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ELIHU B. WASHBURNE

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1. Position-Sea-Weather 24°05'S, 45°25'W; clear and calm.
2. Convoy or Independent Convoy.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 1525 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit Between after peak tank and #5 hold port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Engines raced (either shaft was broken or screw lost); rudder lost; flooding at #5 hold.
6. Time & Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not 1535 (10 min.) - all except master and 33 others who remained voluntarily to beach ship and defend it.
7. Persons Aboard - 70 Lost - none.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 1545 (20 min.) - 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit #3 hold port side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Flooding and extensive damage; listed to port 25°-30°.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 1800 (2 hours, 35 min.).
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 1635 (1 hour, 10 min.) - 1 torpedo.
13. Location of 3rd Hit Machinery spaces, port side.
14. Effect of 3rd Hit Extensive damage and flooding. Ship assumed a vertical position stern down and remained in that position for a short while due to the buoyancy provided by empty D.B. tanks and $\frac{1}{2}$ full peak tanks as well as the nature of the cargo (coffee).
15. Time & Kind of 4th Hit Master testified another possible torpedo struck in #1 deep tank port side of #1 hold due to an explosion heard after vessel had already been hit 3 times.