

REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

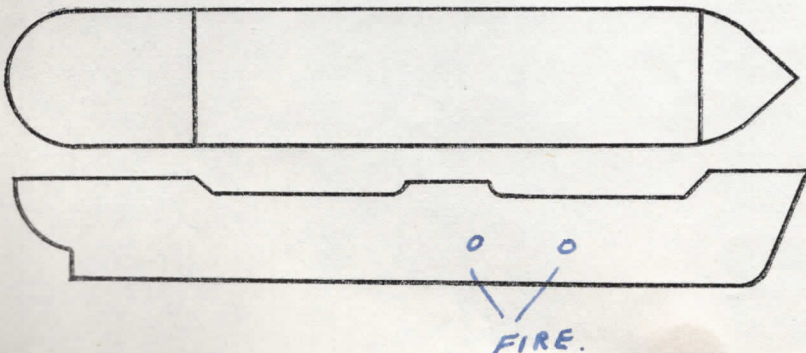
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship S/S SAMUEL HUNTINGTON Service OCEAN FREIGHT

Owner WSA Operator OLIVER J. OLSON

Information furnished by MASTER Date 1 NOVEMBER, 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1942</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7149</u> Net <u>7149</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>28'(M)</u> Aft <u>29</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>21'10</u> Aft <u>22'11"(M)</u> Aft <u>24</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL T AMMUNITION</u> Tons <u>4000</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>NAPLES</u> To <u>NETTUNO</u>
7	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u>
8	Any criticism of orders	<u>NO</u>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>CALM</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>1/29/44</u> Time <u>1800</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>AT ANCHOR 1/4 MI. OFF NETTUNO BEACH, ITALY</u> Longitude
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>BOMBED - (CONCUSSION)</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>2 (NEAR MISSES)</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>2 - MACH.</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES.</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>YES; DOWNED SEVERAL PLANES</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>YES; FIRE</u> Cargo <u>YES; EXPLOSION & FIRE</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>10.5</u> When attacked <u>AT ANCHOR</u> When abandoned <u>STOP</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>1815 (15 min.)</u> Sunk <u>1830 (30 min.)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>N.O.</u> When
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



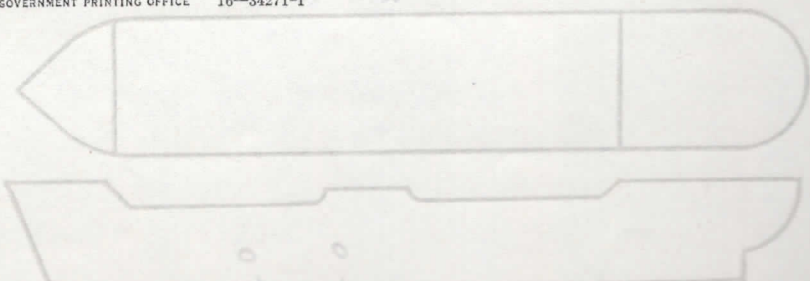
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Indicate by star (*) rafts, floats, or suits used as temporary refuge in water before rescue by lifeboats.

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29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>3</u>									
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>BOMB EXPLOSION</u>									
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>5</u> Which used <u>1</u>									
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>4</u> How <u>NOT NEEDED</u>									
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>40</u> Which used <u>0</u>									
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>40</u> How <u>NOT NEEDED</u>									
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>45</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.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>1</u> Boat <u>5-15 min.</u></td> <td><u>1</u> Raft <u>10 min.</u></td> <td><u>—</u> Float</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1</u> Boat <u>45 min.</u></td> <td><u>—</u> Raft</td> <td><u>—</u> Float</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1</u> Boat <u>2 min.</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<u>1</u> Boat <u>5-15 min.</u>	<u>1</u> Raft <u>10 min.</u>	<u>—</u> Float	<u>1</u> Boat <u>45 min.</u>	<u>—</u> Raft	<u>—</u> Float	<u>1</u> Boat <u>2 min.</u>		
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38	Rescued by and where <u>JBTR</u>	By <u>ALLIED SHIPS</u> Where <u>AT SCENE</u>									
39	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers <u>3</u> Enlisted men <u>36</u>									
40	Number ship's crew carried	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Uncensored <u>36</u>									
41	Number passengers and others carried	Passengers <u>18</u> Others <u>0</u>									
42	Total on board	<u>102</u>									
43	Number gun crew injured (military)	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>1</u>									
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48	Number passengers and others lost	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>									
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53	Engineering watch below	Number on watch below <u>0</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>									
54	Number of look-outs	<u>10</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.



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