

MOBILOIL

4-29-42

OCEAN TANKER

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1. Position-Sea-Weather 26° 10'N, 66° 15'W; clear and calm, and bright moonlight.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0228- 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit Between #1 and #2 tanks, starboard side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; water went from full #2, into #1 (ship in ballast); ship developed a starboard list. However, ballast in #4 tank was shifted and ship straightened up.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 1100 (8hrs, 32min)-Ship beyond control and almost submerged after taking 3 torpedoes & numerous shell hits. As master put it---"We abandoned the ship when there was no more ship there, and they didn't climb down the boats; they just stepped in."
7. Persons Aboard-52 Lost-0.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0243(15min)- numerous shell hits from two submarines (gun flashes could be seen in the darkness; (stern put to submarines)-Navy Gun Crew manned 4" gun and fought off subs, scaring two hits.
9. Location of 2nd Hit All over ship.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Slight damage as shots were not well placed. SOS sent.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 1105 (8hrs, 37min).
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 0440 (2hrs, 12min)- 1 torpedo.
13. Location of 3rd Hit Amidships, #4 tank, starboard side.
14. Effect of 3rd Hit Extensive structural damage; ship still continued on an even course, despite two shell holes. Another SOS sent. Speed 8.5 knots

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15. Time & Kind of 4th Hit 1040 (8hrs, 12min)- 1 torpedo.

16. Location of 4th Hit Between #7 and #8 tanks, starboard side.

17. Effect of 4th Hit Extensive structural damage; vessel started to settle down. At this point vessel was abandoned (Cf. question 6).

Extensive structural damage; water was  
from hull #2, into #1 (this in ballast);  
only developed a starboard list. However,  
ballast in #4 tank was tilted and ship  
straightened up.

1100 (8hrs, 30min)-Ship beyond control  
and almost submerged after taking 3  
torpedoes & numerous shell hits. The  
water put it--"she abandoned the ship"  
when there was no hope left. They  
didn't slip down the boat. They  
just stayed up.

Loss of  
0200 (2hrs, 10min)-wreckage still in from  
two torpedoes that struck the  
side in the bow. The ship was  
abandoned. The crew was  
and remained on the surface for  
days.

All over ship  
Slight damage on water side  
placed. 20 tons.

2nd 1100 (8hrs, 30min)  
0440 (2hrs, 12min)- 1 torpedo.

Additional, #7 tank, starboard side.

Extensive structural damage; ship still  
continued on an even keel, despite  
two shell hits. Another 20 tons. Speed  
2.5 knots.

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