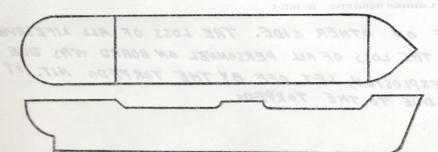
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Ship	SIS JAMES SPRUNT	Service OCE	Service OCERN FREIGHT			
Own	er WSA.	Operator <b>BLACK</b>	DIRMOND SS CO. ALL SE			
Info	rmation furnished by OWN	ERS	Date 21 SEPTEMBER 1999			
LINE No.	QUESTIONS	35 Lifesaving suits sales and ANSWERS all suits gaives 35				
1	Year built and propulsion	Built 1943	Were boats, etc., attacked. Propulsion SIERM			
2	Tonnage	Gross 7/22	Net 4375			
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd 28'9"(M)	Aft 2810			
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd 26'9° (M) Fwd 26'9° (M)	Aft 2810			
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL - EXPLOSIVES Tons 4000				
6	Voyage	From TEXAS	TO INDIA VIA CANAL ZONE			
7	Were routing orders followed	Yes				
8	ny criticism of orders	No	Caratillas Assurial ways our volonis (2)			
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLEAR	As Number gun erew injured (military).  Sea CALA  Number ship's erew injured			
10	Was enemy sighted? When	NO	45 Number passengers and others infured			
11	Any friendly ships in sight	YES; CONVOY	Detailing the company and address 22			
12	Were navigation lights on	NO; DAYLIGHT	47 Number ship's erew lost			
13	Date and time of attack	Date 3/10/43	Time 03/0			
14	Position	Latitude 19°49' N	Longitude 74° 38'W			
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDO	SUMBLE OF STATE OF ST			
16	Number of hits	UNKNOWN.	50 Persons lost by (Specify)			
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	UNKNOWN.				
18	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP NOTED	Deluser lajot 16			
19	as ship armed? What type	YES	52 Persons saved by			
20	Was armament used? State result	NO.	52 Persons saved by			
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship /ES; EXPLOSION	Cargo VES; EXPLOSION.			
22	Was deck ruptured	YES WOOD ROSE				
23	Did ship break in two	YES				
24	Was SOS sent	NO	55 Any defective material			
25	Ship's speed	Normal // When attacked _ 2	When abandoned NOTED			
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned NOTE D	Sunk 0.31030 (30 SECOMPS)			
27	Was ship reboarded		When			
28	Was ship brought in 2001	ENTS, CRITICISMS ON RECOMMENDA WOH	Approximate damage SUNK			



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

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NOTEG- SHIP WAS LADEN WITH EXPLOSIVES. THE TORPEDO HIT COMPLETELY

DISINTEGRATED THE SHIP. IN 30 SECONDS THERE WAS NO SIGN OF

THE SHIP OTHER THAN A HARL OF DEBRIS. THERE WAS NO TIME

TO REANDON THE SHIP. THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS

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

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	TES COAST GUARD				
29	Lifeboats	Number carried Which usedQ				
30	Lifeboats	The second second second				
31	Life rafts			Commandant, H. S. Coast Guard		
32	Life rafts			DO EXPLOSION		
33	Life floats			m MSR.		
34	Life floats			DO EXPLOSION IN MINING		
35	Lifesaving suits			QUESTIONS		
36	W 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	AttackedNo	Casualties			
	Time in each heat reft etc	Boat	Raft	noislugorg bas flind the Y	1	
37	Time in each boat, rart, etc.		TO CI	Float		
38	Rescued by and where	By NO SURVIV	ORS Where	Note (maximum allowed)	DE	
39	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers	Enlis	Solution allowed)  A Draft when attacked be nem best		
40	Number ship's crew carried	Officers	Radiomen	Unlicensed 35		
41	Number passengers and others carried	Passengers	From LEXBS	Others	ð	
	Total on board	10		Were routing orders followed	4	
42	Number gun crew injured (military)_	Officers	Enlisted men	by criticism of orders.	8	
43	Number ship's crew injured	Officers	Radiomen	Unlicensed Out the redtaeW	6	
44		Paggangarg	Others	Was enemy sighted? When	10	
45	Number passengers and others injured.	Officers	Enlisted men	Any friendly ships in sight.	11	
46	Number gun crew lost (military)	Officers	Radiomen	Unlicensed 35	12	
47	Number ship's crew lost	Dancers	Date 13/16/9	Others Others	13	
48	Number passengers and others lost	Passengers	Latitude / /	Lost 69 noitieog	STEO	
49	Total casualties	Injured	Eine O	Shell or torpedo 2	15	
50	Persons lost by (Specify)		JUK 4 6 111 11	Number of hits	16	
		Other causes	20110000	(many ib shaM) stid la moite oul	17	
51	Total rescued	Gun crew	Omcers	Others Others	18	
		Unlicensed	Passengers	Floats Suits Suits	19	
52	Persons saved by	Boats	Rafts	means No aid No	20	
	Caren /ES: Explosions	Preservers	Other	Number lost below Number lost below	21	
53	Engineering watch below	Number on watch below.	3	Number lost below	22	
54	Number of look-outs	UNKNOWN.	331	Did ship break in two	23	
55	Any defective material			Was SUS sent	24	
-	When abandoned 4075	C Latertha martin	Vormant II. D	Ship's speed	25	
56	Any personnel fault	NO	Abandoned	Time abandoned, sunk	26	
16.30	OMELSE'S STATE OF THE AND THE SHIP		De will see	halvandat nida as W	27	

## 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.

NOTED - SEE FOOT NOTE ON OTHER SIDE. THE LOSS OF ALL LIFESAVIES

GEAR AS WELL AS THE LOSS OF ALL PERSONNEL ON BOARD WAS DOE

TO THE CARGO EXPLOSION, SET OFF BY THE TORPEDO NIT. IT

WAS PRIMBRILY DUE TO THE TORPEDS.