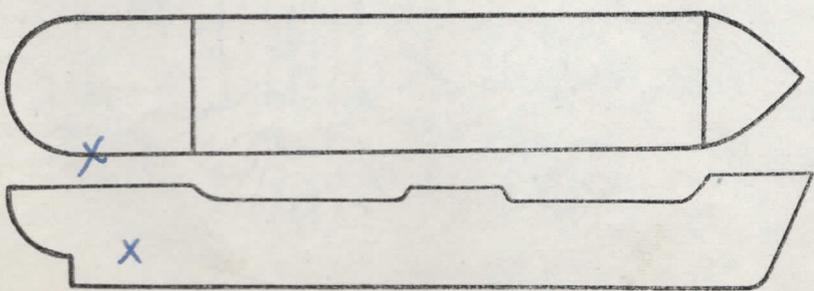


Ships/S VIRGINIA SINCLAIR Service OCEAN TANKER.
 Owner SINCLAIR REFINING CO. Operator W.S.A.
 Information furnished by MASTER Date 27 DECEMBER, 1944.

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1930</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>6151</u> Net <u>3796</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd. <u>25'06" (M)</u> Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>24'08" (M)</u> Aft
5	D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.)	<u>10,000</u>
6	Cargo 42's capacity and carried	Capacity <u>66,000 BBLS.</u> Carried <u>66,000 BBLS</u>
7	Kind of cargo or tank ballast	<u>AVIATION GASOLINE</u>
8	Was ship gas-free? (Specify)	<u>NO; LOADED</u>
9	Voyage	From <u>BAYTOWN, TEXAS</u> To <u>CANAL ZONE</u>
10	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u>
11	Any criticism of orders	<u>NO</u>
12	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>CALM.</u>
13	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>NO</u>
14	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>YES; CONVOY.</u>
15	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO</u>
16	Date and time of attack	Date <u>3-10-43</u> Time <u>0030</u>
17	Position	Latitude <u>20°11'45" N</u> Longitude <u>74°04'45" W</u>
18	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
19	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
20	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-MACH.</u>
21	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP NOTE@</u>
22	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES; 1-4"; 2-30 CAL.</u>
23	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO.</u>
24	Was oil sprayed over ship	<u>NO</u>
25	Did cargo fire (Mark diagram)	<u>NO</u>
26	Did tanks explode (Mark diagram)	<u>NO</u>
27	Was deck ruptured	<u>NO</u>
28	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
29	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
30	Ship's speed	Normal <u>11.5</u> When attacked <u>8.5</u> When abandoned <u>STOP</u>
31	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0045 (15 min)</u> Sunk <u>0600 (5 1/2 hrs.)</u>
32	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When
33	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK NOTE@</u>



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

NOTE@ - VESSEL SETTLED WITH 30' OUT OF WATER. FINALLY SUNK BY ESCORT'S GUNFIRE. 16-34368-2

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

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS				
34	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	4	Which used	3	
35	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	1	How	NOT NEEDED	
36	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	1*	
37	Life rafts.....	Number lost	3	How	2 - NOT NEEDED 1 - DRIFTED AWAY	
38	Life floats.....	Number carried	2	Which used	0	
39	Life floats.....	Number lost	2	How	NOT NEEDED	
40	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	44	Number used	0	
41	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0	
42	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	3 1/2 HR. Boat	—	—	—	
		— — Boat	—	—	—	
43	Rescued by and where.....	By	ALLIED SHIP	Where	AT SCENE	
44	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	6	
45	Number of ship's crew carried.....	Officers	9	Radiomen	1	
				Uncensored	28	
46	Number of others carried.....		0			
47	Total on board.....		44			
48	Number of gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	1	
49	Number of ship's crew injured.....	Officers	1	Radiomen	0	
				Uncensored	1	
50	Number of others injured.....		0			
51	Number of gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0	
52	Number of ship's crew lost.....	Officers	1	Radiomen	0	
				Uncensored	6	
53	Number of others lost.....		0			
54	Total casualties.....	Injured	3	Lost	7	
55	Persons lost by (specify).....	Drowning	—	Fire	—	
		Shell or Torpedo	—		7	
	Other causes					
56	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	6	Officers	8	
		Radiomen	1			
		Uncensored	22	Others	0	
	Total	37				
57	Persons saved by.....	Boats	37	Rafts	0	
		Floats	0	Suits	0	
	Preservers	0	Other means	0	No aid	0
58	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	3	
59	Number of lookouts.....		4			
60	Any defective material.....		NO			
61	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.

