Service OCEAN FREIGHT

Owner W.S.A. Operator ISTHMIAN S.S. Co.

Information furnished by MASTER Date 27 JUNE, 1945

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1943</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7176</u> Net <u>4380</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>27'</u> Aft <u>29'</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>19'</u> Aft <u>22'</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>ARMY SUPPLIES & POONTOONS</u> Tons <u>4000</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA</u> To <u>LINGAYEN GULF</u>
7	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u>
8	Any criticism of orders	<u>NO</u>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>CALM</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>YES; BEFORE AND DURING ATTACK.</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>YES; CONVOY</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO; DAYLIGHT</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>1-12-45</u> Time <u>1830</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>SUBIC BAY; P.I.</u> Longitude _____
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>SUICIDE PLANE AND BOMBED.</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1-SUICIDE PLANE (WING TIP); 1-BOMB (NEAR MISS)</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>OFF # 4-P</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SLIGHT DAMAGE</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES.</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>YES; DOWNED ONE PLANE.</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>NO</u> Cargo <u>NO</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>NO</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>9.0</u> When abandoned <u>N.A.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>N.A.</u> Sunk <u>N.S.</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>N.A.</u> When _____
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>OWN POWER.</u> Approximate damage <u>SLIGHT.</u>



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

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NOTE: - VESSEL WAS ALSO HIT BY A SUICIDE PLANE ON 10-24-44...CF FILE
 (OVER)

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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
		NOT ABANDONED
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0 DRAINED AWAY</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>THROWN TO MAN BLOWN O'ERBOARD</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>50</u> Number used <u>0</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	<u>—</u> Boat <u>—</u> <u>—</u> Raft <u>—</u> <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u>
		<u>—</u> Boat <u>—</u> <u>—</u> Raft <u>—</u> <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u>
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>NOT ABANDONED</u> where.....
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>29</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>9</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Uncensored <u>29</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>68</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>1</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Uncensored <u>1</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>1</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Uncensored <u>0</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>2</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>29</u> Officers <u>9</u> Radio operators <u>0</u>
		Uncensored <u>29</u> Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>67</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>0</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>N.A.</u>
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>4</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>50</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>YES 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 are earnestly solicited by Headquarters in order that the fullest provision possible may be made for the safety of American ships and seamen.

