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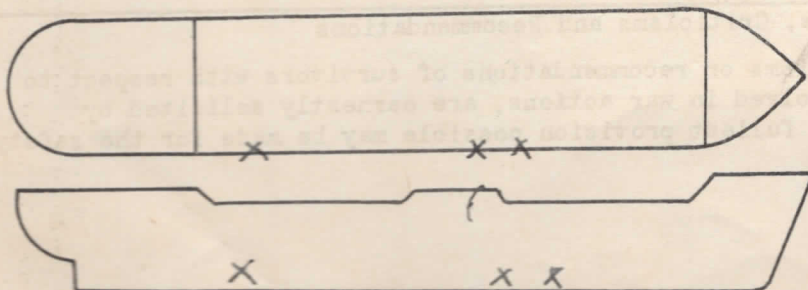
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S DEL VALLE Service OCEAN PASSENGER-CARGOOwner MISSISSIPPI SHIPPING CO. Operator MISSISSIPPI SHIPPING CO.Info. furnished by MASTER. Date 24 JULY 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built 1919	Propulsion STEAM
2.	Tonnage	Gross 5032	Net 3127
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. 33'8" (M)	Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. 33'7" (M)	Aft
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL	Tons 5165
6.	Voyage	From NEW ORLEANS To BUENOS AIRES	
7.	Were routing orders followed	YES	
8.	Any criticism of orders	NO	
9.	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLEAR	Sea MODERATE
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	NO	
11.	Any friendly ships in sight	NO	
12.	Were navigation lights on	NO	
13.	Date and time of attack	Date 4/12/42	Time 0030
14.	Position	Lat. 12°20' 16°51'N Long. 72°25'W	
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDO	
16.	Number of hits	3	
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	2-FOR'D; 1-AFT. 2-H3 - 1-H4	
18.	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP	
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	YES	
20.	Was armament used (State result)	NO	
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	YES	
25.	Ship's speed	Normal 13 When attacked 13 When abandoned STOP.	
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 0035 (5 min.)	Sunk 0042 (17 min.)
27.	Was ship reboarded	By whom NO	When -
28.	Was ship brought in	How NO	Approx. damage SUNK



\*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 4 Which used 2
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 2 How 2-TORP. EXPLOSION
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 2 Which used 2
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 NO Casualties 0
37.	Time in each boat, raft etc.	1 Boat - 18 HRS 2 Rafts - 18 HRS. Float 1 Boat - 35 HRS. Raft Float
38.	Rescued by & where	1-B * 2R-ALLIED SHIP SOUTH OF HAITI BB MADE PORT Where JACMEL, HAITI.
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 4
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 9 Radio men 3 Unlicensed 42
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 5 Others 0
42.	Total on board	63
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 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 1
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 0 Lost 1
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 1 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 0 Other causes 0
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 4 Officers 9 Radio Oprs. 3 Unlicensed 41 Passgrs. 5 Others 0 Total 62
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 48 Rafts 14 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 0
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 3 No. lost below 0
54.	No. of lookouts	6
55.	Any defective material	No
56.	Any personnel fault	No

## 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.