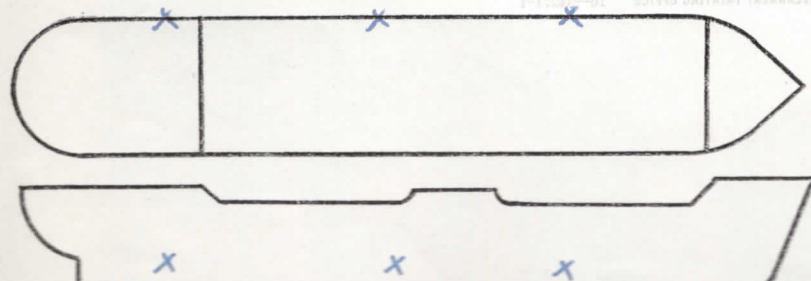


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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.
 Ship **M STAGHOUND** Service **OCEAN FREIGHT**
 Owner **U.S. LINES** Operator **W.S.A.**
 Information furnished by **MASTER.** Date **18 SEPTEMBER 1944**

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built 1942 Propulsion DIESEL
2	Tonnage	Gross 8,591 Net 6,800
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd 28' (M) Aft 29
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd 28' (M) Aft 29
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL Tons 5,800
6	Voyage	From NEW YORK To RIO DE JANEIRO,
7	Were routing orders followed	YES
8	Any criticism of orders	NO.
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather CLEAR Sea MODERATE.
10	Was enemy sighted? When	NO.
11	Any friendly ships in sight	NO.
12	Were navigation lights on	NO.
13	Date and time of attack	Date 3/3/43 Time 1915
14	Position	Latitude 16° 44' S Longitude 36° 33' W.
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDED
16	Number of hits	3
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	1-AFT; 1-MACH; 1-FOR'D. # 5-R # 3-P
18	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP.
19	Was ship armed? What type	YES
20	Was armament used? State result	NO.
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship NO Cargo NO.
22	Was deck ruptured	NO
23	Did ship break in two	NO
24	Was SOS sent	YES
25	Ship's speed	Normal 16.2 When attacked 16.1 When abandoned STOP.
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 1925 (10 min.) Sunk 1945 (30 min.)
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom NO When —
28	Was ship brought in	How NO Approximate damage SUNK.



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

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>2</u> Which used <u>2</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>1*</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>3</u> How <u>1-TORPEDO EXPLOSION</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>0</u> Which used <u>0</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>2</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.....	<u>2</u> Boats <u>25 HRS</u> Raft _____ Float _____
		<u>1</u> Boat _____ Raft _____ Float _____
38	Rescued by and where <u>2 B</u> By <u>ALLIED SHIP</u> Where <u>NEAR SCENE</u>	
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>24</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>10</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>48</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>84</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Other <u>0</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>0</u> Lost <u>0</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>0</u>
		Other causes <u>0</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>25</u> Officers <u>10</u> Radio operators <u>1</u>
		Unlicensed <u>48</u> Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>84</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>84</u> Rafts <u>0</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u>
		Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>0</u>
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>4</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>9</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.

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

