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OCEAN TANKER

1. Position-Sea-Weather 05° 37'S, 006 56'E; clear and moderate
2. Convoy or Independent Independent
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 2137 - 2147 (10 min.)- 3 torpedoes and numerous shell hits from a surface raider and several torpedo boats.
4. Location of 1st Hit All over.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; vessel in ballast but bunkers set afire.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 2145 (8 min)- vessel beyond control; 3 shots from aft gun fired at raiders but gun knocked out. No other resort.
7. Persons Aboard - 46 Lost by drowning 2; by shell fire and torpedo-7. Total lost - 9; (26 survivors are prisoners of war.)
8. Disposition of vessel Sank - 2202 (25min.)-