

CONFIDENTIAL

WEST MAXIMUS

5/4/43

1. Position-Sea-Weather 55°00'N, 43°00'W; cloudy and rough.
2. Convoy or Independent Convoy.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 2019 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit After peak port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Blew away good part of stern section wrecking steering mechanism, making further maneuverability impossible.
6. Time & Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not 2236 (2 hours, 17 min.) - ship beyond control & completely wrecked.
7. Persons Aboard - 60 Lost by drowning - 2; lost by torpedo explosion - 4; total lost - 6.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 2221 (2 hours, 2 min.) - 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit #3 hold port side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Exploded settling tanks, flooded fireroom and wrecked steam lines.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 2251 (2 hours, 32 min.).
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 2223 (2 hours, 4 min.) - 1 torpedo.
13. Location of 3rd Hit #2 hold port side.
14. Disposition of Vessel Vessel settled rapidly and sank.