

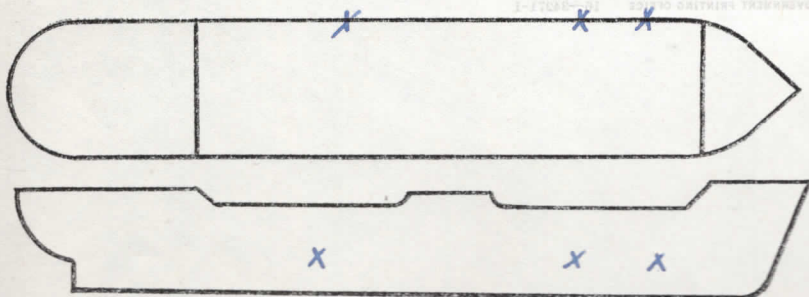
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship s/s JERAMIAH VAN RENSSELAER Service OCEAN FREIGHT.

Owner U.S.M.C. Operator AGWI LINES

Information furnished by CHIEF ENGINEER Date 11 SEPTEMBER 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1943</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM.</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7177</u> Net <u>4375</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>28'(M)</u> Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>28'(M)</u> Aft _____
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>9000</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>NEW YORK</u> To <u>UNITED KINGDOM.</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>NO</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>2/2/43</u> Time <u>0200</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>54°50'N</u> Longitude <u>28°55'W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>3</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-AFT; 2-FOR'D. 2-#1P; #4P</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP NOTED.</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>YES; FIRE</u> Cargo <u>YES; FIRE.</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>YES.</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>10.5</u> When attacked <u>10.5</u> When abandoned <u>STOP.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0215 (15 min)</u> Sunk <u>1400 (12 HRS.) NOTED</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	<u>YES.</u> By whom <u>1ST MATE + CREW FR. RESCUE SHIP</u> When <u>1200 (10 HRS.).</u>
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



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

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NOTE ① - VESSEL WAS SUNK AT 1400 BY GUNFIRE OF RESCUE SHIP. ACCORDING TO ONI FIRES IN BOILERS HAD NOT BEEN EXTINGUISHED, AND THEREFORE BOILERS HAD BURNED OUT.

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

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29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>1</u>																		
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>3</u> How <u>CAPSIZE IN LAUNCHING.</u>																		
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>3</u>																		
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>TORPEDO EXPLOSION.</u>																		
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>																		
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>DRIIFTED AWAY.</u>																		
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>48</u> Number used <u>1</u>																		
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>																		
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>1 Boat</td> <td><u>5-HRS</u></td> <td>3 Rafts</td> <td><u>5-HRS</u></td> <td>Float</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Boat</td> <td></td> <td>1 Raft</td> <td></td> <td>Float</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	1 Boat	<u>5-HRS</u>	3 Rafts	<u>5-HRS</u>	Float		1 Boat		1 Raft		Float							
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38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>ALLIED SHIP</u> Where <u>AT SCENE</u>																		
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>27</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>0</u>																		
42	Total on board.....	<u>71</u>																		
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>																		
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46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>11</u>																		
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>2</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>27</u>																		
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53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>																		
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>6</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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