

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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1. Position-Sea-Weather 29° 36' 30"N, 141° 43'W; clear and rough.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 2105 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit #3 hold, starboard side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; ship broke in two later.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 2115 (10min.)- master at first thought that vessel was not severely damaged, and had made arrangements with Chief Engineer to get the propulsion under way. Several moments later, vessel broke in two due to rough sea. It was then that master ordered abandonment
7. Persons Aboard- 70 Lost when Japanese sub rammed and strafed lifeboats-10
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 2230 (1hr,15min.)- numerous shell hits.
9. Location of 2nd Hit All over the two halves of the vessel
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Set both halves afire and sunk them.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk - 0105 (4hrs.,20min)- for'd section blew up and sunk. Aft section was last on the horizon in a burning condition at 0600 10-30-44 (9hrs.)- It is presumed to have sunk later.