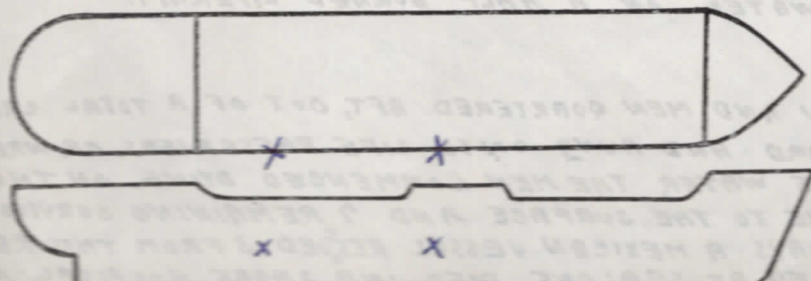


To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship/S HALO Service OCEAN TANKER
 Owner CITIES SERVICE OIL CO. Operator CITIES SERVICE OIL CO.
 Information furnished by WIPER + BO'SUN + ONI REPORT Date 2 DECEMBER, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1930</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>6986</u> Net <u>4301</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd. <u>27' 1/4" (M)</u> Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>26' 8 1/2" (M)</u> Aft _____
5	D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.)	<u>14,146</u>
6	Cargo 42's capacity and carried	Capacity <u>80,000 BBLs.</u> Carried <u>64,103 BBLs.</u>
7	Kind of cargo or tank ballast	<u>CRUDE OIL</u>
8	Was ship gas-free? (Specify)	<u>NO; LOADED</u>
9	Voyage	From <u>GALVESTON, TEXAS</u> To <u>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</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>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</u>
16	Date and time of attack	Date <u>5-20-42</u> Time <u>0020</u>
17	Position	Latitude <u>28° 42' N</u> Longitude <u>90° 08' 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-AFT (1/2 PAR. 800.); 1-AFT (1/2 PAR. 800.)</u>
21	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
22	Was ship armed? What type	<u>NO</u>
23	Was armament used? State result	<u>-</u>
24	Was oil sprayed over ship	<u>YES</u>
25	Did cargo fire (Mark diagram)	<u>YES</u>
26	Did tanks explode (Mark diagram)	<u>YES</u>
27	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
28	Did ship break in two	<u>UN.</u>
29	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
30	Ship's speed	Normal <u>10.4</u> When attacked <u>10.4</u> When abandoned <u>7.0</u>
31	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0035 (15 min)</u> Sunk <u>0035 (15 min)</u>
32	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When _____
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.

35	Lifeboats	Number lost	4	How	FIRE
36	Life rafts	Number carried	4	Which used	1 NOTED
37	Life rafts	Number lost	3	How	FIRE
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	-
42	Time in each boat, raft, etc.	Boat	1	7 days	Boat
43	Rescued by and where	By	ALLIED SHIP	Where	AT SEA - TAKEN OFF WRECKAGE
44	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
45	Number of ship's crew carried	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
46	Number of others carried		0	Unlicensed	33
47	Total on board		42		
48	Number of gun crew injured (military)	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
49	Number of ship's crew injured	Officers	1	Radiomen	0
50	Number of others injured		0	Unlicensed	2
51	Number of gun crew lost (military)	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
52	Number of ship's crew lost	Officers	7	Radiomen	1
53	Number of others lost		0	Unlicensed	31
54	Total casualties	Injured	3	Lost	39 NOTED
55	Persons lost by (specify)	Drowning	UN	Fire	UN
56	Total rescued	Other causes	39 (PRESUMABLY EXPOSURE AND FIRE)		
57	Persons saved by	Boats	0	Rafts	2
58	Engineering watch below	Preservers	0	Other means	1
59	Number of lookouts	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	2
60	Any defective material		4		
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.

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NOTED - TWO MEN MANAGED TO LAUNCH A BURNING RAFT; FOR 7 DAYS THEY WERE WITHOUT PROVISIONS AND WATER ON A HALF BURNED LIFERAFT.

NOTE 33, MOSTLY ENGINE ROOM CREW AND MEN QUARTERED AFT, OUT OF A TOTAL CREW OF 42 JUMPED OVERBOARD AND HUNG ONTO LIFE PRESERVERS OR WRECKAGE. AFTER 2 DAYS IN THE WATER THE MEN COMMENCED DYING. ON THE 3RD DAY WRECKAGE CAME TO THE SURFACE AND 7 REMAINING SURVIVORS MADE A RAFT; AFTER 5 DAYS A MEXICAN VESSEL RESCUED 3 FROM THIS RAFT. ONE DIED AND WAS BURIED AT SEA; ONE DIED IN A SHORE HOSPITAL; AND ONLY ONE, 2ND ASSISTANT, FINALLY SURVIVED. THE SECOND ASSISTANT IN ADDITION TO 2 MEN FROM THE RAFT ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS.