

CONFIDENTIAL

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3/8/43

1. Position-Sea-Weather 28°53'S, 33°18'E; overcast and moderate.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 2218 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit #2 hold port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive damage; ship caught fire and settled rapidly--forward.
6. Time & Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not 2225 (7 min.) - ship beyond control.
7. Persons Aboard - 63 Lost by drowning - 1.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 2225 (7 min.) - 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit Machinery spaces starboard side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Destroyed 1 lifeboat already launched. Ship broke in two.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk - forward half sunk on 3/17/43 (9 days) while being towed by allied ship. Same allied ship located and sunk by shell fire the aft half on 3/18/43 (10 days).