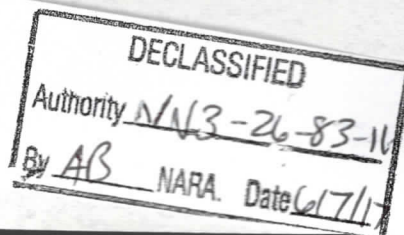


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EXCERPT FROM 5ND. BOARDING REPORT, "SS KEMP.P.BATTLE", (US), 8/26/43.

COLLISION AT SEA: "Contacts stated that at daybreak on 7/6/43, position latitude 32:22 N, longitude 43:45 W, while in convoy as ship #113, steering a course of 170° and changing course by wheeling to 135°, vessel 112 (SS BERNARD CARTER) traveling in starboard column, came across Subject Vessel's bow and the two collided, damaging the hull, boat deck, davits and lifeboats 1 & 3 on Subject vessel's starboard side. The damage was estimated at about \$35,000.00 by a representative of the War Shipping Administration in Oran. Contact (B) advised that contact (A) carried out all order promptly and efficiently; that the Convoy Commodore gave signals at night by whistles which were extremely difficult to hear due to the convoy dropping back after sundown; that there were 6 other collisions on the voyage over."

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