

NEW JERSEY

8-28-42

OCEAN TANKER

CONFIDENTIAL

1. Position-Sea-Weather 18° 32'N, 82° 20'W; overcast and moderate
2. Convey or Independent Independent
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0810 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit #5 tank, port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; ship listed 45° to port.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 0840 (20min)- fear of further attack; gun crew prematurely abandoned - otherwise would have fought.
7. Persons Aboard -41 Lost -0
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0848 (30min)- 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit #5 tank, port side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive structural damage; bulkheads broken; ship straightened up, and then began to settle.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk, stern first at 0850 (30min).
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 0855 (40min)- 20 shell hits.
13. Location of 3rd Hit All over aft end.
14. Effect of 3rd Hit Extensive damage. Fire started aft, probably in bunkers or settling tanks.