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OCEAN TANKER

**CONFIDENTIAL**

1. Position-Sea-Weather 15° 36'N, 67° 52'W; clear and moderate.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 1557 -- 1757 (2 hrs.)- about 260 shell hits.
4. Location of 1st Hit All over.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; ship set afire.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 1607 (10min.)- crew had shut down engines and left engine room, before Master could order evasive action. 8 panicky crew men launched a lifeboat without orders. Ship unarmed.
7. Person Aboard -36 Lost -0
8. Disposition of Vessel Sunk - 1957 (4 hrs)-