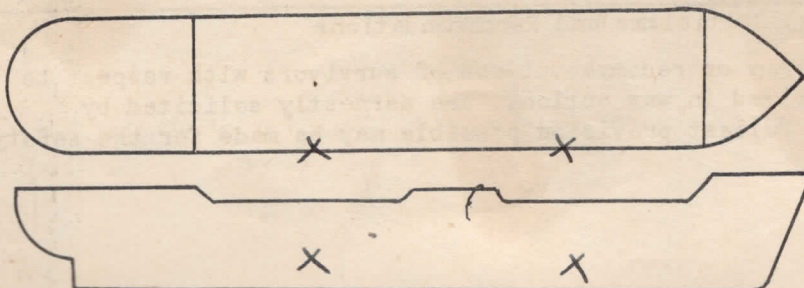


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REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship s/s. GEORGE THACHER Service OCEAN FREIGHT  
Owner WSA Operator MOORE-McCORMICK LINES  
Info. furnished by MASTER 3<sup>rd</sup> MATE Date 12 JULY, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built <u>1942</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2.	Tonnage	Gross <u>7175</u> Net <u>4167</u>
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. <u>28'6" (M)</u> Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>28'6" (M)</u> Aft <u>28'6"</u>
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>4005</u>
6.	Voyage	From <u>CHARLESTON</u> To <u>POINT NOIRE F.E.A.</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>OVERCAST</u> Sea <u>MODERATE</u>
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	<u>NO</u>
11.	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>YES</u>
12.	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO</u>
13.	Date and time of attack	Date <u>11/1/42</u> Time <u><del>2253</del> 1951</u>
14.	Position	Lat. <u>01° 45 S</u> Long. <u>7° 30 E</u>
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDO</u>
16.	Number of hits	<u>2</u>
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-AFT; 1-FOR'D. 1 BTW. # 2 &amp; 7 35</u>
18.	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	<u>YES; 4"; 3"; 4-20 MM.</u>
20.	Was armament used (State result)	<u>NO</u>
21.	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>YES; FIRE</u> Cargo <u>YES; EXP &amp; FIRE.</u>
22.	Was deck ruptured	<u>NO</u>
23.	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24.	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25.	Ship's speed	Normal <u>12</u> When attacked <u>8.2</u> When abandoned <u>4</u>
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>2015 (20 min.)</u> Sunk <u>0800 - 11/3/42 (36 HRS.)</u>
27.	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When <u>—</u>
28.	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approx. damage <u>SUNK.</u>



\*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	No. carried 4 Which used 3
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 1 How FIRE
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 4 Which used 0
32.	Life rafts	No. lost 4 How 2 - TORP. EXP. 2 - FIRE
33.	Life floats	No. carried 2 Which used 0
34.	Life floats	No. lost 2 How NOT NEEDED
35.	Lifesaving suits	No. carried 60 No. used 0
36.	Were boats, etc. attacked	Attacked NO Casualties 0
37.	Time in each boat, raft etc.	3 Boats 1 HR — Raft — Float Boat — Raft — Float
38.	Rescued by & where	By FR. NAV. SHIP Where AT SCENE
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 14
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 30
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 12 Others 0
42.	Total on board	66
43.	No. gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
44.	No. ship's crew injured	Officers 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 2
45.	No. passgrs. & others injured	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
46.	No. gun crew lost (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 4
47.	No. ship's crew lost	Officers 2 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 3
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 8 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 2 Lost 18
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 10 Fire 5 Shell or Torp. 3 Other causes
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 10 Officers 6 Radio Oprs. 1 Unlicensed 27 Passgrs. 4 Others 0 Total 48
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 48 Rafts Floats Suits Preservers <del>6</del> Other means No aid
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 3 No. lost below 0
54.	No. of lookouts	16
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.