

CONFIDENTIAL

ROBERT BACON

7/14/43

1. Position-Sea-Weather 15°25'S, 44°13'E; clear and rough.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0235 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit #1 hold port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive damage; ship took 10° list, deck plates buckled, radio aerial destroyed, steam pipes parted, fuel pumps blown off foundations.
6. Time & Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not 0250 (15 min.) - ship beyond control.
7. Persons Aboard - 71 Lost by drowning - 1; lost by torpedo explosion - 1; total lost - 2.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0255 (20 min.) - 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit Machinery spaces starboard side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive damage to and flooding of machinery spaces.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 0340 (1 hour, 5 min.).
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 0330 (55 min.) - 1 torpedo.
13. Location of 3rd Hit #5 hold starboard side.
14. Effect of 3rd Hit Extensive structural damage and flooding.