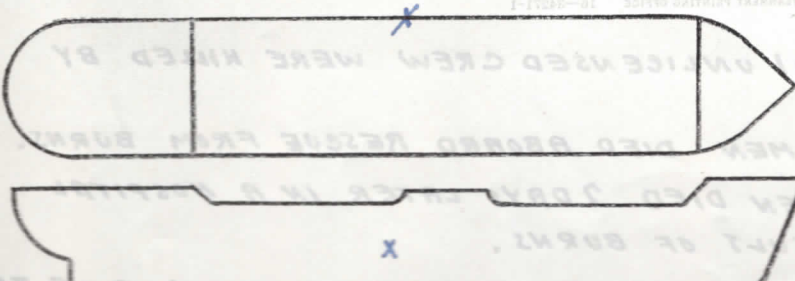


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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.
 Ship *s/s FLORA MACDONALD* Service *OCEAN FREIGHT*
 Owner *W.S.A.* Operator *CALMAR SS Co.*
 Information furnished by *MASTER* Date *6 OCTOBER 1944*

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <i>1943</i> Propulsion <i>STEAM</i>
2	Tonnage	Gross <i>7177</i> Net <i>4374</i>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <i>27'6" (M)</i> Aft <i>27'6"</i>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <i>21'3"</i> Aft <i>23'2" (M)</i> Aft <i>25'1"</i>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <i>GENERAL</i> Tons <i>6270</i>
6	Voyage	From <i>MARSHALL, LIBERIA</i> To <i>FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE</i>
7	Were routing orders followed	<i>YES</i>
8	Any criticism of orders	<i>NO</i>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <i>CLEAR</i> Sea <i>SLIGHT</i>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<i>NO</i>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<i>NO</i>
12	Were navigation lights on	<i>NO</i>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <i>5/30/43</i> Time <i>2107</i>
14	Position	Latitude <i>07° 20' N</i> Longitude <i>13° 15' W</i>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<i>TORPEDOED</i>
16	Number of hits	<i>1</i>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<i>1-MACH. - P</i>
18	Effect of hits	<i>EXTENSIVE DAMAGE - Constructive total loss.</i>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<i>YES</i>
20	Was armament used? State result	<i>NO</i>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <i>YES; FIRE</i> Cargo <i>YES; FIRE.</i>
22	Was deck ruptured	<i>YES</i>
23	Did ship break in two	<i>NO</i>
24	Was SOS sent	<i>NO</i>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <i>11.0</i> When attacked <i>7.3</i> When abandoned <i>STOP</i>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <i>2125 (18 min.)</i> Sunk <i>N.S.</i>
27	Was ship reboarded	<i>YES</i> By whom <i>CREW</i> When <i>1930 5/31/43</i>
28	Was ship brought in	<i>YES</i> How <i>TOWED</i> Approximate damage <i>EXTENSIVE</i>



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

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30	Lifeboats	Number carried	4	Which used	3*
31	Life rafts	Number lost	1	How	NOT NEEDED
32	Life rafts	Number carried	2	Which used	0
33	Life floats	Number lost	2	How	NOT NEEDED
34	Life floats	Number carried	45	Number used	0
35	Lifesaving suits	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0
36	Were boats, etc., attacked	6 Boats 2-HRS	—	Raft	—
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.	— Boat	—	Raft	—
38	Rescued by and where	By	ALLIED SHIP	Where	AT SCENE
39	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers	1	Enlisted men	23
40	Number ship's crew carried	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
41	Number passengers and others carried	Passengers	2	Others	0
42	Total on board		70		
43	Number gun crew injured (military)	Officers	1	Enlisted men	0
44	Number ship's crew injured	Officers	1	Radiomen	0
45	Number passengers and others injured	Passengers	0	Others	0
46	Number gun crew lost (military)	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
47	Number ship's crew lost	Officers	1	Radiomen	0
48	Number passengers and others lost	Passengers	0	Others	0
49	Total casualties	Injured	24	Lost	5
50	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning	0	Fire	3 NOTED
		Other causes	0	Shell or torpedo	2
51	Total rescued	Gun crew	24	Officers	7
		Unlicensed	31	Passengers	2
52	Persons saved by	Boats	68 NOTED	Rafts	0
		Preservers	0	Other means	0
53	Engineering watch below	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	2
54	Number of look-outs		7		
55	Any defective material		NO		
56	Any personnel fault		NO		

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NOTED - 2 MEN, 1 OFFICER + 1 UNLICENSED CREW WERE KILLED BY TORPEDO EXPLOSION.
 3 UNLICENSED CREW MEN DIED ABOARD RESCUE FROM BURNS.
 2 UNLICENSED CREWMEN DIED 7 DAYS LATER IN A HOSPITAL ASHORE AS A RESULT OF BURNS.
 ALL OF WHICH MAKES A GRAND TOTAL OF 7 LOST; ALTHOUGH, 5 OF THESE 7 WERE SAFELY AIDED TO THE RESCUE VESSEL VIA THE SHIP'S LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT. THEREFORE, SHIP'S LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT AIDED 68 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 70 TO THE RESCUE VESSEL.
 (THOSE THAT DIE BEFORE REACHING SHORE, ARE CONSIDERED AS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION; THOSE AFTER REACHING SHORE, ARE NOT)