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1. Position-Sea-Weather 18°41'S, 175°07'E; clear and choppy.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0220 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit #5 hold port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Broke shaft; engines raced and vibrated, stern began to settle and ship listed to port.
6. Time & Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not 0235 (15 min.) - fear of further attack; ship beyond control.
7. Persons Aboard - 57 Lost by torpedo explosion - 1.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0240 - 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit Machinery spaces port side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Explosion split stack and covered house and bridge with flames, steam, and oil.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 0307 (47 min.).