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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

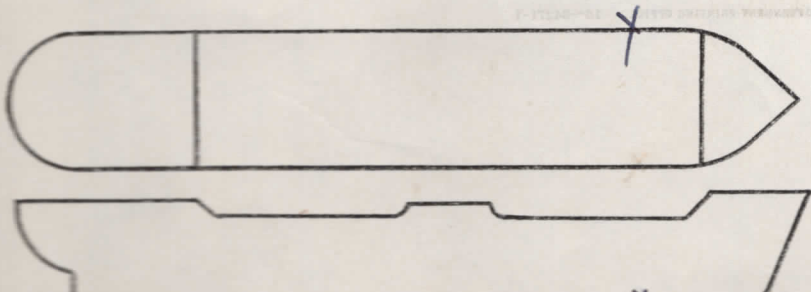
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship *S/* **FITZHUGH LEE** Service **FRT**

Owner **WSA.** Operator **Smith & Johnson, N.Y.**

Information furnished by **MASTER & crew.** Date **5 July 46**

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1	Year built and propulsion.....	Built 1943	Propulsion STEAM.
2	Tonnage.....	Gross 7244	Net 4396
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed).....	Fwd 27' 9"	Aft 27' 9"
4	Draft when attacked.....	Fwd 28' 2"	Aft 28' 6"
5	Cargo on board (any deck).....	Nature CORN	Tons 8000
6	Voyage.....	From BALTIMORE	To NAPLES, ITALY
7	Were routing orders followed.....	?	
8	Any criticism of orders.....	?	
9	Weather at time of attack.....	Weather clear	Sea CALM
10	Was enemy sighted? When.....	NO	
11	Any friendly ships in sight.....	NO	
12	Were navigation lights on.....	NO	
13	Date and time of attack.....	Date 3 July 1946	Time 0855 GMT
14	Position.....	Latitude 45.05' N.	Longitude 12.40' E.
15	Nature of attack (Give data).....	mined	
16	Number of hits.....	1	
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram).....	#1, PORT	
18	Effect of hits.....	Hole-20' in shell.	
19	Was ship armed? What type.....	NO	
20	Was armament used? State result.....	NO	
21	Any explosions or fires*.....	Ship NO	Cargo NO
22	Was deck ruptured.....	NO	
23	Did ship break in two.....	NO	
24	Was SOS sent.....	NO	
25	Ship's speed.....	Normal 12	When attacked 11 When abandoned
26	Time abandoned, sunk.....	Abandoned NOT	Sunk NOT
27	Was ship reboarded.....	By whom NOT ABANDONED	When —
28	Was ship brought in.....	How OWN power	Approximate damage moderate.



*Fill in this diagram to show attack hits, fires, 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
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>—</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>1</u> Which used <u>0</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>—</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>0</u> Number used <u>0</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties.....
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boat <u>NOT ABANDONED.</u> Raft..... Float.....
		Boat..... Raft..... Float.....
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>NOT ABANDONED</u> Where.....
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>29</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>38</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men.....
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed.....
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others.....
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>0</u> Lost <u>0</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo.....
		Other causes <u>0</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>0</u> Officers <u>8</u> Radio operators <u>1</u>
		Unlicensed <u>29</u> Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>—</u> Total <u>38</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>NA</u> Rafts <u>NA</u> Floats <u>NA</u> Suits <u>NA</u>
		Preservers <u>NA</u> Other means <u>NA</u> No aid <u>NA</u>
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below.....
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>1</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>NO</u>
56	Any personnel fault.....	<u>Possible</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.

