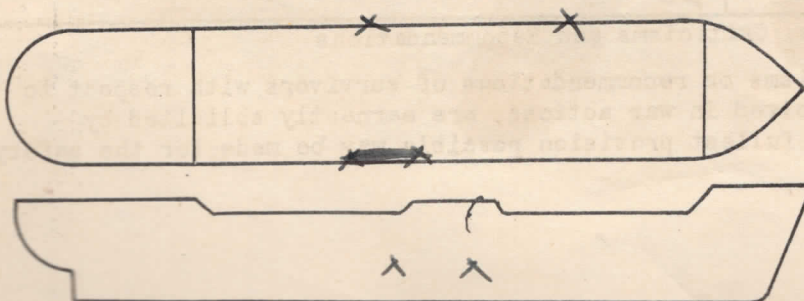


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REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE Service OCEAN FREIGHT.Owner U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION Operator PACIFIC ATLANTIC SS CO.Info. furnished by CREW. Date 13 JULY, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built 1942	Propulsion STEAM
2.	Tonnage	Gross 7176	Net 4374
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. 29' (M)	Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. 29' (M)	Aft 29
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL (BAUXITE) Tons 10,000	
6.	Voyage	From TRINIDAD	To NEW YORK.
7.	Were routing orders followed	YES	
8.	Any criticism of orders	NO.	
9.	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLEAR	Sea CALM
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	NO YES; AFTER.	
11.	Any friendly ships in sight	YES	
12.	Were navigation lights on	NO	
13.	Date and time of attack	Date 11/7/42	Time 2340
14.	Position	Lat. 11°34' N	Long. 63°26' W
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDOED	
16.	Number of hits	2	
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	1 MACH; 1 FOR'D. #1-P	
18.	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP.	
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	YES	
20.	Was armament used (State result)	NO	
21.	Any explosions or fires*	Ship YES; EXPL.	Cargo NO
22.	Was deck ruptured	YES	
23.	Did ship break in two	NO	
24.	Was SOS sent	NO	
25.	Ship's speed	Normal 10	When attacked 10 When abandoned 10
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 2340	Sunk 2341 (1 min)
27.	Was ship reboarded	By whom NO	When —
28.	Was ship brought in	How NO	Approx. damage SUNK.



*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	No. carried 4 Which used 0
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 4 How NO TIME FOR LAUNCHING
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 4 Which used * 4
32.	Life rafts	No. lost 0 # How NO TIME FOR LAUNCHING
33.	Life floats	No. carried — Which used —
34.	Life floats	No. lost — How —
35.	Lifesaving suits	No. carried No. used
36.	Were boats, etc. attacked	Attacked NO Casualties 0
37.	Time in each boat, raft etc.	Boat — 4 Raft 39 HRS. Float — Boat — — Raft — Float —
38.	Rescued by & where	By ALLIED SHIP Where 150 MI FR. SCENE
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 9
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 31
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 2 Others 0
42.	Total on board	52
43.	No. gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
44.	No. ship's crew injured	Officers 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 0
45.	No. passgrs. & others injured	Passgrs. 0 Others
46.	No. gun crew lost (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 6
47.	No. ship's crew lost	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 22
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 1 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 0 Lost 38 39
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 34 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 5 Other causes 0
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 2 Officers 0 Radio Oprs. 0 Unlicensed 10 Passgrs. 1 Others 0 Total 13 13
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 0 Rafts 13 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 6
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 5 No. lost below 5
54.	No. of lookouts	4
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.