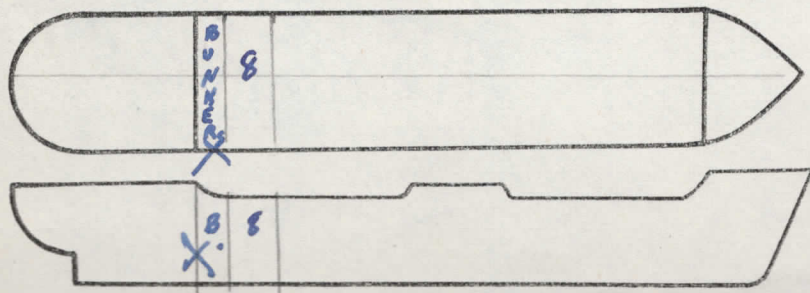


Ship/S ESSO BATON ROUGE Service OCEAN TANKER.
 Owner STANDARD OIL CO. OF N.J. Operator STANDARD OIL Co. OF N.J.
 Information furnished by MASTER Date 22 DECEMBER, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1938</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7989</u> Net <u>4738</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd. <u>29'06" (M)</u> Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>18'00" (M)</u> Aft
5	D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.)	<u>13,500</u>
6	Cargo 42's capacity and carried	Capacity <u>106,000 BBLs.</u> Carried <u>BALLAST</u>
7	Kind of cargo or tank ballast	<u>WATER BALLAST</u>
8	Was ship gas-free? (Specify)	<u>YES</u>
9	Voyage	From <u>SWANSEA, SOUTH WALES</u> To <u>CURACAO, N.W.I.</u>
10	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u>
11	Any criticism of orders	<u>NO</u>
12	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>SLIGHT</u>
13	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>NO</u>
14	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>YES; CONVOY</u>
15	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO.</u>
16	Date and time of attack	Date <u>2-23-43</u> Time <u>1920</u>
17	Position	Latitude <u>31° 15' N</u> Longitude <u>27° 22' W</u>
18	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
19	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
20	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1 - MACH.</u>
21	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
22	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES; 1-4"; 1-3"; 8-20MM.</u>
23	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO</u>
24	Was oil sprayed over ship	<u>YES; (BUNKERS.)</u>
25	Did cargo fire (Mark diagram)	<u>NO</u>
26	Did tanks explode (Mark diagram)	<u>NO</u>
27	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES.</u>
28	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
29	Was SOS sent	<u>YES</u>
30	Ship's speed	Normal <u>12.0</u> When attacked <u>9.0</u> When abandoned <u>1.0</u>
31	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>1935 (15 min.)</u> Sunk <u>0100 2-24-43 (5 hrs, 40 min.)</u>
32	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When
33	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



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

Indicate by star (*) rafts, floats, or suits used as temporary refuge in water before rescue by lifeboats.

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS				
34	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	4	Which used	3	
35	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	1	How	TORPEDO EXPLOSION	
36	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	1*	
37	Life rafts.....	Number lost	3	How	2-DRIFTED AWAY 1-TORPEDO EXPLOSION	
38	Life floats.....	Number carried	2	Which used	0	
39	Life floats.....	Number lost	2	How	NOT NEEDED	
40	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	43	Number used	1	
41	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0	
42	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	3 -- 1 1/2 hrs	Boat	--	Boat	
43	Rescued by and where.....	3B	By	ALLIED SHIPS	Where	AT SCENE
44	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	24	
45	Number of ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	1	
46	Number of others carried.....		0	Unlicensed	34	
47	Total on board.....		68			
48	Number of gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	1	
49	Number of ship's crew injured.....	Officers	0	Radiomen	0	
50	Number of others injured.....		0	Unlicensed	2	
51	Number of gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	1	
52	Number of ship's crew lost.....	Officers	1	Radiomen	0	
53	Number of others lost.....		0	Unlicensed	1	
54	Total casualties.....	Injured	3	Lost	3	
55	Persons lost by (specify).....	Drowning	0	Fire	0	
56	Total rescued.....	Shell or Torpedo	3	Other causes	0	
57	Persons saved by.....	Gun crew	24	Officers	7	
58	Engineering watch below.....	Unlicensed	33	Radiomen	1	
59	Number of lookouts.....	Others	0	Total	65	
60	Any defective material.....	Boats	65	Rafts	0	
61	Any personnel fault.....	Preservers	0	Other means	0	

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.

