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

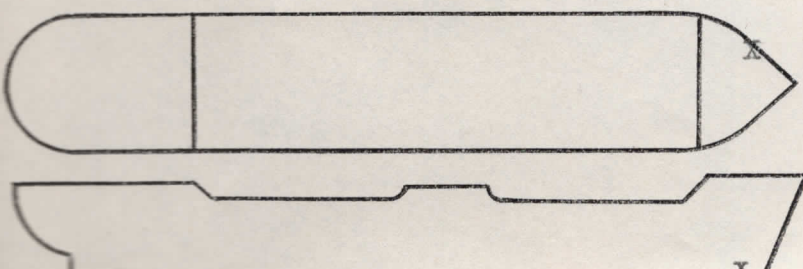
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship s/s NIELS POULSON Service Freight

Owner U. S. Maritime Commission Operator Dichmann, Wright, & Pugh, Inc.

Information furnished by Master and crew Date 20 Sept., 1946

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1944</u>	Propulsion <u>St.s.</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7198</u>	Net <u>4362</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>(M) 27' 9"</u>	Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>15' 6"</u>	Aft <u>23' 00"</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>Coal</u>	Tons <u>4514</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>Genoa, Italy</u>	To <u>Leghorn, Italy</u>
7	Were routing orders followed	<u>No</u>	
8	Any criticism of orders	<u>?</u>	
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>Fine and clear</u>	Sea <u>Smooth</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>No</u>	
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>No</u>	
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>Yes</u>	
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>14 Sept., 1946</u>	Time <u>0358</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>43' 27N</u>	Longitude <u>09.50E</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>Mined</u>	
16	Number of hits	<u>One</u>	
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>No. 1 hold flooded</u>	
18	Effect of hits	<u>No. 1 hold flooded</u>	
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>No</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>15.</u>	When attacked <u>13.6</u> When abandoned <u>NA</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>NA</u>	Sunk <u>NA</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NA</u>	When <u>NA</u>
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>Yes, own power</u>	Approximate damage <u>150,000</u>



*Fill in this diagram to show attack hits, fires, etc.

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	4	Which used	0
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	0	How	-
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried	0	Which used	0
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost	0	How	0
33	Life floats.....	Number carried	0	Which used	0
34	Life floats.....	Number lost	0	How	0
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	0	Number used	0
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	No	Casualties	NO
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc. NA	Boat		Raft	
		Boat		Raft	
38	Rescued by and where.....	By	NA	Where	NA
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
42	Total on board.....		38		
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers	0	Radiomen	0
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers	0	Radiomen	0
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured	1	Lost	0
50	Persons lost by (Specify) None	Drowning		Fire	
51	Total rescued NA	Gun crew		Officers	
52	Persons saved by NA	Boats		Rafts	
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	0
54	Number of look-outs.....		1		
55	Any defective material.....		No		
56	Any personnel fault.....		Possible		

COMMENTS, CRITICISMS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The comments, criticisms, or recommendations of survivors with respect to safety of seamen and ships involved in war actions earnestly solicited by Headquarters in order that the fullest provision possible may be made for the safety of American ships and seamen.

