

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

Ship s/s PORTMAR

Service OCEAN FREIGHT

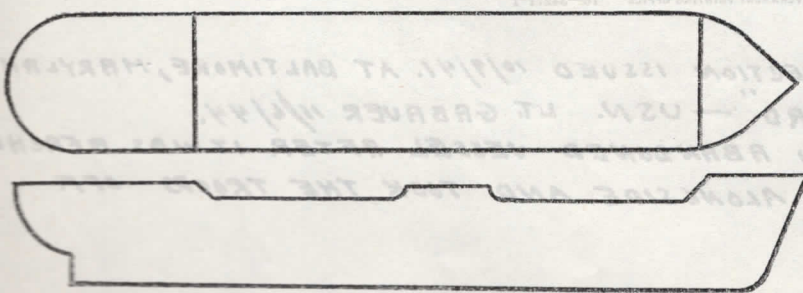
Owner CALMAR SS CORP.

Operator CALMAR SS CORP.

Information furnished by MASTER + OWNERS.

Date 6 NOVEMBER, 1944

| LINE No. | QUESTIONS | ANSWERS |
|----------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Year built and propulsion | Built <u>1919</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u> |
| 2 | Tonnage | Gross <u>5550</u> Net <u>3418</u> |
| 3 | Draft loaded (maximum allowed) | Fwd <u>24'6" (M)</u> Aft _____ |
| 4 | Draft when attacked | Fwd <u>12'5" (M)</u> Aft _____ |
| 5 | Cargo on board (any deck) | Nature <u>GENERAL + TROOPS</u> Tons <u>2000</u> |
| 6 | Voyage | From <u>SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.</u> To <u>MANILA, P.I.</u> |
| 7 | Were routing orders followed | <u>AT ANCHOR IN PORT DARWIN, AUSTRALIA</u> |
| 8 | Any criticism of orders | <u>NO</u> |
| 9 | Weather at time of attack | Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>SLIGHT</u> |
| 10 | Was enemy sighted? When | <u>YES; BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER ATTACK.</u> |
| 11 | Any friendly ships in sight | <u>YES.</u> |
| 12 | Were navigation lights on | <u>NO; DAYLIGHT</u> |
| 13 | Date and time of attack | Date <u>2-19-42</u> Time <u>1045</u> |
| 14 | Position | Latitude <u>12° 34' S</u> Longitude <u>130° 52' E</u> |
| 15 | Nature of attack (Give data) | <u>SHELLED (AIR)</u> |
| 16 | Number of hits | <u>91</u> |
| 17 | Location of hits (Mark diagram) | <u>ALL OVER</u> |
| 18 | Effect of hits | <u>EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.</u> |
| 19 | Was ship armed? What type | <u>YES - ARMY GUNS CARRIED AS CARGO</u> |
| 20 | Was armament used? State result | <u>YES; MANY HITS</u> |
| 21 | Any explosions or fires* | Ship <u>YES; FIRE</u> Cargo <u>YES; FIRE.</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>10.0</u> When attacked <u>AT ANCHOR</u> When abandoned <u>STOP.</u> |
| 26 | Time abandoned, sunk | Abandoned <u>1730 (6 hrs, 45 min.)</u> Sunk <u>N.S. (BEACHED)</u> |
| 27 | Was ship reboarded | By whom <u>YES</u> When <u>NEXT DAY</u> |
| 28 | Was ship brought in | <u>YES</u> How <u>OWN POWER TO BEACH.</u> Approximate damage <u>EXTENSIVE</u> |



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

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NOTE - VESSEL WAS SALVAGED, BUT WAS LATER SUNK IN AN ATTACK ON 6/16/43. VESSEL ACCORDING TO WSA BUREAU OF CHARTERS, WAS OPERATED BY CALMAR SS CO. UNTIL 11/17/42, AT WHICH TIME IT WAS REQUISITIONED BY WSA AND GIVEN TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

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

| LINE No. | QUESTIONS | ANSWERS |
|----------|--|---|
| 29 | Lifeboats..... | Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u> |
| 30 | Lifeboats..... | Number lost <u>4</u> How <u>SHELLFIRE (STRAPPING)</u> |
| 31 | Life rafts..... | Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0 (MADE FROM OIL DRUMS)</u> |
| 32 | Life rafts..... | Number lost <u>4</u> How <u>SHELLFIRE (STRAPPING)</u> |
| 33 | Life floats..... | Number carried <u>0</u> Which used <u>0</u> |
| 34 | Life floats..... | Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u> |
| 35 | Lifesaving suits..... | Number carried <u>0</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..... | Boat..... Raft..... Float..... |
| | | Boat..... Raft..... Float..... |
| 38 | Rescued by and where..... | By <u>NO LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT USED - ALL DESTROYED.</u> Where..... |
| 39 | Number of gun crew carried (military)..... | Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u> (b) |
| 40 | Number ship's crew carried..... | Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>26</u> |
| 41 | Number passengers and others carried..... | Passengers <u>300</u> Others <u>0</u> |
| 42 | Total on board..... | <u>335</u> |
| 43 | Number gun crew injured (military)..... | Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u> |
| 44 | Number ship's crew injured..... | Officers <u>2</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>10</u> |
| 45 | Number passengers and others injured..... | Passengers <u>UN.</u> Others <u>0.</u> |
| 46 | Number gun crew lost (military)..... | Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u> |
| 47 | Number ship's crew lost..... | Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>1</u> |
| 48 | Number passengers and others lost..... | Passengers <u>2</u> Other <u>0</u> |
| 49 | Total casualties..... | Injured <u>12 +</u> Lost <u>3</u> |
| 50 | Persons lost by (Specify)..... | Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>3</u> |
| | | Other causes <u>0</u> |
| 51 | Total rescued..... | Gun crew <u>0</u> Officers <u>8</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> |
| | | Unlicensed <u>25</u> Passengers <u>298</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>332</u> |
| 52 | Persons saved by..... | Boats <u>0</u> Rafts <u>0</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u> |
| | | Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>298</u> No aid <u>34</u> (c) |
| 53 | Engineering watch below..... | Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>0</u> |
| 54 | Number of look-outs..... | <u>30</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.

NOTES:- a) - LAST CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION ISSUED 10/9/41. AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
 b) - NO GUN CREW ON BOARD - USN. LT. GABAUER 11/6/44.
 c) - THE MERCHANT CREW ABANDONED VESSEL AFTER IT WAS BEACHED; ALLIED VESSELS CAME ALONGSIDE AND TOOK THE TROOPS OFF.