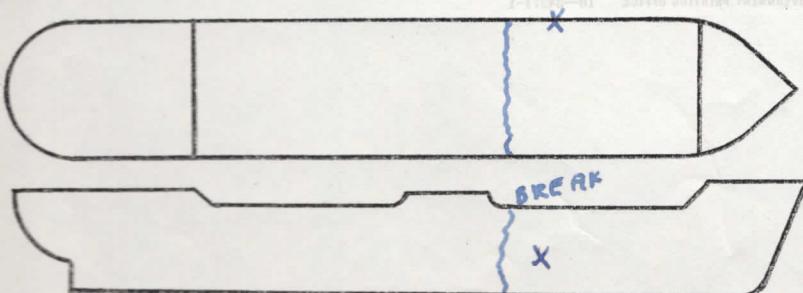


To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship/s VIRGINIA DAREService OCEAN FREIGHTOwner WSAOperator SOUTH ATLANTIC S.S. Co.Information furnished by MASTER 2ND MATEDate 2 NOVEMBER 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1942</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7177</u> Net <u>4156</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>28'(M)</u> Aft <u>29'6</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>27'10"(M)</u> Aft <u>29'8</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>8240</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>NEW YORK</u> To <u>ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT</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>MODERATE ROUGH</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>NO</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>YES; CONVOY</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO; DAYLIGHT</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>3/6/44</u> Time <u>0812</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>8°11' OFF SHORE, BETWEEN TUNIS AND BIZERTE.</u> Longitude <u>AND BIZERTE.</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-FOR'D - 1-# 3-P</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>NO</u> Cargo <u>NO</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>YES (ON 3/13/44 - NOTED)</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>11.0</u> When attacked <u>8.5</u> When abandoned <u>N.A.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>N.A.</u> Sunk <u>N.S.</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>N.A.</u> When <u>—</u>
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>OWN POWER TO TUNIS</u> Approximate damage <u>EXTENSIVE</u>

NOTED - VESSEL CONSIDERED A "CONSTRUCTIVE TOTAL LOSS" BY WSA. 11/2/44 J.N.Z.



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

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NOTED MASTER BROUGHT VESSEL TO TUNIS IN A SEVERELY DAMAGED CONDITION. AFTER A PART OF THE CARGO WAS DISCHARGED, VESSEL WAS ORDERED TO PROCEED TO BIZERTE ON 3/12/44. ENROUTE VESSEL BROKE IN TWO, THE FORWARD END SINKING (NOT OUT OF SIGHT) IN SHALLOW WATER. THE AFT END WAS TOWED TO BIZERTE ON 3/31/44. CARGO WAS TAKEN OFF AND AFT END STRIPPED. CARGO WAS ALSO SALVAGED FROM FOR'D END.

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

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS												
		NOT ABANDONED												
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>												
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>												
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>0</u>												
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>												
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>												
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</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>Boat</td> <td>Boat</td> <td>Raft</td> <td>Raft</td> <td>Float</td> <td>Float</td> </tr> <tr> <td>—</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td> </tr> </table>	Boat	Boat	Raft	Raft	Float	Float	—	—	—	—	—	—
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38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>N.A.</u> Where <u>—</u>												
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>27</u>												
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>36</u>												
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>3</u> Others <u>0</u>												
42	Total on board.....	<u>76</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>1</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> Others <u>0</u>												
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>1</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>28</u> Officers <u>8</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>36</u> Passengers <u>3</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>76</u>												
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>0</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> N.A.												
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>												
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>6</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.