

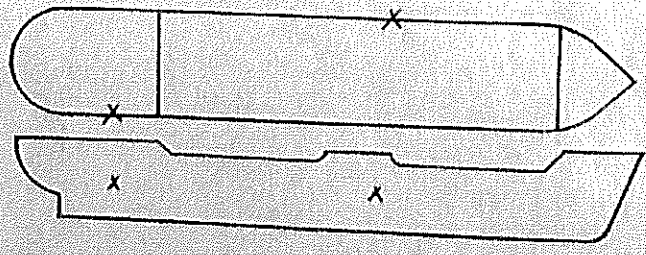
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 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
 REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.  
 Ship S/s ONONDAGA Service OCEAN FREIGHT  
 Owner FORD MOTOR Co. Operator U.S.M.C.  
 Information furnished by 3rd Mate Date 21 AUGUST 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion.....	Built <u>1920</u> Propulsion <u>STEM</u>
2	Tonnage.....	Gross <u>230.9</u> Net <u>144.0</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed).....	Fwd <u>22'(M)</u> Aft.....
4	Draft when attacked.....	Fwd <u>20'(M)</u> Aft.....
5	Cargo on board (any deck).....	Nature <u>CHROMIUM ORE</u> Tons <u>FULL</u>
6	Voyage.....	From <u>MEXITAS</u> To <u>HAWANA</u>
7	Were routing orders followed.....	<u>UN.</u>
8	Any criticism of orders.....	<u>UN.</u>
9	Weather at time of attack.....	Weather <u>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>SLIGHT</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When.....	<u>NO</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight.....	<u>YES.</u>
12	Were navigation lights on.....	<u>NO - DAYLIGHT.</u>
13	Date and time of attack.....	Date <u>7/23/42</u> Time <u>1630</u>
14	Position.....	Latitude <u>22°40' N</u> Longitude <u>78°44' W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data).....	<u>TORPEDO</u>
16	Number of hits.....	<u>2</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram).....	<u>1-FOR'D; 1-AFT. - 1 mid ship P; 1-STEAM-S</u>
18	Effect of hits.....	<u>SANK SHIP.</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type.....	<u>NO</u>
20	Was armament used? State result.....	<u>NO</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*.....	Ship <u>NO</u> Cargo <u>NO</u>
22	Was deck ruptured.....	<u>UN.</u>
23	Did ship break in two.....	<u>UN.</u>
24	Was SOS sent.....	<u>NO.</u>
25	Ship's speed.....	Normal <u>9.0</u> When attacked <u>8.5</u> When abandoned <u>2</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk.....	Abandoned <u>1631 (1 min)</u> Sunk <u>1631 (1 min)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded.....	By whom <u>NO</u> When.....
28	Was ship brought in.....	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



\*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.

List No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
29	Lifeboats	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>
30	Lifeboats	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>NO TIME FOR LAUNCHING</u>
31	Life rafts	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>3</u>
32	Life rafts	Number lost <u>1</u> How <u>NO TIME FOR LAUNCHING</u> <u>DRIFTED AWAY</u>
33	Life floats	Number carried <u>0</u> Which used <u>0</u>
34	Life floats	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
35	Lifesaving suits	Number carried <u>0</u> Number used <u>0</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.	— Boat _____ / Raft <u>12 HRS</u> — Float _____ — Boat _____ / Raft <u>16 HRS</u> — Float _____
38	Rescued by and where	By <u>ALLIED VESSELS</u> Where <u>AT SCENE</u> <u>HADE PORT</u> <u>COAST OF CUBA</u>
39	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>24</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board	<u>33</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military)	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>5</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military)	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost	Officers <u>6</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>13</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
49	Total casualties	Injured <u>5</u> Lost <u>19</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify)	Drowning <u>16</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>3</u> Other causes <u>0</u>
51	Total rescued	Gun crew <u>0</u> Officers <u>2</u> Radio operators <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>12</u> Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>14</u>
52	Persons saved by	Boats <u>0</u> Rafts <u>14</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u> Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>0</u>
53	Engineering watch below	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>3</u>
54	Number of look-outs	<u>1</u>
55	Any defective material	<u>NO</u>
56	Any personnel fault	<u>NO</u>

**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.