

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S STEPHEN HOPKINS

Service OCEAN FREIGHT

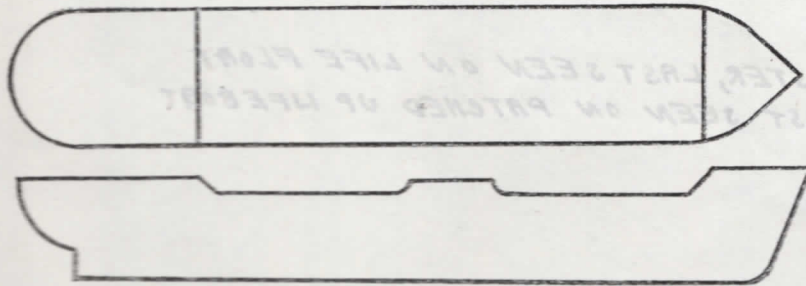
Owner W.S.R.

Operator LUCKENBACH S.S. Co.

Information furnished by CREW.

Date 28 August 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1942</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7181</u> Net <u>5000</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>29</u> Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>UNKNOWN</u> Aft
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>BALLAST</u> Tons <u>0</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>CAPETOWN</u> To <u>PARAMARIBO.</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>HAZY</u> Sea <u>MODERATE.</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>YES; BEFORE ATTACK.</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>NO.</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO - DAYLIGHT</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>9/27/42</u> Time <u>0930</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>28.08' S</u> Longitude <u>20° 01' W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>SHELLED</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>UNKNOWN (MANY)</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>ALL OVER.</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; SANK 1 SURFACE RAIDER</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>YES; FIRE & EXPLOSION</u> Cargo <u>NO.</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>12.0</u> When attacked <u>12.0</u> When abandoned <u>STOP</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0955 (25 min)</u> Sunk <u>1030 (1 hour)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When <u>-</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.

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

QUESTIONS		ANSWERS			
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	4	Which used	1
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	3	How	SHELL FIRE
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	1*
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost	3	How	SHELL FIRE
33	Life floats.....	Number carried	2	Which used	1*
34	Life floats.....	Number lost	1	How	SHELL FIRE
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	0	Number used	0
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	1 Boat	31 DAYS	Raft	—
		Boat	—	Raft	—
38	Rescued by and where.....	By	MADE PORT	Where	BARRADO ITABOPOANA, BRAZIL
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	14
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
				Unlicensed	32
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers	1	Others	0
42	Total on board.....		57		
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	9
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers	7	Radiomen	1
				Unlicensed	23
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers	1	Others	0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured	0	Lost	42
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning	0	Fire	0
				Shell or torpedo	36
		Other causes	6 (UNKNOWN) NOTED		
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	5	Officers	1
		Unlicensed	9	Passengers	0
				Others	0
				Total	15
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats	15	Rafts	0
				Floats	0
		Preservers	0	Other means	0
				No aid	0
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	0
54	Number of look-outs.....		5		
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.

NOTE ① 5- INCLUDING MASTER, LAST SEEN ON LIFE FLOAT
1- 3RD MATE - LAST SEEN ON PATCHED UP LIFEBOAT