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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship/s JOHN CARTER ROSE

Service OCEAN FREIGHT.

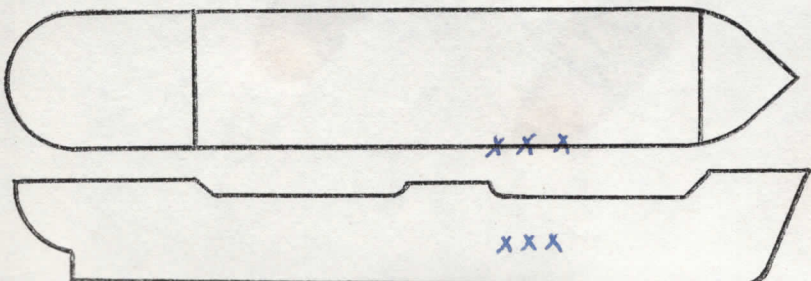
Owner W.S.A.

Operator BARBER WEST AFRICAN LINES, Inc.

Information furnished by MASTER

Date 30 AUGUST 1944.

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1942</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7191</u> Net <u>4389</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>27'10" (M)</u> Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>27' (M)</u> Aft <u>27</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GASOLINE & GENERAL</u> Tons <u>7929</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>NEW YORK</u> To <u>FREETOWN, SIERRA</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>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>MODERATE</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>10/7/42</u> Time <u>2130</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>10°27'N</u> Longitude <u>45°37'W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDO & SHELL</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>3 TORP.; 7 SHELL</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>3-FOR'D.; 7-SHELL ALLOVER 1# 2S-2-# 3-S</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP.</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>11.0</u> When attacked <u>11.0</u> When abandoned <u>STOP.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>2150 (20 min.)</u> Sunk <u>0700 10/8/42 (10 hrs 30 min.)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When _____
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK</u>



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

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>3</u>									
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>FIRE</u>									
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>1*</u>									
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>3</u> How <u>DEFECTIVE RELEASING GEAR.</u>									
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>0</u> Which used <u>0</u>									
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>									
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>41</u> Number used <u>2</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><u>1</u> Boat <u>5-DAYS</u></td> <td><u>—</u> Raft</td> <td><u>—</u> Float</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1</u> Boat <u>6-DAYS</u></td> <td><u>—</u> Raft</td> <td><u>—</u> Float</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1</u> Boat <u>7-DAYS</u></td> <td><u>—</u> Raft</td> <td><u>—</u> Float</td> </tr> </table>	<u>1</u> Boat <u>5-DAYS</u>	<u>—</u> Raft	<u>—</u> Float	<u>1</u> Boat <u>6-DAYS</u>	<u>—</u> Raft	<u>—</u> Float	<u>1</u> Boat <u>7-DAYS</u>	<u>—</u> Raft	<u>—</u> Float
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38	Rescued by and where <u>3B</u>	By <u>ALLIED SHIPS</u> Where <u>AT SEA.</u>									
39	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>19</u>									
40	Number ship's crew carried	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>32</u>									
41	Number passengers and others carried	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>									
42	Total on board	<u>61</u>									
43	Number gun crew injured (military)	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</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>3</u>									
47	Number ship's crew lost	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>4</u>									
48	Number passengers and others lost	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>									
49	Total casualties	Injured <u>1</u> Lost <u>8</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>16</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.

