

REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/s GEORGE CLEEVE

Service OCEAN FREIGHT

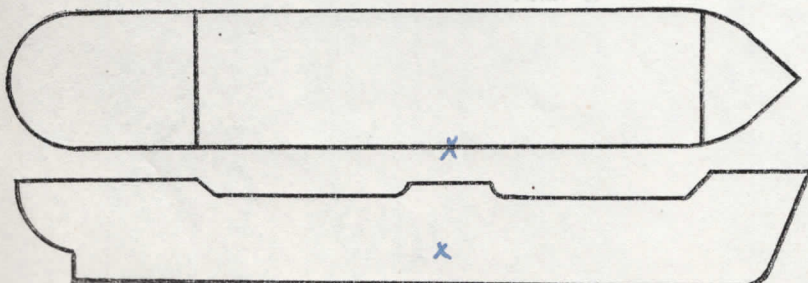
Owner W.S.A.

Operator AMERICAN EXPORT LINES

Information furnished by MASTER

Date 1 NOVEMBER, 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1943</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7176</u> Net <u>4380</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>27'09" (M)</u> Aft <u>27'9"</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>11'6"</u> Aft <u>20</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL (SCRAP)</u> Tons <u>1002</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>TUNIS, TUNISIA</u> To <u>HAMPTON ROADS</u>
7	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u>
8	Any criticism of orders	<u>NO</u>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>MODERATE</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>NO</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>YES; CONVOY</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO; DAYLIGHT</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>2/22/44</u> Time <u>1220</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>37°18'N</u> Longitude <u>06°59'E</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-MACH.-S</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO.</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>YES; EXPLOSION</u> Cargo <u>NO</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>YES (HELD TOGETHER BY SUPER STRUCTURE)</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>YES</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>10.7</u> When attacked <u>9.9</u> When abandoned <u>STOP</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>1315 (55 min.)</u> Sunk <u>N.S.</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When <u>—</u>
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>TOWED TO BEACH</u> Approximate damage <u>BEACHED</u> <u>NOTED</u>



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

NOTED VESSEL CONSIDERED A "CONSTRUCTIVE TOTAL LOSS." BY WSA 11/1/44 8-72

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	4	Which used	2
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	2	How	TORPEDO EXPLOSION
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	1
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost	3	How	TORPEDO EXPLOSION
33	Life floats.....	Number carried	2	Which used	0
34	Life floats.....	Number lost	2	How	1-NOT NEEDED. 1-TORPEDO EXPLOSION
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	74	Number used	0
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	1 Boat	2 hr.	1 Raft	1/2 hr.
		1 Boat	1/2 hr.	- Raft	-
38	Rescued by and where.....	By	ALLIED SHIP	Where	AT SCENE
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	27
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	2
				Unlicensed	31
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers	1	Others	0
42	Total on board.....		70		
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	6
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers	2	Radiomen	0
				Unlicensed	5
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
				Unlicensed	0
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured	13	Lost	1
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning	0	Fire	0
		Other causes	0	Shell or torpedo	1
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	28	Officers	7
		Unlicensed	31	Passengers	1
		Boats	58	Others	0
		Preservers	0	Total	69
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats	58	Rafts	11
		Preservers	0	Floats	0
				Suits	0
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	1
54	Number of look-outs.....		10		
55	Any defective material.....		NO		
56	Any personnel fault.....		NO		

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.

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