

DECLASSIFIED NARA PROJECT NW 63684
 REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

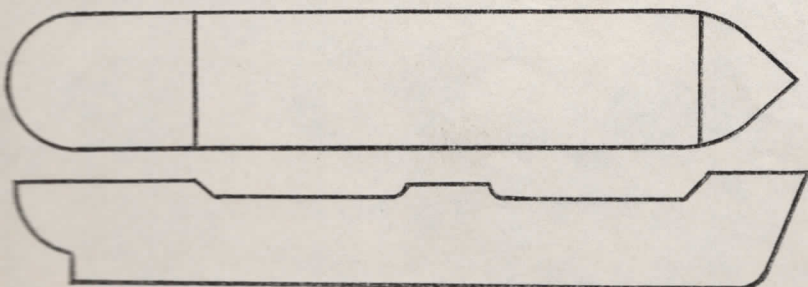
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship S/s JUAN DE FUCA Service OCEAN FREIGHT.

Owner W.S.A. Operator WEYERHAEUSER S.S. Co.

Information furnished by MASTER Date 13 JULY, 1945

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>4376</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>27'9"</u> Aft <u>27'9"</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>17'</u> Aft <u>19'</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>LUMBER; MACHINERY; GASOLINE; TROOPS</u> Tons <u>2500</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>LEYTE; P.I.</u> To <u>MINDORO P.I.</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>SLIGHT.</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>YES; DURING ATTACK.</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>YES; COMUDY.</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO; DAYLIGHT.</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>12-21-44</u> Time <u>1730</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>OFF PANAY, P.I.</u> Longitude _____
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>SUICIDE PLANE</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>#2 HOLD</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>PLATING & BHDS RIPPLED BY SHRAPNEL.</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>YES.</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>NO</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>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>11.0</u> When attacked <u>7.0</u> When abandoned <u>N.A.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>N.A.</u> Sunk <u>N.S.</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>N.A.</u> When _____
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>OWN POWER</u> Approximate damage <u>EXTENSIVE</u>



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

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VESSEL WAS ALSO HIT ON 12-31-44 IN SAME AREA -CF. FILE
 (OVER)

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

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		<u>NOT ABANDONED</u>																
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>																
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>PLANE EXPLOSION.</u>																
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>																
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33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>																
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>																
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>47</u> Number used <u>0</u>																
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>																
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38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>NOT ABANDONED</u> Where.....																
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>26</u>																
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Uncicensed <u>32</u>																
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>65</u> Others <u>0</u>																
42	Total on board.....	<u>133</u>																
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>3</u>																
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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.

