

CONFIDENTIAL

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8-11-42

OCEAN TANKER

1. Position-Sea-Weather 34° 55'E, 75° 50'W; raining and moderate sea.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0640 - 1 mine.
4. Location of 1st Hit Starboard bow under windlass.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage in way of fore peak and dry cargo hold. Ship down by head; wheel out; proceeding.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 0745 (1 hr. 8 min.)- ship beyond control; 45° trim; pilot house under water. Ship unraised.
7. Persons Aboard-36 Lost-0
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0717 (57min.)- 1 mine.
9. Location of 2nd Hit #5 tank, starboard side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive structural damage; starboard side buckled in; port side ruptured outward.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk APP. 0600 8-13-42 (48hrs.)- after salvage operations had failed.
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 0739 (59mins)- 1 mine.
13. Location of 3rd Hit #4 tank, port side.
14. Effect of 3rd Hit Extensive structural damage; deck became awash and ship started settling rapidly.