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REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

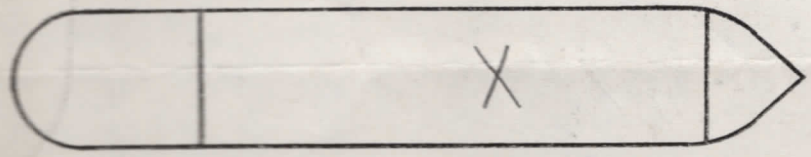
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship *s/s* JOHN WOOLMAN Service Foreign

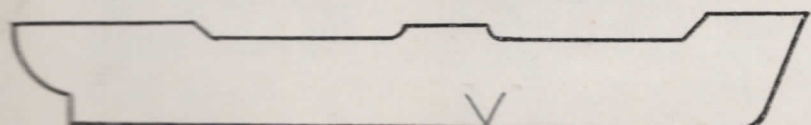
Owner W. S. A. Operator American West African Line

Information furnished by Jacob H. Carter, Master Date August 22, 1946

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1943</u> Propulsion <u>Steam</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>? 7176</u> Net <u>7716 4378</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>27 1/2'</u> Aft <u>28'</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>App. 12'</u> Aft <u>21'</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>No deck cargo. In ballast</u> Tons <u>---</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>Antwerp, Belgium via Downs</u> To <u>Le Havre</u>
7	Were routing orders followed	<u>Yes. (in convoy at time of casualty)</u>
8	Any criticism of orders	<u>None</u>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>Clear</u> Sea <u>Calm</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>No</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>Yes; about 10 ships</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>No</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>May 27, 1945</u> Time <u>App. 9 P.M., BDST</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>Abeam of buoy 6E off Dunkirk; 50 yards from buoy on</u> Longitude <u>starboard side</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>Mined</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>One</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>Marked on diagram</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>Broke steam pipes below; ruptured intakes to engine room; did not rupture hull.</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>Yes; 8-20mm; 1-5"; 1-3"</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>No</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>No; except mine</u> Cargo <u>No</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>ship hogged small amount; small rupture BEND, NO RUPTURE</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>No</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>Yes; by blinker to escort</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>11</u> When attacked <u>7</u> When abandoned <u>Stopped; dropped anchor</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>Midnight, BDST</u> Sunk <u>Not sunk</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	<u>Yes</u> By whom <u>Captain and crew</u> When <u>4 A.M. May 28, 1945</u>
28	Was ship brought in	<u>Yes</u> How <u>By three tugs</u> Approximate damage <u>1000,000.</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.

LINE NO.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>1, 3, and 4</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>None</u> How <u>---</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>None</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>Released by explosion</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>None</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>Released by explosion</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>45</u> Number used <u>None</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>No</u> Casualties <u>---</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	<u>20 minutes in each boat</u> Boat..... Raft <u>None</u> Float <u>None</u> Boat..... Raft..... Float.....
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>British destroyer</u> Where <u>At location of casualty</u>
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>25</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>7</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>33</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>None</u> Others <u>None</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>67</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>None</u> Enlisted men <u>None</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>2</u> Radiomen <u>None</u> Unlicensed <u>6</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>None</u> Others <u>None</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>None</u> Enlisted men <u>None</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>None</u> Radiomen <u>None</u> Unlicensed <u>None</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>None</u> Others <u>None</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>8</u> Lost <u>None</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>None</u> Fire..... Shell or torpedo..... Other causes.....
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>25</u> Officers <u>8</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>33</u> Passengers <u>None</u> Others <u>None</u> Total <u>67</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>67</u> Rafts..... Floats..... Suits..... Preservers..... Other means..... No aid.....
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>None</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>3</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>Lifeboat reels defective and jammed.</u>
56	Any personnel fault.....	<u>None.</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.