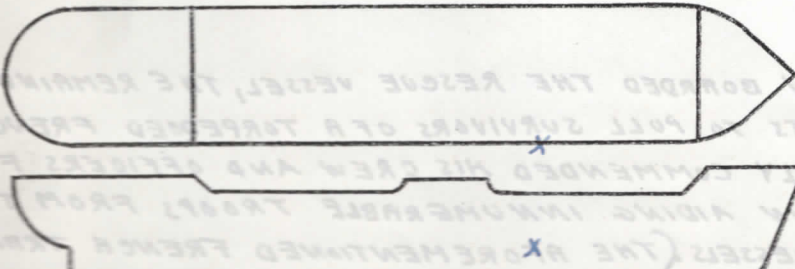


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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.
 Ship s/s MICHIGAN Service OCEAN FREIGHT.
 Owner STATES SS Co. Operator STATES SS Co.
 Information furnished by MASTER Date 30 SEPTEMBER 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion.....	Built <u>1920</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage.....	Gross <u>5609</u> Net <u>3474</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed).....	Fwd <u>24' 3/4" (M)</u> Aft <u>24' 1/4"</u>
4	Draft when attacked.....	Fwd <u>23' (M)</u> Aft <u>24</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck).....	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>6300</u>
6	Voyage.....	From <u>NEW YORK</u> To <u>ORAN, ALGERIA</u>
7	Were routing orders followed.....	<u>YES</u>
8	Any criticism of orders.....	<u>NO</u>
9	Weather at time of attack.....	Weather STORM <u>HAZY</u> Sea 01025 <u>SLIGHT</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; DAYLIGHT.</u>
13	Date and time of attack.....	Date <u>4/30/43</u> Time <u>0745</u>
14	Position.....	Latitude <u>36° 01' N</u> Longitude <u>01° 25' W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data).....	<u>TORPEDDED</u>
16	Number of hits.....	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram).....	<u>1-FOR'D. # 2-S</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>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two.....	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent.....	<u>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed.....	Normal <u>9.0</u> When attacked <u>10.0</u> When abandoned <u>STOP</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk.....	Abandoned <u>0752 (7 min.)</u> Sunk <u>1000 (2 hrs. 15 min.)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded.....	By whom <u>NO</u> When <u> </u>
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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29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>2</u> NOTED
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>1 + 2* = 3</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>TORPEDO EXPLOSION</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>2*</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u> </u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>37</u> Number used <u>0</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	<u>2</u> Boats <u>2-HRS</u> <u>3</u> Rafts <u>2-HRS</u> <u>—</u> Float
		<u>—</u> Boat <u>—</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>ALLIED SHIPS</u> Where <u>AT SCENE</u>
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>22</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>28</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>1</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>61</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>0</u> Lost <u>0</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>0</u>
		Other causes <u>0</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>23</u> Officers <u>8</u> Radio operators <u>1</u>
		Unlicensed <u>28</u> Passengers <u>1</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>61</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>44</u> Rafts <u>17</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>3</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>10</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>0</u>
56	Any personnel fault.....	<u>0</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.

NOTE ① - AFTER MOST OF THE CREW BOARDED THE RESCUE VESSEL, THE REMAINDER STILL MANNED THE LIFEBOATS TO PULL SURVIVORS OF A TORPEDGED FRENCH TRANSPORT. THE MASTER HIGHLY COMMENDED HIS CREW AND OFFICERS FOR THEIR VALIANT ASSISTANCE IN AIDING INNUMERABLE TROOPS FROM THE WATER TO NEARBY RESCUE VESSELS (THE AFOREMENTIONED FRENCH TRANSPORT SUNK 3 MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT WITH A GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.)