

TOUCHET
(Ocean Tanker)

12-3-43

1. Position-Sea-Weather 25°15'N, 86°15'W; clear and moderate.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0230; 1 torpedo
4. Location of 1st Hit Port bow
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; flood forward hold. Vessel settling fast by the head, so Master ordered full speed astern.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 0245 (15 min)- Vessel severely damaged; fear of further attack, since sub played searchlight on vessel while it was being abandoned.
7. Persons Aboard - 80 Lost by drowning - 10.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0240 (10 min) 1 - possibly torpedo, believed to have been a dud.
9. Location of 2nd Hit Port side, amidships.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Slight damage - didn't explode.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 0600 (3 hrs., 30 mins.)
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 0330 (1 hr.) 1 torpedo
13. Location of 3rd Hit Machinery spaces, starboard side.
14. Effect of 3rd Hit Extensive damage; demolished machinery.