

THREFOA

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unarmed

(Name) (Armed): Nat : Type : Tonnage : Date : Location : Lights: Damage

Q17?

What happened: 1 Torpedo. Proceeding from St. Thomas, V.I. to Portland Me.

At speed 8 1/2 kts, not zigging, on course 17 T.

Sank in about 35 minutes after torpedo hit

Description of Sub: Between 300 and 350 feet long. Painted dark grey, no identifying marks. Conning tower about 11' in height above decks and had cutaway appearance in after part. One gun forward. Net cutter. Mach. Guns in Conn. lower. 2 stays forward and aft. Sub reported to be German.

Survivors: 33 of 37 picked up, 4 missing

Additional Remarks:

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23 Mar - 200 Miles NE Cape Hatteras 1530Z March 13 described as follows. Between 300 and 350 feet long. Painted dark grey no identifying marks. Conning tower about 11' in height above decks and had cutaway appearance in after part. 1 gun fwd. Net cutter.

200 ft.



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ARMED OWN DAMAGE OWN ACTION RATE OWN SHIP TYPE DIST LAND DISTANCE OWN SHIP NAME

DAY X GCT 1530 DATE 37-28N LAT 200 FATHOMS AREA 20 NAME E
 NIGHT LZT 1030 DATE MAY. 13, 1942 LOW 73-35N VISIBILITY Good MOON CLOUDS

WEATHER OVERCAST SEA Rough OWN SHIP: NAME TROPICA TYPE CARGO GR. TONNAGE 5042

ENROUTE ENROUTE CARGO/MISSION GUN CREW COURSE SPEED 81-9

ZIGZAG No CONVOY No ARMED BY-US OTHER RADAR SOUND GEAR MAG DET

OWN LIGHTS Daylight RADIO Silent REMARKS

LOOKOUTS

OWN DAMAGE 2 torpedoes(S) - Sunk ENEMY DAMAGE None

CONTACT WARE BY-SIGHT SOUND D/F RADAR ENEMY ATTACK XX ENEMY SHIP Submarine

ON SURFACE AWASH PERISCOPE SUBMERGED XX TORPEDO TRACK NOT SEEN

DISTANCE BEARING COURSE SPEED

ENEMY IDENTITY

Steaming about 200 miles northeast of Cape Hatteras. A heavy attack smoke showed approximately every 20 minutes when her fires were stoked. Radio silence was maintained throughout the voyage although several receiving sets on board operated at will.

BEFORE ATTACK

DURING ATTACK

AFTER ATTACK

First torpedo hit the starboard side at about 43 hold. Approx. 40 feet of hull and deck were ripped away; both starboard lifeboats were destroyed and the radio damaged. Possibly a second torpedo also was fired against the starboard side. Codes SP-02272(16) was aboard and probably sank with the vessel although this has not been definitely established.

33 of the crew of 37 successfully abandoned ship.

The submarine as described as being between 300 and 350 ft. long, dark gray, conning tower 10 or 11 ft. high, sloping to rear, one deck gun forward, machine guns in conning tower, a net cutter, and anti-aircraft gun on fore deck. Crew believed to be German.

Submarine was surfaced for 45 minutes to 1 1/2 hours and disappeared on the surface.

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DISPATCHES

At about 1200 Q. March 13, Yugoslav ship, TREFCA, sunk 200 miles northeast Cape Hatteras. Carried merchant codes. Complete check codes impossible because illness of master. All codes went down with ship. COM 4 ND 181505.

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