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1. Position-Sea-Weather 16°40'N, 64°30'E; clear and calm.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 1630 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit Machinery spaces starboard side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; port boiler exploded; communications and steering gear damaged severely; immediate flooding.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment Or Why Not 1650 (20 min.) - vessel beyond control. Fear of further attack.
7. Persons Aboard - 71 Lost by torpedo explosion - 4.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 1720 (50 min.) - 6 shell hits.
9. Location of 2nd Hit All over.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Fire broke out throughout ship.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 2400 (7 hours, 30 min.). Master taken prisoner after sub attacked lifeboats.