

EXCERPT FROM 5ND BOARDING REPORT, SS LAWRENCE D. TYSON (Amer.), 26 OCTOBER 1943.

"ACCIDENT AT SEA:

"Subject vessel, on 8/27/43 at 2050, while in position 36°47' N - 11°30' E, was rammed by the British SS FORT ACTON, which was in the same convoy. The collision occurred while the convoy was in the execution of an emergency turn. This vessel was struck on the starboard side of #4 cargo hold, between frames #126 and #130. One plate in the sheer strake and the plate beneath it in the adjoining strake were badly ruptured, the plate beneath these two was bent. Five frames are bent.

"The degaussing cable was mashed between a bent frame and its casing. No wires were broken but the insulation was damaged. The amperage rose to maximum and system was shut down. Both line and auxiliary bilge pumps were immediately put on #4 hold bilges. Soundings were taken and it was found the vessel had taken no water.

"There was no damage done to the engine room or any of its equipment other than the degaussing cable.

Dissemination: JAG, COMINCH F-20, ✓ Coast Guard.

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