

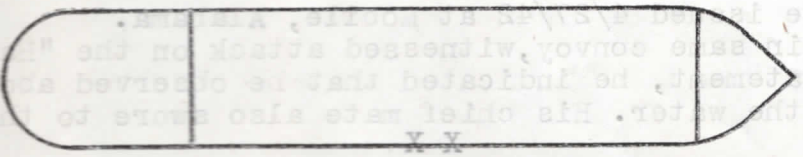
Indicate by star (*) rate, float, or suite used as temporary repair in water before rescue by lifeboats.

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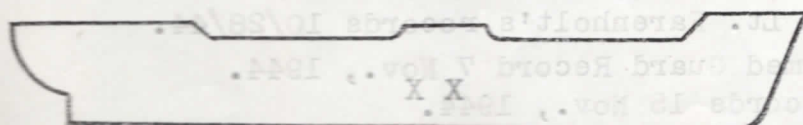
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.
 Ship S/s HARRY LUCKENBACH Service Ocean Freight
 Owner Luckenbach SS Co. Operator Luckenbach SS Co.
 Information furnished by W.S.A. & HQ records Date 26 October, 1944

| LINE No. | QUESTIONS | ANSWERS |
|----------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Year built and propulsion | Built <u>1919</u> Propulsion <u>Steam</u> |
| 2 | Tonnage | Gross <u>6366</u> Net <u>3929</u> |
| 3 | Draft loaded (maximum allowed) | Fwd <u>App. 25'6" (M)</u> Aft _____ |
| 4 | Draft when attacked | Fwd <u>App. 25'6" (M)</u> Aft _____ |
| 5 | Cargo on board (any deck) | Nature <u>General</u> Tons <u>8381</u> |
| 6 | Voyage | From <u>New York, U.S.A.</u> To <u>United Kingdom</u> |
| 7 | Were routing orders followed | <u>Yes</u> |
| 8 | Any criticism of orders | <u>No</u> |
| 9 | Weather at time of attack | Weather <u>Clear</u> Sea <u>Rough</u> |
| 10 | Was enemy sighted? When | <u>No</u> |
| 11 | Any friendly ships in sight | <u>Yes; convoy.</u> |
| 12 | Were navigation lights on | <u>No.</u> |
| 13 | Date and time of attack | Date <u>3/17/43</u> Time <u>0030</u> |
| 14 | Position | Latitude <u>50°38'N</u> Longitude <u>34°46'W</u> |
| 15 | Nature of attack (Give data) | <u>Torpedoed</u> |
| 16 | Number of hits | <u>2</u> |
| 17 | Location of hits (Mark diagram) | <u>2-Mach. -5</u> |
| 18 | Effect of hits | <u>Sank ship</u> |
| 19 | Was ship armed? What type | <u>Yes; 1-4" 50; 1-3" 50; 8-20 MM.</u> |
| 20 | Was armament used? State result | <u>No</u> |
| 21 | Any explosions or fires* | Ship <u>Explosion; boilers</u> Cargo <u>Un.</u> |
| 22 | Was deck ruptured | <u>Yes</u> |
| 23 | Did ship break in two | <u>Yes</u> |
| 24 | Was SOS sent | <u>No</u> |
| 25 | Ship's speed | Normal <u>13.0</u> When attacked <u>9.5</u> When abandoned <u>Stop</u> |
| 26 | Time abandoned, sunk | Abandoned <u>0033 (3 min.)</u> Sunk <u>0033 (3 min.)</u> |
| 27 | Was ship reboarded | By whom <u>No</u> When <u>No</u> |
| 28 | Was ship brought in | How <u>No</u> Approximate damage <u>Sunk</u> |



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



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

| LINE No. | QUESTIONS | ANSWERS |
|----------|--|---|
| 29 | Lifeboats..... | Number carried 4 Which used 0 |
| 30 | Lifeboats..... | Number lost 4 How 2 - no time for launching torpedoed explosion |
| 31 | Life rafts..... | Number carried 4 Which used 0 |
| 32 | Life rafts..... | Number lost 4 How No time for launching |
| 33 | Life floats..... | Number carried 0 Which used 0 |
| 34 | Life floats..... | Number lost 0 How 0 |
| 35 | Lifesaving suits..... | Number carried 54 Number used Un. |
| 36 | Were boats, etc., attacked..... | Attacked No Casualties 0 |
| 37 | Time in each boat, raft, etc..... | Boat Raft Float |
| 38 | Rescued by and where..... | By No survivors Where |
| 39 | Number of gun crew carried (military)..... | Officers 1 Enlisted men 25 |
| 40 | Number ship's crew carried..... | Officers 9 Radiomen 1 Unlicensed 44 |
| 41 | Number passengers and others carried..... | Passengers 0 Others 0 |
| 42 | Total on board..... | 88 |
| 43 | Number gun crew injured (military)..... | Officers 0 Enlisted men 0 |
| 44 | Number ship's crew injured..... | Officers 0 Radiomen 0 Unlicensed 0 |
| 45 | Number passengers and others injured..... | Passengers 0 Others 0 |
| 46 | Number gun crew lost (military)..... | Officers 1 Enlisted men 25 |
| 47 | Number ship's crew lost..... | Officers 9 Radiomen 1 Unlicensed 44 |
| 48 | Number passengers and others lost..... | Passengers 0 Other: 0 |
| 49 | Total casualties..... | Injured 0 Lost 88 |
| 50 | Persons lost by (Specify)..... | Drowning App. 15 Fire Un. Shell or torpedo App. 65 |
| 51 | Total rescued..... | Gun crew 0 Officers 0 Radio operators 0 Unlicensed 0 Passengers 0 Others 0 Total 0 |
| 52 | Persons saved by..... | Boats 0 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 0 |
| 53 | Engineering watch below..... | Number on watch below 3 Number lost below 3 |
| 54 | Number of look-outs..... | App. 8 |
| 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.

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- NOTE: a) Last inspection certificate issued 4/27/42 at Mobile, Alabama.
 b) Master of "Irene DuPont" in same convoy, witnessed attack on the "Harry Luckenbach". In a sworn statement, he indicated that he observed about 15 red lights floating in the water. His chief mate also swore to the same statement.
 c) Checked merchant crew with Lt. Farenholt's records 10/28/44.
 d) Checked with U. S. Navy Armed Guard Record 7 Nov., 1944.
 e) Checked with U. S. Army Records 15 Nov., 1944.