

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
 REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

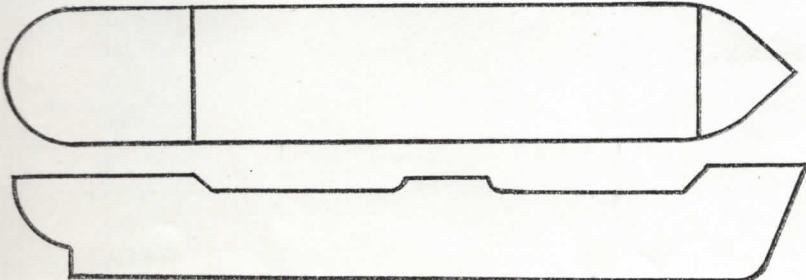
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship *S/s WILLIAM H. WEBB* Service *OCEAN FREIGHT*

Owner *W.S.A.* Operator *STATES MARINE*

Information furnished by *MASTER* Date *7 OCTOBER 1944*

LINE No.	QUESTIONS*	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <i>1943</i> Propulsion <i>STEAM</i>
2	Tonnage	Gross <i>7176</i> Net <i>4380</i>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <i>27'9" (M)</i> Aft <i>27'10</i>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <i>25'3 25'3 1/2" (M)</i> Aft <i>25'4</i>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <i>GENERAL</i> Tons <i>5000?</i>
6	Voyage	From <i>BALTIMORE, MD.</i> To <i>CASABLANCA.</i>
7	Were routing orders followed	<i>YES</i>
8	Any criticism of orders	<i>NO</i>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <i>RAIN</i> Sea <i>MODERATE</i>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<i>NO</i>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<i>YES; CONVOY</i>
12	Were navigation lights on	<i>NO</i>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <i>6/14/43</i> Time <i>0131</i>
14	Position	Latitude <i>39° 03' N</i> Longitude <i>77° 0' W</i>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<i>TORPEDOED</i>
16	Number of hits	<i>NEAR MISS (CONCUSSION) NOTE (D)</i>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<i>NEAR MISS.</i>
18	Effect of hits	<i>SLIGHT DAMAGE TO BEARINGS & SHIP IN GENERAL.</i>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<i>YES</i>
20	Was armament used? State result.	<i>NO</i>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <i>NO</i> Cargo <i>NO</i>
22	Was deck ruptured	<i>NO</i>
23	Did ship break in two	<i>NO</i>
24	Was SOS sent	<i>NO</i>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <i>10.5</i> When attacked <i>8.0</i> When abandoned <i>N.A.</i>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <i>N.A.</i> Sunk <i>N.S.</i>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <i>N.A.</i> When _____
28	Was ship brought in	How <i>YES OWN POWER</i> Approximate damage <i>SLIGHT.</i>



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

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NOTE (D) - TORPEDO WAS SET OFF BY VESSEL'S PARAVANE GEAR,
 (OVER)

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

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS			
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	4	Which used	0 <u>NOT ABANDONED</u>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	0	How	0
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	0
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost	0	How	6
33	Life floats.....	Number carried	2	Which used	0
34	Life floats.....	Number lost	0	How	0
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	42	Number used	0
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	N.A.	Casualties	0
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boat	—	Raft	—
		Boat	—	Raft	—
38	Rescued by and where.....	By	N.A.	Where	
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	29
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
				Unlicensed	33
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers	1	Others	0
42	Total on board.....		73		
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers	0	Radiomen	0
				Unlicensed	0
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers	0	Radiomen	0
				Unlicensed	0
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured	0	Lost	0
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning	0	Fire	0
		Other causes	0	Shell or torpedo	0
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	30	Officers	8
		Unlicensed	33	Passengers	1
		Others	0	Total	73
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats	0	Rafts	0
		Preservers	0	Other means	0
				Suits	0
				No aid	0
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	0
54	Number of look-outs.....		10		
55	Any defective material.....		NO		
56	Any personnel fault.....		NO		

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.

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