

# REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT TANKER WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S VIRGINIA

Service OCEAN TANKER.

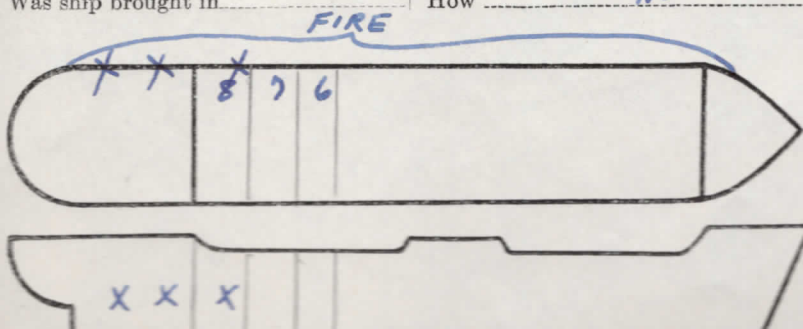
Owner NATIONAL BULK CARRIERS

Operator NATIONAL BULK CARRIERS

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Date 30 NOVEMBER, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1941</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>10,731</u> Net <u>8472</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd. <u>31'8 5/8" (M)</u> Aft
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>32' (M)</u> Aft
5	D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.)	<u>16,000</u>
6	Cargo 42's capacity and carried	Capacity <u>157,802 BBLs.</u> Carried <u>150,000 BBLs.</u>
7	Kind of cargo or tank ballast	<u>GASOLINE</u>
8	Was ship gas-free? (Specify)	<u>NO; LOADED</u>
9	Voyage	From <u>BAYTOWN, TEXAS</u> To <u>BATON ROUGE, LA.</u>
10	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u>
11	Any criticism of orders	<u>YES</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; SS HARRY LUCKENBACH + PILOT BOAT</u>
15	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO; DAYLIGHT</u>
16	Date and time of attack	Date <u>5-12-42</u> Time <u>1506</u>
17	Position	Latitude <u>28°53'N</u> Longitude <u>89°29'W.</u>
18	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
19	Number of hits	<u>3</u>
20	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>2-MACH; 1-AFT (3/4 PAR. BOD.)</u>
21	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
22	Was ship armed? What type	<u>NO</u>
23	Was armament used? State result	<u>-</u>
24	Was oil sprayed over ship	<u>YES</u>
25	Did cargo fire (Mark diagram)	<u>YES</u>
26	Did tanks explode (Mark diagram)	<u>YES</u>
27	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
28	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
29	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
30	Ship's speed	Normal <u>16.5</u> When attacked <u>STOP</u> When abandoned <u>STOP</u>
31	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>1510 (4 min.)</u> Sunk <u>NEXT DAY</u> <u>12H</u>
32	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When
33	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



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

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	2	Which used	0
35	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	2	How	NO TIME FOR LAUNCHING
36	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	0
37	Life rafts.....	Number lost	4	How	FIRE
38	Life floats.....	Number carried	0	Which used	0
39	Life floats.....	Number lost	0	How	0
40	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	0	Number used	0
41	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0
42	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boat	—	Raft	—
43	Rescued by and where <u>SURVIVORS</u>	By	ALLIED SHIP	Where	AT SCENE
44	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
45	Number of ship's crew carried	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
46	Number of others carried		0	Unlicensed	32
47	Total on board		41		
48	Number of gun crew injured (military)	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
49	Number of ship's crew injured	Officers	0	Radiomen	0
50	Number of others injured		0	Unlicensed	0
51	Number of gun crew lost (military)	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
52	Number of ship's crew lost	Officers	6	Radiomen	1
53	Number of others lost		0	Unlicensed	20
54	Total casualties	Injured	UN.	Lost	27
55	Persons lost by (specify)	Drowning	0	Fire	27
56	Total rescued	Other causes	0	Shell or Torpedo	0
57	Persons saved by	Gun crew	0	Officers	2
58	Engineering watch below	Unlicensed	12	Radiomen	0
59	Number of lookouts	Others	0	Total	14
60	Any defective material	Boats	0	Others	0
61	Any personnel fault	Rafts	0	Floats	0
		Suits	0	No aid	6
		Preservers	8	Other means	0
		Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	0
			NO		
			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.

