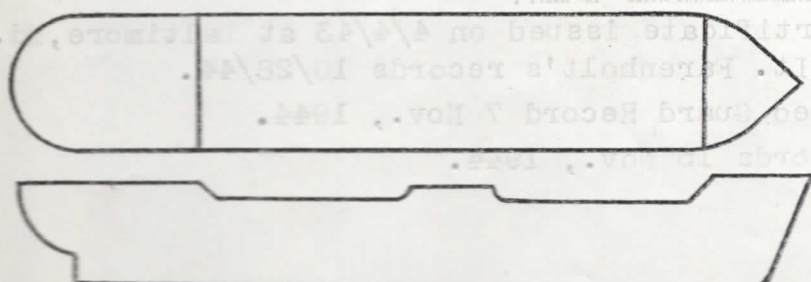


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 REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.
 Ship S/s ROBERT GRAY Service Ocean Freight
 Owner WSA Operator Waterman SS Agency
 Information furnished by WSA & HQ records Date 27 October, 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1942</u> Propulsion <u>Steam</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7176</u> Net <u>4374</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>27'8 1/2" (M)</u> Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>App. 27' (M)</u> Aft _____
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>General</u> Tons <u>8600</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>New York</u> To <u>United Kingdom</u>
7	Were routing orders followed	<u>Yes</u>
8	Any criticism of orders	<u>Un.</u>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>Un.</u> Sea <u>Un.</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>Un.</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>No; vessel lost convoy 4/14/43.</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>No</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>Between 4/14/43 and 4/28/43</u> Time <u>Un.</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>Un.</u> Longitude <u>Un.</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>Un. (Presumably Submarine)</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>Un.</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>Un.</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>Sank ship</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>1-4"50; 1-3"50; 8-20 MM.</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>Un.</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>Un.</u> Cargo <u>Un.</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>Un.</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>Un.</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>No</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>11.0</u> When attacked <u>Un.</u> When abandoned <u>Un.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>Un.</u> Sunk <u>Un.</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>Un.</u> When <u>Un.</u>
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>No</u> Approximate damage <u>Sunk</u>



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

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NOTE: Vessel was due to arrive in U.K. 4/28/43. Vessel has never been reported elsewhere. No indications that any of her crew are POWs. Vessel straggled from convoy on 4/13-14/43. (OVER)

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 4 Which used Un.
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost Un. How Un.
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried 4 Which used Un.
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost Un. How Un.
33	Life floats.....	Number carried 20 Which used Un.
34	Life floats.....	Number lost Un. How Un.
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried 59 Number used Un.
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked Un. Casualties Un.
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Un. Boat Un. Raft Un. Float
		Un. Boat Un. Raft Un. Float
38	Rescued by and where.....	By No survivors Where
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers 1 Enlisted men 18
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers 8 Radiomen 1 Unlicensed 30
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers 0 Others 0
42	Total on board.....	58
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers 0 Radiomen 0 Unlicensed 0
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers 0 Others 0
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers 1 Enlisted men 18
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers 8 Radiomen 1 Unlicensed 30
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers 0 Other: 0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured 0 Lost 18
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning Un. Fire Un. Shell or torpedo Un.
		Other causes Un.
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew 0 Officers 0 Radio operators 0
		Unlicensed 0 Passengers 0 Others 0 Total 0
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats 0 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0
		Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 0
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below 3 Number lost below 3
54	Number of look-outs.....	App. 8
55	Any defective material.....	No
56	Any personnel fault.....	No

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.

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NOTE:-Vessel's last inspection certificate issued on 4/4/43 at Baltimore, Md.
 -Checked merchant crew with Lt. Farenholt's records 10/28/44.
 -Checked with U. S. Navy Armed Guard Record 7 Nov., 1944.
 -Checked with U. S. Army Records 15 Nov., 1944.