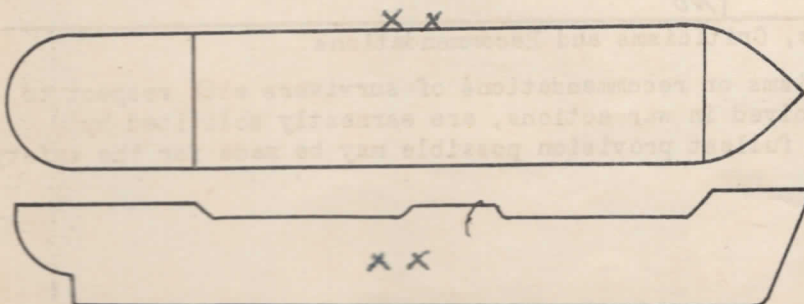


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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S. ILLINOIS Service OCEAN FREIGHT
Owner STATES STEAMSHIP Co. Operator ISTHMIAN SS Co.
Info. furnished by 2nd ASSISTANT Date 2 AUGUST 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built 1920	Propulsion STEAM
2.	Tonnage	Gross 5447	Net 3380
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. 27'6"(M)	Aft 28
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. 26'6"(M)	Aft 27
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature MANGANESE ORE	Tons 8000
6.	Voyage	From CAPE TOWN S. AF. To BALTIMORE, MD.	
7.	Were routing orders followed	YES	
8.	Any criticism of orders	NO	
9.	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLEAR	Sea CALM
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	YES; AFTER 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 2100
14.	Position	Lat. 24°N	Long. 60°W
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDO	
16.	Number of hits	2	
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	1-MACH. P; 1-MACH. P	
18.	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP	
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	NO	
20.	Was armament used (State result)	NO	
21.	Any explosions or fires*	Ship NO	Cargo NO
22.	Was deck ruptured	YES	
23.	Did ship break in two	YES	
24.	Was SOS sent	NO	
25.	Ship's speed	Normal 11	When attacked 10 When abandoned 10
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 2101 (1 min.)	Sunk 2101 (1 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 NO TIME FOR LAUNCHING
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 0 Which used 0
32.	Life rafts	No. lost 0 How 0
33.	Life floats	No. carried 2 Which used 1*
34.	Life floats	No. lost 1 How DRIFTED AWAY
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 6 DAYS Raft Float Boat Raft Float
38.	Rescued by & where 18	By ALLIED SHIP Where 430MI FROM SCENE
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 29
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
42.	Total on board	38
43.	No. gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
44.	No. ship's crew injured	Officers 1 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 5
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 7 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 24
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 6 Lost 32
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 25 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 7 Other causes
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 0 Officers 1 Radio Oprs. 0 Unlicensed 5 Passgrs. 0 Others 0 Total 6
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 6 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 0
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 4 No. lost below 4
54.	No. of lookouts	6
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.