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CONFIDENTIAL

1. Position-Sea-Weather 49° 36'N, 010 15'W; overcast and moderate
2. Convoy or Independent Independent
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 1520 - 1 mine *torpedo*
4. Location of 1st Hit Stern of starboard side
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; propeller destroyed; 11' of water in #5 hold; vessel drifting
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 1615 (55min)- vessel beyond control; fear of striking more mines; master unaware of minefield in this area
7. Persons on Board-68 Lost by mine explosion-16 (lost while lowering boat; 2nd mine hit beneath them)
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 1609 (49min)- 1 mine *torpedo*
9. Location of 2nd Hit Beneath bridge on port side
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive structural damage; 18 men killed while lowering #2 boat.
11. Disposition of Vessel Towed to beach 0200 - 11-24-44 C.T.L.