

H. M. STOREY
(Ocean Tanker)

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1. Position-Sea-Weather	17°-30'S, 173°-02'E; clear and choppy.
2. Convoy or Independent	Independent
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit	0239 - 1 torpedo
4. Location of 1st Hit	Machinery spaces, starboard side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit	Extensive structural damage; engine room demolished; power supply destroyed; engine room flooded and ship commenced settling by stern.
6. Time & Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not	0320 (41 mins.)- Ship beyond control and settling rapidly; fear of further attack.
7. Persons Aboard - 65	Lost by torpedo explosion - 2.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit	0316 (37 mins.)- 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit	Between #10 tank and bunkers, starboard side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit	Extensive damage; shell and decks distorted.
11. Disposition of Vessel	Sunk - 0424 (1 hr., 45 mins.)
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit	0346 (1 hr., 6 mins.)- 25 shell hits.
13. Location of 3rd Hit	All over.
14. Effect of 3rd Hit	Extensive damage.