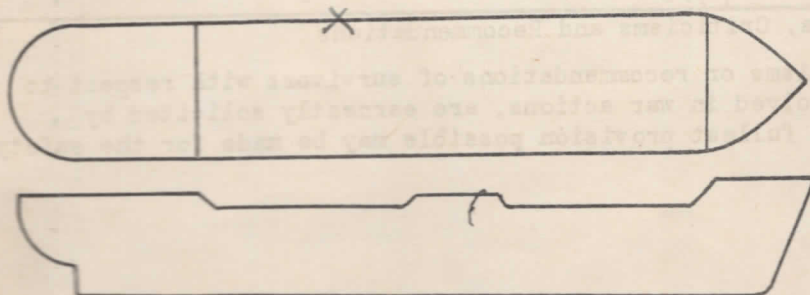


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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S EFFINGHAM Service OCEAN FREIGHT
Owner LYKES BROS. SS CO. Operator LYKES BROS. SS CO.
Info. furnished by MASTER Date 21 JULY 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built 1919	Propulsion STEAM
2.	Tonnage	Gross 6421	Net 4677
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. 26'(M)	Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. 26' ^{2"} 25' ^{6"} (M)	Aft 25' 4"
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL	Tons 4672
6.	Voyage	From —	To RUSSIA
7.	Were routing orders followed	YES	
8.	Any criticism of orders	NO	
9.	Weather at time of attack	Weather SNOW	Sea ROUGH
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	YES; AFTER ATTACK.	
11.	Any friendly ships in sight	YES.	
12.	Were navigation lights on	NO	
13.	Date and time of attack	Date 3/30/42	Time 2230
14.	Position	Lat. 76° 28' N	Long. 35° 44' E.
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDO	
16.	Number of hits	1	
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	1-AFT. - 1 # 4	
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	Cargo YES; FIRE.
22.	Was deck ruptured	YES	
23.	Did ship break in two	YES	
24.	Was SOS sent	NO	
25.	Ship's speed	Normal 9.5	When attacked 6.5 When abandoned 5.5 ⁴
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 2240 ^(10 min.)	Sunk 0020 (1 hr. 50 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

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
29.	Lifeboats	No. carried 4 Which used 2
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 2 How TORP EXPLOSION.
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 4 Which used 0
32.	Life rafts	No. lost 4 How NOT NEEDED
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.	Boat 32 HRS — Raft — Float Boat 65 HRS. — Raft — Float
38.	Rescued by & where	By ALLIED SHIP Where 69°50'N, 34°55'E.
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 8
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 25
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
42.	Total on board	43
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 1
47.	No. ship's crew lost	Officers 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 11
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 0 Lost 12
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 2 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 0 Other causes 10 (EXPOSURE)
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 8 Officers 8 Radio Oprs. 1 Unlicensed 14 Passgrs. 0 Others 0 Total 31
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 31 Rafts 0 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	5
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.