

**REPORT ON U.S. MERCHANT TANKER WAR ACTION CASE 6834**

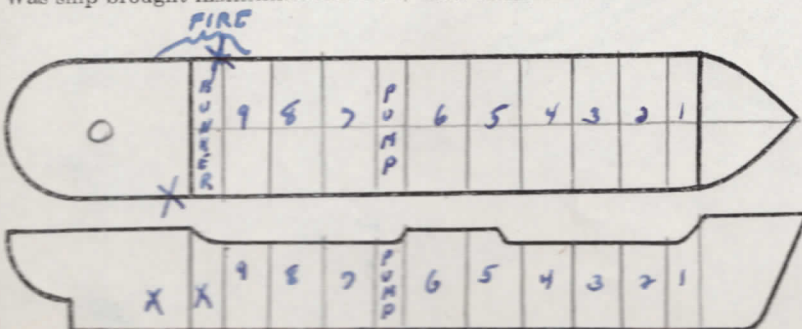
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship/S HAGAN Service OCEAN MOLASSES TANKER

Owner PACO TANKERS Operator W. S. A.

Information furnished by MASTER + ONI REPORT + OWNERS Date 5 DECEMBER, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion.....	Built <u>1919</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage.....	Gross <u>6401</u> Net <u>3941</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed).....	Fwd. <u>26' 11 1/2" (M)</u> Aft.....
4	Draft when attacked.....	Fwd. <u>20' 00" (M)</u> Aft.....
5	D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.).....	<u>10,167</u>
6	Cargo 42's capacity and carried.....	Capacity <u>78,000 BBLs.</u> Carried <u>22,676 BBLs.</u>
7	Kind of cargo or tank ballast.....	<u>MOLASSES</u>
8	Was ship gas-free? (Specify).....	<u>NO; LOADED</u>
9	Voyage.....	From <u>ANTILLA, CUBA</u> To <u>HAVANA, CUBA</u>
10	Were routing orders followed.....	<u>NINE ISSUED</u>
11	Any criticism of orders.....	<u>—</u>
12	Weather at time of attack.....	Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>CALM</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; DAYLIGHT</u>
16	Date and time of attack.....	Date <u>6-10-42</u> Time <u>2010</u>
17	Position.....	Latitude <u>22° 00' N</u> Longitude <u>77° 30' 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>2-MACH.</u>
21	Effect of hits.....	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
22	Was ship armed? What type.....	<u>YES; 1-4"; 4-30 CAL.</u>
23	Was armament used? State result.....	<u>NO</u>
24	Was oil sprayed over ship.....	<u>YES (FUEL OIL)</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>YES</u>
30	Ship's speed.....	Normal <u>10.5</u> When attacked <u>10.5</u> When abandoned <u>2.0</u>
31	Time abandoned, sunk.....	Abandoned <u>2020 (10 min.)</u> Sunk <u>2025 (15 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	4	Which used	2
35	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	2	How	1 - NOT NEEDED 1 - TORPEDO EXPLOSION
36	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	0
37	Life rafts.....	Number lost	4	How	NOT NEEDED
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	2 - 13 hrs	Boat	- -
		Boat	- -	Boat	- -
43	Rescued by and where.....	By	MADE PORT	Where	CUBAN COAST
44	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	9
45	Number of ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
				Unlicensed	26
46	Number of others carried.....		0		
47	Total on board.....		44		
48	Number of gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	1
49	Number of ship's crew injured.....	Officers	2	Radiomen	0
			0	Unlicensed	3
50	Number of others injured.....		0		
51	Number of gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
52	Number of ship's crew lost.....	Officers	2	Radiomen	0
			0	Unlicensed	4
53	Number of others lost.....		0		
54	Total casualties.....	Injured	5	Lost	6
55	Persons lost by (specify).....	Drowning	1	Fire	0
		Other causes	0	Shell or Torpedo	5
56	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	9	Officers	6
		Unlicensed	22	Others	0
				Radiomen	1
				Total	38
57	Persons saved by.....	Boats	38	Rafts	0
		Preservers	0	Other means	0
				Floats	0
				Suits	0
58	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	4	Number lost below	4
59	Number of lookouts.....		3		
60	Any defective material.....		NO		
61	Any personnel fault.....		CREW DISOBEYED MASTER'S ORDERS		

### 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.

