

REPORT ON U.S. MERCHANT TANKER WAR ACTION CASE 684

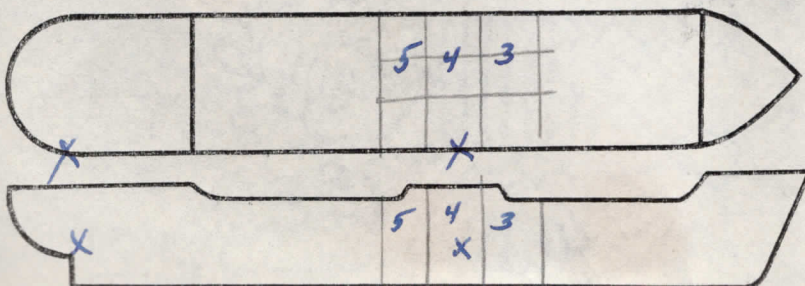
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship/S GULF OIL Service OCEAN TANKER.

Owner GULF OIL CORP. Operator GULF OIL CORP.

Information furnished by MASTER + OWNERS Date 1 DECEMBER, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1912</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>5188</u> Net <u>3202</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd. <u>24' 7 1/4" (M)</u> Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>24' 04" (M)</u> Aft
5	D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.)	<u>7790</u>
6	Cargo 42's capacity and carried	Capacity <u>54,178 BBLs.</u> Carried <u>54,000 BBLs.</u>
7	Kind of cargo or tank ballast	<u>DIESEL OIL.</u>
8	Was ship gas-free? (Specify)	<u>NO; LOADED</u>
9	Voyage	From <u>PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS</u> To <u>NEW YORK</u>
10	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES.</u>
11	Any criticism of orders	<u>NO</u>
12	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>SLIGHT</u>
13	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>NO</u>
14	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>NO</u>
15	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO</u>
16	Date and time of attack	Date <u>5-16-42</u> Time <u>2241</u>
17	Position	Latitude <u>28° 08' N</u> Longitude <u>89° 46' W</u>
18	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
19	Number of hits	<u>2</u>
20	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-FOR'D (1/2 PAR. BOO.); 1-MACH.</u>
21	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
22	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES</u>
23	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO</u>
24	Was oil sprayed over ship	<u>YES</u>
25	Did cargo fire (Mark diagram)	<u>NO</u>
26	Did tanks explode (Mark diagram)	<u>NO</u>
27	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
28	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
29	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
30	Ship's speed	Normal <u>10.5</u> When attacked <u>9.5</u> When abandoned <u>STOP</u>
31	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>2243 (2 min.)</u> Sunk <u>2243 (2 min.)</u>
32	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When <u>—</u>
33	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



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

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

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS			
34	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	2	Which used	0
35	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	2	How	TORPEDO EXPLOSION
36	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	2
37	Life rafts.....	Number lost	2	How	2- DRIFTED AWAY
38	Life floats.....	Number carried	0	Which used	0
39	Life floats.....	Number lost	0	How	0
40	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	0	Number used	0
41	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0
42	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boat	2R-35 mo.	Raft	--
		Boat	--	Raft	--
43	Rescued by and where.....	By	ALLIED SHIP	Where	NEAR SCENE.
44	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	4
45	Number of ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
				Unlicensed	27
46	Number of others carried.....		0		
47	Total on board.....		40		
48	Number of gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
49	Number of ship's crew injured.....	Officers	1	Radiomen	0
				Unlicensed	4
50	Number of others injured.....		0		
51	Number of gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	4
52	Number of ship's crew lost.....	Officers	3	Radiomen	0
				Unlicensed	14
53	Number of others lost.....		0		
54	Total casualties.....	Injured	5	Lost	21
55	Persons lost by (specify).....	Drowning	0	Fire	0
		Shell or Torpedo	19		
		Other causes	2 mks.		
56	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	0	Officers	5
		Radiomen	1		
		Unlicensed	13	Others	0
				Total	19
57	Persons saved by.....	Boats	0	Rafts	19
		Floats	0	Suits	0
		Preservers	0	Other means	0
				No aid	0
58	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	3
59	Number of lookouts.....		4		
60	Any defective material.....		NO		
61	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.

