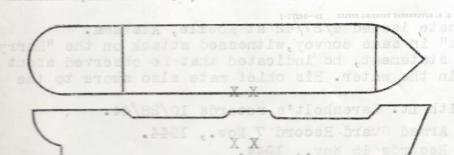
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REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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*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.

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29	Lifeboats	Number carried	Which used	no time for launching	g
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36	Were boats, etc., attacked	AttackedNo	Casualties	True Leville and Leville	
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc	Boat	Raft	Year built and propulsion	
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38	Rescued by and where	By No surviv	ors Where	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	8
39	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers 1	Enlis	ted men 25 beststeded ted men bet	4
40	Number ship's crew carried	Officers _ 9	Radiomen 1	Unlicensed 44 may	- 5
41	Number passengers and others carried	Passengers O	From Lew I	OthersOBBYOV	9
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43	Number gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0	Enlisted men	yoy criticism of orders 0	
44	Number ship's crew injured	Officers	Radiomen	O Unlicensed O	6
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46	Number gun crew lost (military)	Officers 1	Enlisted men	Any friendly ships in gight	11
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48	Number passengers and others lost	Passengers Q	Date 3/17/	Others Others	13
49	Total casualties	Injured	Latitude 50°38	Others Others South Others Oth	M
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50	Persons lost by (Specify)	Other causesO		Number of hits	16
1	Total rescued	Gun crew	OfficersO	Radio operators	17
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52	Persons saved by		Other	means No aid O	20
	Cargo IIn.			Number lost below	21
53	Engineering watch below			Was deck ruptured	22
54	Number of look-outs	No.	Yes	Did ship break in two	23
55	Any defective material			Was SOS sent	24
	5 When abandoned Stop	· S/en attacked	Normal 13.0	Ship's speed	25
56	Any personnel fault	33 (3 min.)		Time abandoned, sunk	26
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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.

NOTE:a) Last inspection certificate issued 4/27/42 at Mobile, Alabama.

b) Master of "Irenee DuPont" in same convoy, witnessed attack on the "Harry Luckenbach". In a sworn statement, he indicated that he observed about 15 red bights floating in the water. His chief mate also swore to the same statement.

c) Checked merchant crew with Lt. Rarenholt'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.