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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship *S/s* **MARCUS DALY**

Service **OCEAN FREIGHT**

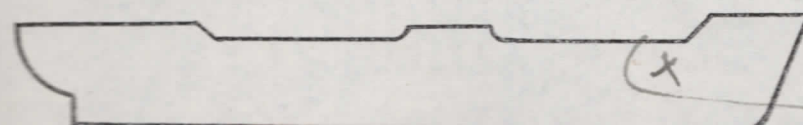
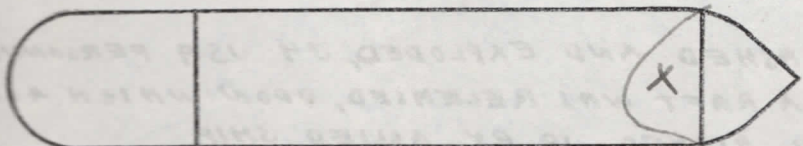
Owner **WSA**

Operator **SUDDEN & CHRISTENSEN**

Information furnished by **MASTER**

Date **15 MARCH, 1945**

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1	Year built and propulsion	Built 1943	Propulsion STEAM
2	Tonnage	Gross 7176	Net 4380
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd 27' 8 7/8" (M)	Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd 14' 6" (M)	Aft
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL + GAS + TROOPS	Tons 4000
6	Voyage	From HOLLANDIA	To LEYTE, P.I.
7	Were routing orders followed	YES	
8	Any criticism of orders	NO.	
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLEAR	Sea CALM.
10	Was enemy sighted? When	YES; BEFORE & DURING ATTACK.	
11	Any friendly ships in sight	YES; CONVOY.	
12	Were navigation lights on	NO; DAYLIGHT.	
13	Date and time of attack	Date 12-5-44	Time 1500
14	Position	Latitude 09°34' N	Longitude 127° 35' E
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	BOMBED (CRASH ATTACK BY SUICIDE PLANE)	
16	Number of hits	1	
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	1- FORD	
18	Effect of hits	EXTENSIVE DAMAGE	
19	Was ship armed? What type	YES	
20	Was armament used? State result	YES	
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship YES; FIRE	Cargo YES; FIRE
22	Was deck ruptured	YES	
23	Did ship break in two	NO	
24	Was SOS sent	NO	
25	Ship's speed	Normal 11.0	When attacked 8.0 When abandoned N.A.
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned N.A.	Sunk N.S.
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom N.A.	When —
28	Was ship brought in	How YES OWN POWER	Approximate damage EXTENSIVE



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

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

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
		NOT ABANDONED
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u> NOTED
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>1</u> NOTED
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
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>77</u> Number used <u>0</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>-</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boat <u>-</u> Raft <u>5 HRS</u> Float <u>-</u> Boat <u>-</u> Raft <u>-</u> Float <u>-</u>
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>NOT ABANDONED</u> Where <u>NOTED</u>
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>2</u> Unlicensed <u>30</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>1200</u> Others <u>-</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>1267</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>3</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>1</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>3</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>42</u> Others <u>0</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>1</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>2</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>62</u> Others <u>0</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>49</u> Lost <u>65</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>65</u> Other causes <u>0</u> BOMB.
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>26</u> Officers <u>8</u> Radio operators <u>2</u> Unlicensed <u>28</u> Passengers <u>1138</u> Others <u>-</u> Total <u>1202</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>0</u> Rafts <u>34</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u> Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>0</u>
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>4</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>10</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>NO</u>
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.

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NOTED - AFTER PLANE CRASHED AND EXPLODED, 34 USA PERSONNEL JUMPED OVER BOARD. A RAFT WAS RELEASED, UPON WHICH ALL 34 REMAINED UNTIL PICKED UP BY ALLIED SHIP.