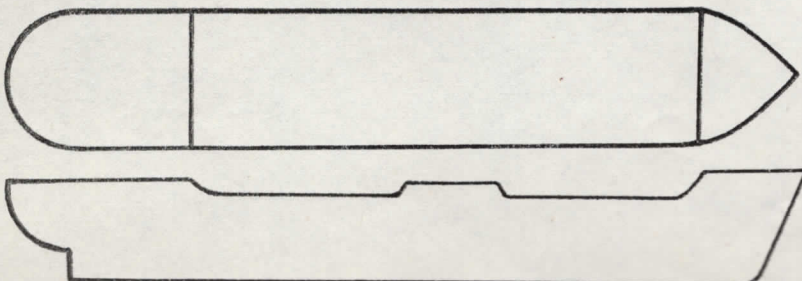


Ship **M/S ESSO WILLIAMSBURG** Service **OCEAN TANKER**
 Owner **W.S.A.** Operator **STANDARD OIL CO. OF N.J.**
 Information furnished by **OWNERS + H.Q. RECORDS.** Date **31 MAY, 1945**

| Line No. | QUESTIONS | ANSWERS |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Year built and propulsion | Built 1941 Propulsion MOTOR |
| 2 | Tonnage | Gross 11237 Net 6804 |
| 3 | Draft loaded (maximum allowed) | Fwd. 31' Aft 31' |
| 4 | Draft when attacked | Fwd. UN Aft UN |
| 5 | D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.) | 17950 |
| 6 | Cargo 42's capacity and carried | Capacity 153,200 BALS. Carried 110,043 BALS. |
| 7 | Kind of cargo or tank ballast | SPECIAL NAVY FUEL OIL. |
| 8 | Was ship gas-free? (Specify) | NO; LOADED |
| 9 | Voyage | From ARUBA, NWI To REYKJAVIK, ICELAND. |
| 10 | Were routing orders followed | UN. |
| 11 | Any criticism of orders | UN. |
| 12 | Weather at time of attack | Weather UN Sea UN. |
| 13 | Was enemy sighted? When | UN |
| 14 | Any friendly ships in sight | NO |
| 15 | Were navigation lights on | UN. |
| 16 | Date and time of attack | Date 9-24-42 Time UN. |
| 17 | Position | Latitude 53°10'N Longitude 41.00 W. |
| 18 | Nature of attack (Give data) | UN |
| 19 | Number of hits | UN |
| 20 | Location of hits (Mark diagram) | UN. |
| 21 | Effect of hits | PRESUMABLY SANK SHIP |
| 22 | Was ship armed? What type | YES |
| 23 | Was armament used? State result | UN. |
| 24 | Was oil sprayed over ship | UN. |
| 25 | Did cargo fire (Mark diagram) | UN. |
| 26 | Did tanks explode (Mark diagram) | UN. |
| 27 | Was deck ruptured | UN. |
| 28 | Did ship break in two | UN. |
| 29 | Was SOS sent | YES; (FROM LIFEBOAT). |
| 30 | Ship's speed | Normal 15 When attacked UN When abandoned UN. |
| 31 | Time abandoned, sunk | Abandoned UN. Sunk UN. |
| 32 | Was ship reboarded | By whom UN. When UN. PRESUMED |
| 33 | Was ship brought in | How NO Approximate damage SUNK. |



Fill in this diagram to show attack hits, fires, explosions, 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 |
|----------|--|--|
| 34 | Lifeboats..... | Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>UN</u> |
| 35 | Lifeboats..... | Number lost <u>4</u> How <u>UN</u> |
| 36 | Life rafts..... | Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>UN</u> |
| 37 | Life rafts..... | Number lost <u>4</u> How <u>UN</u> |
| 38 | Life floats..... | Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>UN</u> |
| 39 | Life floats..... | Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>UN</u> |
| 40 | Lifesaving suits..... | Number carried <u>54</u> Number used <u>UN</u> |
| 41 | Were boats, etc., attacked..... | Attacked <u>UN</u> Casualties <u>UN</u> |
| 42 | Time in each boat, raft, etc..... | Boat _____ Raft _____ Float _____ Boat _____ Raft _____ Float _____ |
| 43 | Rescued by and where..... | By <u>NO SURVIVORS</u> Where _____ |
| 44 | Number of gun crew carried (military)..... | Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>17</u> |
| 45 | Number of ship's crew carried..... | Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>33</u> |
| 46 | Number of others carried..... | <u>0</u> |
| 47 | Total on board..... | <u>60</u> |
| 48 | Number of gun crew injured (military)..... | Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u> |
| 49 | Number of ship's crew injured..... | Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u> |
| 50 | Number of others injured..... | <u>0</u> |
| 51 | Number of gun crew lost (military)..... | Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>17</u> |
| 52 | Number of ship's crew lost..... | Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>33</u> |
| 53 | Number of others lost..... | <u>0</u> |
| 54 | Total casualties..... | Injured <u>UN</u> Lost <u>60</u> |
| 55 | Persons lost by (specify)..... | { Drowning <u>UN</u> Fire <u>UN</u> Shell or Torpedo <u>UN</u> Other causes <u>60 (UNKNOWN)</u> |
| 56 | Total rescued..... | { Gun crew <u>0</u> Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>0</u> |
| 57 | Persons saved by..... | { Boats <u>0</u> Rafts <u>0</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u> Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>0</u> |
| 58 | Engineering watch below..... | Number on watch below <u>APP 3</u> Number lost below <u>UN</u> |
| 59 | Number of lookouts..... | <u>UN</u> |
| 60 | Any defective material..... | <u>NO</u> |
| 61 | Any personnel fault..... | <u>NO</u> |

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.

