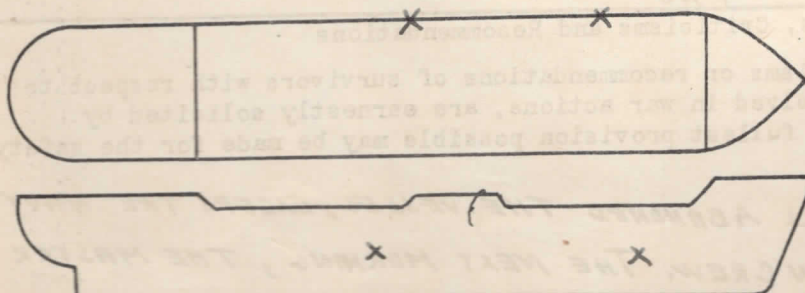


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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S. GEORGE CLYMER Service OCEAN FREIGAT
Owner U.S.M.C. Operator AMERICAN MAIL LINE
Info. furnished by MASTER Date 3 AUGUST 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built 1942	Propulsion STEAM
2.	Tonnage	Gross 7126	Net 4380 4347
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. 27' 7 3/4" (M)	Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. 24' (M)	Aft
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL	Tons 7600
6.	Voyage	From PORTLAND, OREGON To CAPE TOWN	
7.	Were routing orders followed	YES	
8.	Any criticism of orders	NO	
9.	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLOUDY	Sea ROUGH
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 6/6/42	Time 2000
14.	Position	Lat. 14° 28'S	Long. 18° 37'W
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDO	
16.	Number of hits	2	
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	1-MACH 1-FOR'D #1P	
18.	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP	
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	YES	
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	YES	
25.	Ship's speed	Normal //	When attacked 2 When abandoned 2
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 2015 (15 min.)	Sunk 0700 6/12/42 NOTE ①
27.	Was ship reboarded	YES	By whom MASTER & CREW When 0800 6/7/42 (5 1/2 DAYS)
28.	Was ship brought in	How NO	Approx. damage SUNK.



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

NOTE ① - SHIP SUNK BY SHELLS, BOMBS, + DEPTH CHARGES OF BRITISH.

Indicate by star (*) rafts, floats or suits used as temporary refuge in water before rescue by lifeboats

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
29.	Lifeboats	No. carried 4 Which used 4
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 0 How 0
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 4 Which used 0
32.	Life rafts	No. lost 4 How NOT NEEDED
33.	Life floats	No. carried 0 Which used 0
34.	Life floats	No. lost 0 How 0
35.	Lifesaving suits	No. carried 0 No. used 0
36.	Were boats, etc. attacked	Attacked NO Casualties 0
37.	Time in each boat, raft etc. 4	Boats - 8 HRS Raft Float Boat Raft Float
38.	Rescued by & where	By ALLIED SHIP Where 14°50'S, 18°04'W
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 15
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 9 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 30
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 2 Others 0
42.	Total on board	58
43.	No. gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
44.	No. ship's crew injured	Officers 1 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 1
45.	No. passgrs. & others injured	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
46.	No. gun crew lost (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
47.	No. ship's crew lost	Officers 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 1
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 2 Lost 1
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 0 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 1 Other causes 0
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 16 Officers 9 Radio Oprs. 1 Unlicensed 29 Passgrs. 2 Others 0 Total 57
52.	Persons saved by NB NOTE ①	Boats 4 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 16
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 2 No. lost below 1
54.	No. of lookouts	5
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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NOTE ① - ALL ABANDONED THE VESSEL, EXCEPT THE NAVY GUN CREW. THE NEXT MORNING, THE MASTER AND CREW REBOARDED THE SHIP, AND, LATER, ALL ON BOARD, INCLUDING THE NAVY GUN CREW (16) WERE TAKEN OFF BY A BRITISH VESSEL.