

7 February 1943

110 S.S. ROBERT E. HOPKINS

U.S. Tanker, built 1921; 6,600 gross tons; cargo, heavy oil.  
Departed New York, 12 January, 1943, for Glasgow; in convoy.  
Torpedoed 7 February, 1943; 0050 Ship's time; 53°N.-26°W.  
Weather, overcast; sea, heavy; wind, strong NW.  
On board, 57; saved, 42.  
Vessel: total loss.

In the 11 th column of a 15-column convoy, this was the 5th, or last, ship in her column. She was hit forward on the starboard side, about 10 minutes after another vessel of the convoy had been attacked. Crew members lowered one lifeboat on order of another crew member, without the Master's authority. A second torpedo exploded with a flash in the engine room, causing the boilers to explode, and the ship immediately took a sharp starboard list. The crew abandoned the vessel in two boats and two rafts, and the 42 survivors were picked up two hours later by the corvette HMS MIGNONETTE and landed at Londonderry, N. Ireland, on 10 February, 1942.

