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FRANCIS W. PETTYGROVE

8/13/43

1. Position-Sea-Weather 36°08'N, 2°14'W; clear and calm.
2. Convoy or Independent Convoy.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 2100 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit Machinery spaces port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Ruptured bulkhead, blew port boiler, destroyed port lifeboats, engine room and #3 hold flooded.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment Or Why Not 2130 (30 min.) - all except master, 2 merchant men and 5 armed guard (8) abandoned ship on master's orders and stood by to reboard. At 2200, 3 merchant crew reboarded. At 2220, 2 crew of escort vessel reboarded. By 8/14/43 all gun crew and uninjured merchant crew had reboarded.
7. Persons Aboard - 72 Lost - none.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 2105-2125 - numerous shell hits.
9. Location of 2nd Hit All over.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Set fore deck afire, also fire in forward magazine.
11. Disposition of Vessel Ship was towed into port.