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EXCERPT FROM 5ND BOARDING REPORT, SS "LELAND STANFORD", (US), 27 AUGUST 1943.

COLLISION:

"On 7/4/43 at 0155, while Subject vessel was entering the Straits of Gibraltar from the west, she was caught in a strong current which caused her to swing hard to starboard. The American S/S THOMAS SUMPTER hit this vessel on the starboard side amidships by #3 lifeboat, which was knocked back on the boat deck with little damage. She then scraped along the starboard quarter damaging the bulwark and the mooring bridge aft. Subject vessel then swung away from that vessel and stopped her engines to endeavor to straighten her out. At 0159, same date, the GEORGE BANCROFT crossed this vessel's bow and was hit on her port side abeam of #5 hold. A large hole was cut in Subject vessel high above the waterline and no water was taken. Subject vessel was to remain on the other side for further employment but due to the damage sustained in the collision, she was ordered back home for repairs. A cement box was placed in the hole to keep any water from coming in on the voyage home."

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