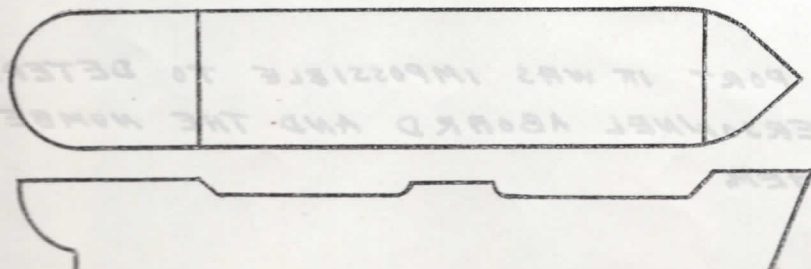


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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.
 Ship/s GILBERT STUART Service OCEAN FREIGHT
 Owner W.S.A. Operator AMERICAN MAIL LINE
 Information furnished by MASTER Date 4 JANUARY, 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>27'08" (M)</u> Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>15'00" (M)</u> Aft _____
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL + GASOLINE</u> Tons <u>GM.</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>HOLLANDIA, N.E.I.</u> To <u>TACLOBAN, P.I.</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>CLOUDY</u> Sea <u>CALM</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>YES; BEFORE AND DURING ATTACK.</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>11-18-44</u> Time <u>0724</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>3 Mi. S of TACLOBAN, LEYTE, P.I.</u> Longitude _____
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>PLANE CRASHED INTO SHIP + SHELLING (STRAFING)</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>NUMEROUS SHELL HITS</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>ALL OVER.</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SLIGHT STRUCTURAL DAMAGE</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES; 1-3"; 1-4"; 8-20 MM.</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>YES; DOWNED ONE PLANE.</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>YES; FIRE.</u> Cargo <u>YES; FIRE.</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>11.0</u> When attacked <u>AT ANCHOR</u> When abandoned <u>N.A.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>N.A.</u> Sunk <u>N.S.</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>N.A.</u> When _____
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>OWN POWER</u> Approximate damage <u>SLIGHT.</u>



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

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 <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>3</u> How <u>CONCUSSION</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>1-DRIIFTED AWAY</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>SHELL FIRE.</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>72</u> Number used <u>0</u> (<u>40 BURNED UP</u>)
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boat <u>-</u> Raft <u>-</u> Float <u>-</u>
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>NOT ABANDONED</u> Where <u>NOT ABANDONED</u>
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>27</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>30</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>APP. 23 (USA. STEVEDORS)</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>90</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>10</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>1</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>UN. (APP. 11)</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>1</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>2</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>2</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>UN. 0</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>22 +</u> Lost <u>5 +</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>5</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>27</u> Officers <u>6</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>28</u> Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>UN. 23</u> Total <u>82 +</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>0</u> Rafts <u>0</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u> Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>0</u>
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>50</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>NO</u>
56	Any personnel fault.....	<u>NO</u>

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.

NOTE
 DUE TO BRIEF STAY IN THE PORT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE NUMBERS OF ARMY PERSONNEL ABOARD AND THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AMONG THEM.