

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

Ship *S/s JAMES W. DENVER*

Service *OCEAN FREIGHT*

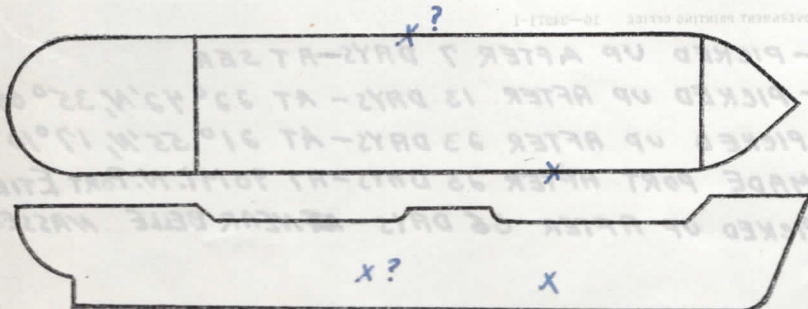
Owner *W.S.A.*

Operator *CALMAR S.S. Co.*

Information furnished by *MASTER*

Date *29 SEPTEMBER 1944*

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <i>1943</i> Propulsion <i>STEAM</i>
2	Tonnage	Gross <i>7191</i> Net <i>4380</i>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <i>27'9" (M)</i> Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <i>26' (M)</i> Aft
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <i>GENERAL</i> Tons <i>6000</i>
6	Voyage	From <i>NEW YORK</i> To <i>CASA BLANCA, N. AFRICA.</i>
7	Were routing orders followed	<i>YES</i>
8	Any criticism of orders	<i>NO</i>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <i>OVERCAST</i> Sea <i>ROUGH.</i>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<i>NO</i>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<i>NO</i>
12	Were navigation lights on	<i>NO; DAYLIGHT</i>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <i>4/11/43</i> Time <i>1516</i>
14	Position	Latitude <i>28°46' N</i> Longitude <i>25°40' W.</i>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<i>TORPEDOED</i>
16	Number of hits	<i>2</i>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<i>BTW. 2+3-S 1-FOR'D. 1-PORT SIDE - UNKNOWN LOCATION.</i>
18	Effect of hits	<i>SANK SHIP NOTED</i>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<i>YES</i>
20	Was armament used? State result	<i>NO</i>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <i>NO</i> Cargo <i>NO</i>
22	Was deck ruptured	<i>NO</i>
23	Did ship break in two	<i>NO</i>
24	Was SOS sent	<i>YES</i>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <i>10.5</i> When attacked <i>11.0</i> When abandoned <i>STOP</i>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <i>1527 (11 min.)</i> Sunk <i>ABOUT 2112 (5 hrs 56 min.)</i> <i>NOTED</i>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <i>NO</i> When
28	Was ship brought in	How <i>NO</i> Approximate damage <i>SUNK</i>



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

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NOTE - AFTER VESSEL WAS ABANDONED, AT 1956, ANOTHER EXPLOSION WAS HEARD, PRESUMABLY FIRED ON THE PORTSIDE. ALTHOUGH NO SURVIVOR ACTUALLY SAW THE STRICKEN VESSEL SINK, IT IS REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT IT DID, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS LISTING 40°, AND DOWN BY THE HEAD WITH THE PROPELLER OUT OF THE WATER - 3 HOURS BEFORE THE 2ND HIT.

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

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>6</u> Which used <u>5</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>DAVIT FAILURE FOULED IN LAUNCHING.</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>2*</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>NOT NEEDED</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>NOT NEEDED</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>42</u> Number used <u>0</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	<u>1-BOAT - 7-DAYS</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u> <u>1-BOAT - 13-DAYS</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u> <u>1-BOAT - 25-DAYS</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u> <u>1-BOAT - 36-DAYS</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u> <u>1-BOAT - 33-DAYS</u>
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>5B ALLIED SHIP</u> Where <u>NOTE ①</u>
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>24</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>33</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>1</u> Others <u>—</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>68</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>1</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>1</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>1</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>2</u> Lost <u>1</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>0</u> Other causes <u>1 (EXPOSURE - DIED IN LIFEBOAT)</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>25</u> Officers <u>7</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>33</u> Passengers <u>1</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>67</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>67</u> Rafts <u>0</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u> Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>0</u>
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>9</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>NO</u>
56	Any personnel fault.....	<u>NO</u>

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.

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NOTE ① 1-BOAT - WITH 11 MEN - PICKED UP AFTER 7 DAYS - AT SEA
 1-BOAT - WITH 13 MEN - PICKED UP AFTER 13 DAYS - AT 22° 42' N, 35° 05' W.
 1-BOAT - WITH 10 MEN - PICKED UP AFTER 23 DAYS - AT 21° 55' N, 17° 10' W
 1-BOAT - WITH 14 MEN - MADE PORT AFTER 25 DAYS - AT 90 MI. N. PORT ETIENNE
 1-BOAT - WITH 19 MEN - PICKED UP AFTER 36 DAYS - NEAR BELLE NASSANT