

CONFIDENTIAL

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1. Position-Sea-Weather 34°00'S, 34°40'E; overcast and gale and rough.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 2119 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit Machinery spaces starboard side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive damage to machinery and steering gear.
6. Time & Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not 2230 (1 hour, 11 min.) - ship beyond control.
7. Persons Aboard - 57 Lost by torpedo explosion - 1;  
presumed lost by drowning - 2;  
presumed lost from exposure - 24.  
Total lost - 27.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 2235 (1 hour, 16 min.) - 19 shell hits.
9. Location of 2nd Hit All over.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive damage.
11. Disposition of Vessel Not actually seen but presumed to have sunk due to evidence and character of wreckage floating around.