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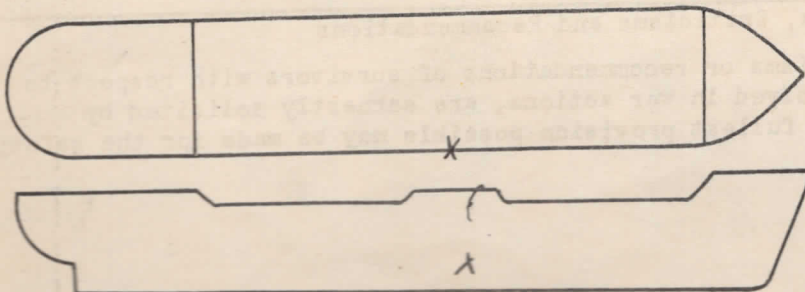
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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S. HAMPTON ROADS Service OCEAN FREIGHT
Owner POLAR SS Co. Operator U.S.M.C.
Info. furnished by CHIEF MATE Date 2 AUGUST 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built 1919	Propulsion STEAM
2.	Tonnage	Gross 2689	Net 1667
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. 24'(M)	Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. 24'(M)	Aft
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature PHOSPHATE ROCK	Tons 3620
6.	Voyage	From TAMPA, FLA.	To SAN JUAN, P.R.
7.	Were routing orders followed	YES	
8.	Any criticism of orders	NO	
9.	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLOUDY	Sea CALM
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	YES; BEFORE ATTACK.	
11.	Any friendly ships in sight	NO	
12.	Were navigation lights on	NO	
13.	Date and time of attack	Date 6/1/42	Time 0440 - 0445 (HIT)
14.	Position	Lat. 23°00' N	Long. 85°42' W
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDO	
16.	Number of hits	1 - FWD.	
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	SANK SHIP # 3 S	
18.	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP	
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	NO	
20.	Was armament used (State result)	-	
21.	Any explosions or fires*	Ship NO	Cargo NO
22.	Was deck ruptured	U.K.	
23.	Did ship break in two	U.K.	
24.	Was SOS sent	YES	
25.	Ship's speed	Normal 9	When attacked 6 When abandoned STOP.
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 0445 ^(5 min.)	Sunk 0446 ^(6 min.)
27.	Was ship reboarded	By whom NO	When -
28.	Was ship brought in	How NO	Approx. damage SUNK.



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

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

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
29.	Lifeboats	No. carried 2 Which used 1
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 1 How LAUNCHED BUT DRIFTED AWAY
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 4 Which used 2 *
32.	Life rafts	No. lost 2 How 1-NOT NEEDED 1-TORP. EXPLOSION
33.	Life floats	No. carried 0 Which used 0
34.	Life floats	No. lost 0 How 0
35.	Lifesaving suits	No. carried 0 No. used 0
36.	Were boats, etc. attacked	Attacked NO Casualties 0
37.	Time in each boat, raft etc. /	Boat 7 HOURS — Raft — Float — Boat — Raft — Float
38.	Rescued by & where	By ALLIED SHIP Where NEAR SCENE
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 19
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
42.	Total on board	28
43.	No. gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
44.	No. ship's crew injured	Officers 2 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 19 0
45.	No. passgrs. & others injured	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
46.	No. gun crew lost (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
47.	No. ship's crew lost	Officers 3 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 1
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 0 Lost 5
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 1 0 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 0 Other causes 5 (UNKNOWN)
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 0 Officers 5 Radio Oprs. 0 Unlicensed 18 Passgrs. 0 Others 0 Total 23
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 23 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 0
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 3 No. lost below 0
54.	No. of lookouts	2
55.	Any defective material	NO
56.	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.