

MERCURY SUN  
OCEAN TANKER

5-18-42

CONFIDENTIAL

1. Position-Sea-Weather 20° 02'N, 84° 25'W; clear and choppy.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0004 - 2 torpedoes
4. Location of 1st Hit 1 - between #4 and #5 tanks, port side; 1 - between #5 tank and midship pump room, port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; ship afire around midship house; ship listed to port.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 0019 (15min.)- ship unarmed and severely damaged. Master, 1st and 2nd Mates killed during first hits. Fear of further attack. Amidships afire.
7. Persons Aboard- 35 Lost by fire -6.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0021 (17min) 1-torpedo....Submarine had surfaced and survivors in 2 lifeboats observed its silhouette as it fired a 3rd torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit #8 tank, starboard side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive damage - practically broke ship in two.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 0300 (2hrs. 56min.)//