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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

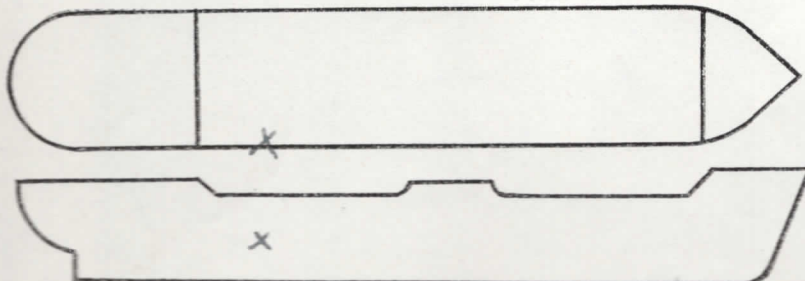
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship S/S MASSMAR Service OCEAN FREIGHT

Owner CALMAR SS CORP. Operator CALMAR SS CORP.

Information furnished by OWNERS Date 16 August 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1920</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM.</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>5828</u> Net <u>3600</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>25' (M)</u> Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>UN</u> Aft
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>BALLAST</u> Tons
6	Voyage	From <u>MURMANSK</u> To <u>U.S.A.</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>FOG</u> Sea <u>ROUGH.</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>NO</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>YES; CONVOY</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>7/5/42</u> Time <u>2056</u>
14	Position	Latitude Longitude
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDO</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-AFT.</u> # <u>75</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP.</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>NO</u> Cargo <u>NO.</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>UN.</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>10.0</u> When attacked <u>7.5</u> When abandoned <u>1</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>20 min</u> Sunk <u>2130 (34 min.)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK</u>



\*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			
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	3	Which used	1
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	2	How	CAPSIZE
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	2
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost	1	How	1-TORP. EXPLOSION
33	Life floats.....	Number carried	0	Which used	0
34	Life floats.....	Number lost	0	How	0
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	0	Number used	0
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boats	1-HR	Rafts	1-HR
		Boat		Raft	
38	Rescued by and where <b>1B+2R</b> .....	By	ALLIED SHIP	Where	AT SCENE
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	8
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
				Unlicensed	27
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers	45	Others	0
42	Total on board.....		90		
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers	0	Radiomen	0
				Unlicensed	8
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers	4	Others	0
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	8
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers	7	Radiomen	1
				Unlicensed	9
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers	27	Others	0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured	12	Lost	53
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning	28	Fire	0
		Shell or torpedo	0		
		Other causes	25 (EXPOSURE)		
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	0	Officers	1
		Radio operators	0		
		Unlicensed	18	Passengers	18
				Others	0
				Total	27
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats	5	Rafts	20
		Floats	0	Suits	0
		Preservers	12	Other means	0
				No aid	0
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	4	Number lost below	0
54	Number of look-outs.....		5		
55	Any defective material.....		NO		
56	Any personnel fault.....		NO		

### 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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