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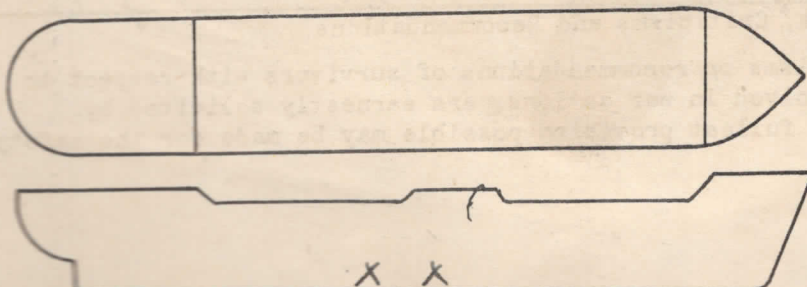
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship S/S WILLIAM CLARK Service OCEAN FREIGHTOwner U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION Operator ISTHMIAN SS Co.Info. furnished by CHIEF MATE Date 13 JULY, 1944

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1.	Year built & propulsion	Built 1942	Propulsion STEAM
2.	Tonnage	Gross 7176	Net 4374
3.	Draft loaded (max. allowed)	Fwd. 27' 7/8" (M)	Aft
4.	Draft when attacked	Fwd. 24' (M)	Aft 24
5.	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature GENERAL	Tons 6337
6.	Voyage	From HVALFJORD	To MURMANSK, RUSSIA
7.	Were routing orders followed	YES	
8.	Any criticism of orders	YES	
9.	Weather at time of attack	Weather OVERCAST	Sea MODERATE
10.	Was enemy sighted - (when)	NO	
11.	Any friendly ships in sight	NO	
12.	Were navigation lights on	NO DAYLIGHT	
13.	Date and time of attack	Date 11/4/42	Time 1158
14.	Position	Lat. 71° 05' N	Long. 13° 20' W
15.	Nature of attack (Give data)	TORPEDO	
16.	Number of hits	3	
17.	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	MACH.	
18.	Effect of hits	SANK SHIP	
19.	Was ship armed (What type)	YES; 8-20MM; 5-50MM; 1-3"; 1-5"	
20.	Was armament used (State result)	NO	
21.	Any explosions or fires*	Ship NO	Cargo NO
22.	Was deck ruptured	NO	
23.	Did ship break in two	YES	
24.	Was SOS sent	YES	
25.	Ship's speed	Normal 10.5	When attacked 10.5 When abandoned STOPPED.
26.	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned 1208 (10M)	Sunk 1223 (25 min)
27.	Was ship reboarded	By whom NO	When —
28.	Was ship brought in	How NO	Approx. damage SUNK.



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

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

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29.	Lifeboats	No. carried 4 Which used 3
30.	Lifeboats	No. lost 1 How <i>TORP. EXP.</i>
31.	Life rafts	No. carried 4 Which used 0
32.	Life rafts	No. lost 4 How <i>NOT NEEDED.</i>
33.	Life floats	No. carried 2 Which used 0
34.	Life floats	No. lost 2 How <i>NOT NEEDED</i>
35.	Lifesaving suits	No. carried 68 No. used 30
36.	Were boats, etc. attacked	Attacked <i>NO</i> Casualties 0
37.	Time in each boat, raft etc.	Boats - 3-0 Raft Float 1 Boat (<i>23 PERSONS</i>) <i>PRESUMED LOST</i> Float
38.	Rescued by & where	By <i>2-ALLIED SHIPS</i> Where <i>NEAR SCENE</i>
39.	No. gun crew carried (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 29
40.	No. ship's crew carried	Officers 8 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 32
41.	No. passgrs. & others carried	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
42.	Total on board	71
43.	No. gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 1
44.	No. ship's crew injured	Officers 0 Radio men 0 Unlicensed 0
45.	No. passgrs. & others injured	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
46.	No. gun crew lost (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 7 12
47.	No. ship's crew lost	Officers 3 4 Radio men 1 Unlicensed 13 13
48.	No. passgrs. & others lost	Passgrs. 0 Others 0
49.	Total casualties	Injured 1 Lost 16 31
50.	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning 0 Fire 0 Shell or Torp. 5 Other causes <i>23 MISS. PRE. LOST 2-EXPOS. 1-g.c. 13-40</i>
51.	Total rescued	Gun crew 32 17 Officers 5 4 Radio Oprs. 0 Unlicensed 38 19 Passgrs. 0 Others 0 Total 55 40
52.	Persons saved by	Boats 40 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 0
53.	Engineering watch below	No. on watch below 5 No. lost below 5
54.	No. of lookouts	8
55.	Any defective material	<i>NO</i>
56.	Any personnel fault	<i>NO</i>

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.