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REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

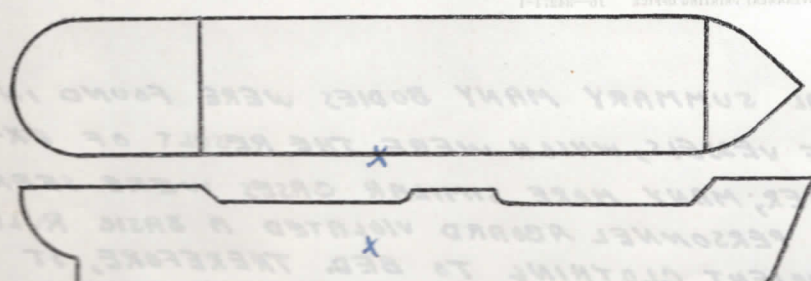
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship s/s HENRY R. MALLORY Service OCEAN FREIGHT

Owner CLYDE MALLORY AGWILINES Operator CLYDE MALLORY LINES - USN.

Information furnished by 3rd MATE Date 13 SEPTEMBER 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1916</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>6063</u> Net <u>4519</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>25'(M)</u> Aft <u>25'</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>21'9"</u> Aft <u>22'(M)</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons _____
6	Voyage	From <u>NEW YORK</u> To <u>ICELAND</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>OVERCAST</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>2/7/43</u> Time <u>0400</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>55°30'N</u> Longitude <u>29°33' W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDO</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-AFT. # 3-S</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP.</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>NO</u> Cargo <u>NO.</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>NO.</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>15.0</u> When attacked <u>6.0</u> When abandoned <u>STOP.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0430 (30 min.)</u> Sunk <u>0430 (30 min.)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When _____
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



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

29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	10	Which used	3
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	7	How	5 - CAPSIZED. 2 - TORPEDO EXPLOSION
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	2
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost	2	How	1 - JAMMED IN SKIDS. 1 - TORPEDO EXPLOSION
33	Life floats.....	Number carried	20	Which used	15
34	Life floats.....	Number lost	5	How	INACCESSIBLE
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	80	Number used	6
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	—
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	3 Boats	6-HRS	2 Rafts	6-HRS.
		— Boat	—	— Raft	—
				15 Floats	6-HRS.
38	Rescued by and where.....	By	ALLIED SHIPS	Where	AT SCENE
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	33
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers	9	Radiomen	3
				Unlicensed	65
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers	383	Others	0
42	Total on board.....		494		
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	UN	Enlisted men	UN
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers	UN	Radiomen	UN
				Unlicensed	UN
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers	UN	Others	0
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	14
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers	7	Radiomen	2
				Unlicensed	40
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers	202	Others	0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured	UN	Lost	272
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning	0	Fire	0
				Shell or torpedo	0
		Other causes	272 (UNKNOWN)		NOTED
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	19	Officers	2
		Unlicensed	25	Passengers	175
				Others	0
				Total	222
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats	140	Rafts	30
		Preservers	0	Other means	0
				No aid	0
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	8	Number lost below	0
54	Number of look-outs.....		15		
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.

NOTE :- ACCORDING TO NAVAL SUMMARY MANY BODIES WERE FOUND IN THE WATER BY THE RESCUE VESSELS, WHICH WERE THE RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO THE FRIGID WATER; MANY MORE SIMILAR CASES WERE SEEN ON THE LIFE FLOATS. SOME PERSONNEL ABOARD VIOLATED A BASIC RULE BY FAILING TO WEAR SUFFICIENT CLOTHING TO BED. THEREFORE, IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE 272 DEATHS WERE THE RESULT OF EXPOSURE. THE WATER TEMPERATURE WAS 50°.