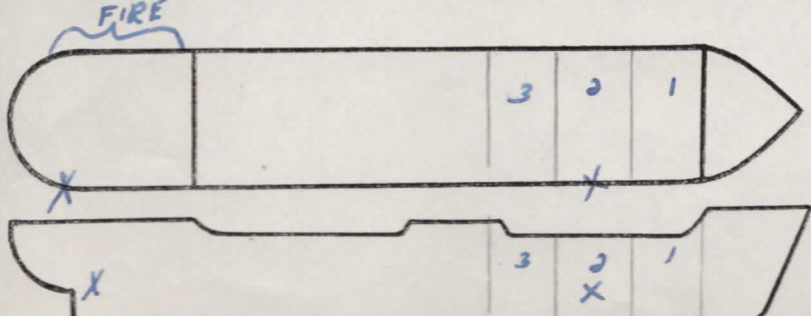


Ship/MS WILLIAM C. McTARNAHAN Service OCEAN TANKER
 Owner NATIONAL BULK CARRIERS. Operator NATIONAL BULK CARRIERS.
 Information furnished by MASTER + CREW + OWNERS + ONI REPORT Date 1 DECEMBER, 1942

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion.....	Built <u>1941</u> Propulsion <u>DIESEL</u>
2	Tonnage.....	Gross <u>7306</u> Net <u>5826</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed).....	Fwd. <u>28'08" (M)</u> Aft.....
4	Draft when attacked.....	Fwd. <u>16'09" (M)</u> Aft.....
5	D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.).....	<u>13035</u>
6	Cargo 42's capacity and carried.....	Capacity <u>112170</u> Carried <u>BALLAST</u>
7	Kind of cargo or tank ballast.....	<u>SALT WATER BALLAST</u>
8	Was ship gas-free? (Specify).....	<u>NO</u>
9	Voyage.....	From <u>NEW YORK</u> To <u>PORT ISABEL, TEXAS</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>HAZY</u> Sea <u>SLIGHT</u>
13	Was enemy sighted? When.....	<u>YES; AFTER ATTACK</u>
14	Any friendly ships in sight.....	<u>NO</u>
15	Were navigation lights on.....	<u>NO</u>
16	Date and time of attack.....	Date <u>5-16-42</u> Time <u>0412</u>
17	Position.....	Latitude <u>28° 52' N</u> Longitude <u>90° 20' W</u>
18	Nature of attack (Give data).....	<u>TORPEDOED + SHELLED</u>
19	Number of hits.....	<u>2 TORPEDOES; 18 SHELLS.</u>
20	Location of hits (Mark diagram).....	<u>1-MACH; 1-FOR'D (1/4 PAR. BOD.); 18 SHELLS - ALL OVER</u>
21	Effect of hits.....	<u>EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE NOTED</u>
22	Was ship armed? What type.....	<u>YES</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; (BUNKERS AFIRE AFT)</u>
26	Did tanks explode (Mark diagram).....	<u>NO</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>11.1</u> When attacked <u>11.1</u> When abandoned <u>STOP</u>
31	Time abandoned, sunk.....	Abandoned <u>0429 (17 min.)</u> Sunk <u>N.S.</u>
32	Was ship reboarded.....	By whom <u>U.S.C.G.</u> When <u>LATER.</u>
33	Was ship brought in.....	How <u>TOWED IN.</u> Approximate damage <u>EXTENSIVE NOTED</u>



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

NOTED - VESSEL WAS TOWED INTO PORT, AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY IN THE WAY OF GROUNDING WHILE UNDER TOW. IT HAS SINCE BEEN RENAMED THE "ST. JAMES" AND IS CURRENTLY CERTIFICATED AND REGISTERED BY THAT NAME.

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 <u>2</u> Which used <u>2</u>
35	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
36	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>3*</u>
37	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>TORPEDO EXPLOSION</u>
38	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>0</u> Which used <u>0</u>
39	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
40	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>40</u> Number used <u>0</u>
41	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>
42	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	<u>2--4 hrs</u> Boat <u>—</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u>
		<u>—</u> Boat <u>—</u> Raft <u>—</u> Float <u>—</u>
43	Rescued by and where..... <u>28</u>	By <u>ALLIED FISHING VESSELS</u> Where <u>AT SCENE</u>
44	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>7</u>
45	Number of ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>9</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>28</u>
46	Number of others carried.....	<u>0</u>
47	Total on board.....	<u>45</u>
48	Number of gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>2</u>
49	Number of ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>4</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>13</u>
50	Number of others injured.....	<u>0</u>
51	Number of gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
52	Number of ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>3</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>15</u>
53	Number of others lost.....	<u>0</u>
54	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>19</u> Lost <u>18</u>
55	Persons lost by (specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>14</u> Shell or Torpedo <u>4</u>
		Other causes <u>0</u>
56	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>7</u> Officers <u>6</u> Radiomen <u>1</u>
		Unlicensed <u>13</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>27</u>
57	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>27</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>
58	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>3</u>
59	Number of lookouts.....	<u>5</u>
60	Any defective material.....	<u>NO</u>
61	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.

