

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

Ship s/s MOLLY PITCHER

Service OCEAN FREIGHT

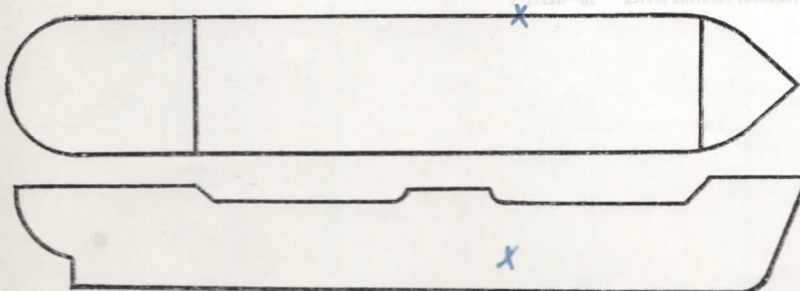
Owner W.S.A.

Operator PRUDENTIAL S.S. Co.

Information furnished by MASTER

Date 28 SEPTEMBER 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1943</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7176</u> Net <u>4380</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>28'9 3/4" (M)</u> Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>27'7" (M)</u> Aft _____
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>5600</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>NEW YORK</u> To <u>CASABLANCA, N. AFRICA.</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>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>MODERATE</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>3/17/43</u> Time <u>1815</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>38°21'N</u> Longitude <u>19°54'W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1- FOR'D # 3-P</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP (NOTED)</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>NO</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>10.5</u> When attacked <u>9.0</u> When abandoned <u>STOP.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>2102 (2 hrs 47 min.) NOTED</u> Sunk <u>2355 (5 hrs 40 min.) NOTED</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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NOTE ① - AFTER VESSEL HAD BEEN ABANDONED, IT WAS FINALLY SUNK WITH A TORPEDO FROM A NAVAL ESCORT VESSEL.

NOTE ② - IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HIT, MASTER + 52 MEN (MERCHANT + NAVAL) ABANDONED SHIP. IT REMAINED ABOARD, AND DIDN'T ABANDON UNTIL 2102 LAT - 2 hrs. 47 min. LATER, MASTER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED ON A CHARGE OF MISCONDUCT.

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

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29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>6</u> Which used <u>3</u> <u>1-FOULED + SWAMPED</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>3</u> How <u>2-TORPEDO EXPLOSION</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>4</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>2*</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>73</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>3</u> Boats - <u>2-HRS.</u> <u>4</u> Rafts - <u>2 1/2 hrs.</u> <u>1</u> Float <u>1</u> Boat <u>1</u> Raft <u>1</u> Float
38	Rescued by and where <u>3B+4R</u>	By <u>ALLIED SHIP</u> Where <u>AT SCENE</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>1</u> Unlicensed <u>33</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried	Passengers <u>1</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>70</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military)	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>1</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured	Officers <u>1</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>2</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>2</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost	Officers <u>2</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>4</u> Lost <u>4</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning <u>4</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>0</u> Other causes <u>0</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>25</u> Officers <u>6</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>33</u> Passengers <u>1</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>66</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>45</u> Rafts <u>21</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>13</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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