

CONFIDENTIAL

ESSO HOUSTON

5-12-42

OCEAN TANKER

1. Position-Sea-Weather 12° 12'N, 57° 25'W; clear and choppy.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 2035 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit #5 tank, port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; decks ripped open and ship sprayed with oil and fire.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 2045 (20min.)- Ship's back broken; fear of further attack.
7. Persons Aboard-42 Lost-1
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 2055 (20min) 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit Evidentially also in #5 tank, port side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive damage; ship commenced settling rapidly amidships, since back was broken.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 2230 (1hr.53min).