T/V PENDELTON

SUNK FEB 18, 1952

HOMEPORT:	Wilmington, Deleware
REG. #	245 142
OWNER:	National Bulk Carriers, Inc. 630 5th Avenue, New York, NY
PROPULSION:	Electric Screws
GROSS TONAGE:	10448
NET TONAGE:	6301
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TEXT

SUPPLEMENTARY TO SUMMARY X FORT MERCER BOW IN 40.33N 68.48W STERN IN 40.26N 69.26W WITH MCCULLOCH PROCEEDING TO IT AND SHORT SPLICE STANDING BY X YAKUTAT ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE REMAINING TWO ON BOW BY SHORT LINE AND RUBBER RAFT

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ACTION

TO CGC EASTWIND

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INFO CGC ACUSHNET
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O X ASSUME OTC CASES MERCER AND PENDLETON X ACKNOWLEDGE

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FROM: P 191302Z
FM CCGDONE

ACTION: TO BEPJC/COMDT COGARD

INFORM: INFO BEGD/COMEASTAREA

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TEXT

P 190645Z
FM USCGC YAKUTAT
TO CCGDONE
INFO CCGDTHREE
GR 40

IN ATTEMPT TAKE MEN OFF FORT MERCER WITH LIFE RAFTS FIVE OR SIX JUMPED BUT NONE WERE RECOVERED FROM RAFTS X FOUR SURE POSSIBLY FIVE MEN LEFT ABOARD X 7249 ORDERED BROOKLYN X ABANDONING OPERATIONS UNTIL DAYLIGHT X STANDING BY

CFN 7249
19/1304Z FEB BEBJB

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FROM: P 1913052
FM CCGDONE

ACTION: TO BEPJC/COMDT COGARD

INFORM: INFO BEGD/COMEASTAREA

TEXT

P 190400Z
FM USCGC YAKUTAT
TO CCGDONE
INFO CCGDTHREE
GR 97

PRIORITY

CONTACTED BOW FORT MERCER AT 1829R X 10 MEN ABOARD BY VISUAL SIGNALS X NO POWER X SHIP BROKEN JUST AFT OF BRIDGE AND BOW HIGH IN AIR X POSIT 2200R 5 MILES DUE EAST NANTUCKET SHOALS BUOY 10 X PLANE 7249 ON SCENE DROPPING FLARES X HAVE MADE REPEATED UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS PUT LINE ABOARD DUE WIND AND SEA X SHORT SPLICE STANDING BY FORT MERCER STERN WHICH IS 12 MILES 210 DEGREES TRUE FROM BOW AND RIDING WELL WITH LIGHTS AND STEAM X NO ACTION STERN CONTEMPLATED UNTIL DAYLIGHT X WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS WITH BOW

CFN 1829R 10 2200R 5 10 7249 12 210

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INFORM: INFO USCGC UNIMAK - USCGC BAHAMARIA - USCGC YAKUTAT-
USCGC MCCULLOCH - USCGC EASTWIND -SHORT SPLICE (US-NSTS)
GROUPOFF SO PORTLAND ME - CGAS SALEM MASS

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TEXT

AMEND MY 182250Z TO READ 190250R

REF: ACUSHNET DEPARTED PORTLAND MAINE ETC....

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FROM: P 182000Z
TM CGC ACUSHNET

ACTION

TO: CCGD ONE - COMDT COGARD - COMEASTAREA

INFORM

INFO CGC UNIMAK - CGC BARATARIA - CGC YAKUTAT -
CGC MCCULLOCH - CGC EASTWIND - USMATS SHORT SPLICE -
GROUPOFF SO PORTLAND ME - CGAS SALEM MASS

TEXT GR14

ACUSHNET DEPARTED PORTLAND MAINE ON ASSIGNED DUTY 1500R X

ETA TANKER FT MERCER 190100Z

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P 161946Z
FM CCGDONE

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TEXT

SITREP FORT MERCER X AT 1712 SOS IN POSIT 41.4GN 69.37W HULL SPLITTING AT NO 5 TANK X YAKUTAT MCCULLOCH EASTWIND UNIMAK PROCEEDING X PLANE UF1G 1242 AT 1632Z REPORTED FORT MERCER RIDING STERN TO SEA WITH STERN AWASH AND LIFEBOATS MISSING X FALLS UNROVE WHICH INDCATES CREW MAY HAVE ABANDONED SHIP X MSTS SHORT SPLICE A FEW MILES AWAY SEARCHING X MOTOR LIFEBOATS FROM CHATHAM AND BRANT POINT PROCEEDING X ACUSHNET WILL PROCEED AT ABOUT 2000Z X WEATHER NNW 50 KNOTS HIGH NE SEAS VISIBILITY 1 MILE

CTN 1712 41.4GN 69.37W 5 1242 1632Z 2000Z 50 1

16/1959Z FEB BEBJB

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FROM: DE BEBJB 21
P 181805Z
FM BRANT POINT LBS

ACTION: TO ZEN/CCGDONE

INFORM: INFO ZEN/CHATHAM LBS
BEGD/COMEASTAREA
BEPJC/COMDT COGARD
ZEN/USCGC MCCULLOCH

PRIORITY

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TEXT

YOUR 181720Z X MOTOR LIFEBOAT 36524 DEPARTED 1255R X ETA POSITION

FORT MERCER 2000R

REF/

DISPATCH LIFE BOATS IMMED ASSISTANCE TANKER FORT MERCER
IN DISTRESS 30 MILES EAST CHATHAM BT

CFN 181720Z 36524 1255R 2000R

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FM CCGD ONE

ACTION

TO CGC YAKUTAT

INFORM

~~INDO COMEASTAREA~~
COMDT COGARD

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TEXT

PROCEED IMMEDIATELY ASSISTANCE TANKER FORT MERCER IN DISTRESS

30 MILES EAST CHATHAM

TOR 1726Z 18 FEB 1952
(VIA CRA CKT)

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DISPATCH LIFE BOATS IMMEDIATELY ASSISTANCE TANKER FORT MERCER

IN DISTRESS 30 MILES EAST CHATHAM

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FOLLOWING WRITTEN UP FOR INFO

O 181712Z
FM USCGC CASTLE ROCK
TO COMEASTAREA
GR21
QBM 500 KC SOS DE KIHG BT FORT MERCER LAT 4140N 6973W AT 1130
EST HULL SPLITTING SHIPS IN VICINITY CONTACT KIHG BT
QBM MEANS FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM
KIGH SS FORT MERCER

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TO CCGD ONE

INFORM

INFO COMDT COGARD
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TEXT

REF CASE S/S FORT MERCER X KEEP COMMANDANT ADVISED

TOR 16262 18 FEB 1952
(VIA CRA CKT)

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FROM: OP 151610Z
FM CCGD ONE

ACTION: TO CG RDO STA MARSHFIELD

INFORM: INFO COMDT COGARD
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TEXT

PASS TO KING X CG CUTTERS EASTWIND AND UNIMAK DIRECTED PROCEED YOUR ASSISTANCE AT 1400Z X THEY WERE IN POSIT ABOUT 120 MILES SOUTH OF YOU THAT TIME X COAST GUARD CUTTER MCCULLOCH DEPARTING BOSTON 1600Z AND PROCCEEDING YOUR ASSISTANCE

TOR 1640Z 18 FEB 1952
(VIA CRA CKT)

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P 181621Z
FM COMEASTAREA

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TO COMDT COGARD

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INFO CCGDONE

TEXT

OP 1813322
FM CGRDO BOSTON
TO CCGDONE
INFO COMEASTAREA
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FOLLOWING FROM KIHT ON 2670 KCS X WE HAVE SPRUNG LEAK IN NR 5 TANK DONT KNOW HOW BAD IT IS OUR POSITION AT PRESENT IS 063 DEGREES 27 MILES FROM POLLOCK RIP LV STEERING 040 DEGS TRUE SLOWED DOWN BY HEAVY SEAS X IN NEED OF CG ASSISTANCE

KIHT -- SS FORT MERCER

TOR 16232 18 FEB 1952
(VIA CRA CKT)

OPERATOR'S RECORD AND DATE

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FM COMEASTAREA

ACTION
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INFORM
INFO CCGDONE

TEXT

OP 1814052
FM CCGDONE
TO ZEN/USCGC EASTWIND
INFO COMEASTAREA
CRNC

SECURE OPERATIONS CASE F/V PAOLINA X EASTWIND AND UNIMAK PROCEED
ASSIST SS FORT MERCER WHO REPORTED HAVING SPRUNG NO FIVE TANK X
POSIT KING ABOUT 30 MILES EAST CHATHAM CAPE COD

KING -- SS FORT MERCER

TOR 1625Z 18 FEB 1952 (VIA CRA CKT)

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PRIORITY

DOW SECTION OF FORT MERCER CAPSIZED AFTER ALL SURVIVORS WERE OFF X PICKED UP TWO MORE SURVIVORS OF A TOTAL OF FOUR SURVIVORS X NAMES OF ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS X VINCENT A GALDON THIRD MATE AND WILLARD FAIRNER SECOND MATE X ORDERED TO SINK DOW BY GUNFIRE BY OTC

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ACTION TO BEPJC/COMDT COGARD

INFORM INFO BEGD/COMEASTAREA

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TEXT

YOUR 191438Z X SUMMARY OF FORT MERCER CASE X FIRST INFORMATION 181332Z INDICATED VESSEL SPRUNG LEAK IN NR 5 TANK AND IN NEED OF

COAST GUARD ASSISTANCE X POSITION GIVEN 41.47N 69.18W X EASTWIND AND UNIMAK ABOUT 120 MILES SOUTH ON PAOLINA CASE DIRECTED CEASE

OPERATIONS LATTER AND PROCEED FORT MERCER CASE X IN VIEW WEATHER AND PROBALILITY LONG DELAY THESE VESSELS REACHING SCENE DIRECTED

MCCULLOCH AT BOSTON PROCEED X YAKUTAT ENROUTE TO NEWPORT RI AND ANCHORED PROVINCETOWN ALSO DIRECTED X ACUSHNET IN AVAILABILITY

AT PORTLAND PROCEEDED AT 2000Z X SALEM PLANE UF1G 1242 PROCEEDED X USNTS SHORT SPLICE AT 1828Z IN GENERAL VICINITY PROCEEDED AND

AIDED BY PLANE UF1G-1242 IN FINDING FORT MERCER X PLANE AT ABOUT 1840Z OVER TANKER REPORTED NO PERSONNEL IN SIGHT AND LIFEBOATS

GONE WITH FALLS UNROVE X IT SEARCHED DOWNWIND FOR BOATS WITHOUT SIGHTING ANY X SHORT SPLICE REPORTED AT 2025Z TO ROUGH TO LAUNCH

LIFEBOAT AND TRYING TO MANEUVER DRIFT BUOYS DOWN TO BOW SECTION X FORT MERCER APPARENTLY BROKE IN TWO ABOUT 2100Z X SHORT SPLICE

STANDING BY BOW SECTION AND KEEPING STERN SECTION IN RADAR X YAKUT ON SCENE AT ABOUT 2100Z AND DESIGNATED OTC IT PROCEEDED TO FORT

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TEXT

MERCER X SHORT SPLICE KEEPING STERN SECTION IN VIEW X AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT AN EFFORT WAS MADE BY YAKUTAT AND CHATHAM MOTOR LIFEBOAT

TO REMOVE FOUR OR FIVE MEN FROM BOW SECTION X THESE JUMPED INTO WATER AND NOT RECOVERED X STERN SECTION STILL FLOATING AND

THIRTY-THREE MEN STILL ON BOARD X DO NOT KNOW NUMBER OF MEN LEFT ON BOW SECTION IF ANY BUT POSSIBILITY OF ABOUT FOUR REMAINING

X EASTWIND NOW OTC OF BOTH CASES X REGARDING PENDLETON CASE X NO PRIOR INFORMATION REGARDING

EXISTENCE OF THE CASE UNTIL CHATHAM LIFEBOAT STATION REPORTED MID-AFTERNOON IT COULD SEE TWO SECTIONS OF A TANKER X THE STERN

SECTION NEAR BREAKERS ABOUT 5 MILES NORTH OF STATION AND BOW SECTION FLOATING ABOUT 4 MILES NNE OF POLLOCK RIP LIGHTSHIP X

THESE REPORTS CONFUSED THE ISSUE AS THERE WAS SOME DOUBT AS TO THE FORT MERCERS POSITION AND WAS FIRST INFORMATION TWO TANKERS

INVOLVED X CHATHAM LIFEBOAT TOOK OFF 32 MEN FROM STERN SECTION AT ABOUT 2400Z X ONE MAN BEING LOST IN OPERATION X BOTH SECTIONS OF

PENDLETON NOW AGROUND BOW AT 1500 YARDS 120 DEGREES TRUE FROM POLLOCK RIP LIGHT VESSEL AND STERN IS 5.6 MILES 184 DEGREES FROM

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CHATHAM LIGHT X NO APPARENT LIFE REMAINING ON BOW SECTION AS UNCONFIRMED REPORT INDICATING ALL LOST OVERBOARD FROM BOW SECTION

OF PENDLETON BEFORE ARRIVAL OF MCCULLOCH X LATTER HAS SUFFERED SOME HULL DAMAGE CRACKED PLATE

WHICH MAY POSSIBLY DELAY SAILING FOR OS ON 24 FEBRUARY X SHE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO BOSTON FOR REPAIRS X OTHER CASES NTW PENDING OR

CLOSED THIS STORM X COOS BAY HAS F/V LOUISE IN TOW FROM OFF NOVA SCOTIA ENROUTE PORTLAND X FOUR BOATS GROUNDED IN PORTLAND HARBOR

ASSISTED X SEVERAL OTHER MINOR GROUNDINGS IN DISTRICT CASES CLOSED OR PENDING X F/V FLAMINGO DISABLED NEAR POLLOCK RIP LIGHT VESSEL X

HORNBEAM ASSISTING X REQUEST COMEASTAREA ADD ANY FURTHER ITEMS IF DESIRED X LEGARE RETURNING FROM PAOLINA CASE SUFFERED EXTREME

WEATHER DAMAGE INCLUDING LOSS OF BOATS X SHIPS PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN FORT MERCER AND PENDLETON CASES ACUSHNET X EASTWIND X UNIMAK X

UAKUTAT AND TWO MOTOR LIFEBOATS X YAKUTAT JUST RESCUED MASTER AND ONE MAN FROM FORT MERCER BY BOAT X TWO MOTOR LIFEBOATS FROM CHATHAM

AND ONE FROM BRANT POINT IN OPERATION

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M TO MVI X REQUEST PLANS T2 TANKER SHOWING INBOARD PROFILE CMA ARRANGEMENT CMA FRAMING AND STRUCTURAL DETAILS ALSO COPY OF INSPECTION RECORDS LAST ANNUAL INSPECTION AND RECORDS OF MAJOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS MADE SINCE VESSEL BUILT FOR USE OF MARINE BOARD OF INVESTIGATIONS SS PENDLETON CMA SS FORT MERCER

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O X SUMMARY CASE SS PENDLETON X CG36900 SEARCHED BOW SECTION OF SS PENDLETON AND REMOVED BODY REPORTED BY SALVAGE TUG CURB X BODY TURNED OVER TO COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER CHATHAM AND IDENTIFIED AS HERNAN GORDEN CATLIN X EVERGREEN AT ONCE CONFERRED WITH SALVAGE OFFICES AND REPRESENTATIVE NATIONAL BOAT CARRIERS ASSOC X NO POSSIBILITY OF TOWING WRECK WITHOUT EXTENSIVE PREPARATION BY DIVERS X SALVAGE BOW SECTION PENDING FLAT CALM THEREFOR SLIGHT POSSIBILITY OF SALVAGE EXITS X AFTER END HARD AGROUND AND SETTLING X ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO MARK WRECK

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ACTION: TO COGARD CHATHAM LBS

INFORM: INFO COMDT COGARD - COMEASTAREA -
CO GROUP RACE PT - CO GROUP CAPE COD CANAL

TEXT

REAR ADMIRAL H G BRADBURY COMMANDER FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT SENDS
X HEARTY WELL DONE TO ALL CONCERNED WITH RESCUE OPERATIONS
SS PENDLETON X TO BERNARD C WEBBER BM1 IN CHARGE OF CG 36500
AND CREW MEMBERS ANDREW J FITZGERALD EM2 RICHARD P LIVESEY SN
AND ERWIN E HASKE SN QUOTE YOUR OUTSTANDING SEAMANSHIP AND
UTTER DISREGARD OF YOUR OWN SAFETY IN CROSSING THE HAZARDOUS
WATERS OF CHATHAM BAR IN MOUNTAINOUS SEAS EXTREME DARKNESS
AND FALLING SNOW DURING VIOLENT WINTER GALE TO RESCUE
FROM IMMINENT DEATH THIRTY TWO OF THE THIRTY THREE CREW
MEMBERS ON THE STRANDED STERN SECTION OF THE ILL FATED TANKER
MINUTES BEFORE IT CAPSIZED ON THE BAR REFLECT GREAT CREDIT
ON YOU AND THROUG YOU THE ENTIRE SERVICE

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TEXT

TO MVI X TANKER PENDLETON ON 245142 BROKE IN TWO OFF CAPE COD ON 18 FEB 52 WITH LOSS OF LIFE X MAJOR MARINE CASUALTY X RECOMMEND MARINE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO 46 CFR 136-09 X

CAPT WALTER R RICHARDS 1087 CHARIMAN

CAPT WILLIAM W STOREY 1239

CDR WILLIAM J CONLEY JR 1418 MEMBERS

CDR WILLIAM C MAHONEY 1876 RECORDER X

INVESTIGATION TO COMMENCE 1000 20 FEB 52 AT BASE BSN X BOARD WILL ALSO MAKE DETERMINATION REQUIRED BY 136.07-42 /2/

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INFO NBWJ/CGC YAKUTAT
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CLUG /COMEASTAREA

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TEXT

PRIORITY

BOW OF PENDLETON IS AGROUND 120 DEGREES 1500 YARDS FROM POLLOCK RIP LIGHTSHIP X WATER BREAKING OVER 03 DECK AT AFTER END X FORECASTLE HIGH X FOREFOOT ABOUT 9 FT OUT OF WATER X ON AN EVEN KEEL X CANNOT BOARD TO SEARCH BUT HAVE CRUISED CLOSE AND NO INDICATION OF LIFE ABOARD X APPEARS TO BE A MAJOR SALVAGE JOB X REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

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FM CHATHAM MASS LBS

TO ZEN/CCGDONE

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ZEN/CGC MCCULLOCH

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TEXT

MYMSG 182255Z X CG 36500 RETURNED TO OLD HARBOR 2050R X 32

SURVIVORS BROUGHT ASHORE FROM STERN OF VESSEL PENDELTON X 1 MAN

LOST FROM THIS SECTION OF SHIP BT

COPY

TOR-0415Z 19 FEB 1952

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FROM: P 190234Z
FM CGC MCCULLOCH

ACTION: TO CCGD ONE

INFORM: INFO COMEASTAREA - CGAS SALEM - CGC YAKUTAT

GR33

PRIORITY

TEXT

CC36383 REPORTS MAN JUMPED OVERBOARD IN LIFEJACKET ABOUT HALF HOUR AGO X NO MORE LIFE ABOARD APPARENT X BODY NOT RECOVERED X WILL STAND BY TO SEARCH FOR BODY AND FURTHER LIFE ABOARD

TOD 19/0254Z FEB

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FROM: OP 190229Z
FM CGC MCCULLOCH

ACTION: TO CCGD ONE
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INFORM: (PASSED TO HQ BY CCGD ONE FOR INFO)

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TEXT

1 MAN JUMPED FROM BOW ABOUT 1 /2 HOUR AGO LIFEBOAT UNABLE TO PICK HIM UP X WE ARE GOING TO AREA TO INVESTIGATE X NO OTHER LIFE ON BOARD BDW SS PENDLETON BT

TOD 190244Z

FOLLOWING MSG PASSED TO HQ FOR INFO-

FM CGC YAKUTAT 190240Z
TO CCGD ONE

WE ARE TRYING TO GET LINE ON BOW OF FORT MERCER X THE 77249 IS CIRCLING DROPPING FLARES

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P 190215Z
FM USCGC EASTWIND

ACTION

TO CCGD ONE
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CGC FRED LEE

INFORM

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PRIORITY

TEXT

2000R POSITION 40.16N 69.07W X LEGARES 190120Z NOTAL X EASTWIND
ORDERED TO POSITION OFF CHATHAM HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ASSUME ANY
HEADING BUT INTO THE WIND PROGRESS 33 0800R X UNABLE
TO COMPLY LEGARES REQUEST

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TOR-0309Z 19 FEB 1952

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FROM: 1901502
USCGC MCCULLOCH

ACTION: COMEASTAREA
CCGD ONE

INFORM: COMDT COGARD (THIS MSG PASSED TO COMDT BY COMEASTAREA FOR INFO)

TEXT

CHATHAN LB IS STANDING BY DOW SECTION OF SS PENDLETON X THE DOW SECTION APPEARS TO BE SETTLING BY THE AFTER END WE ARE GOING IN AND ATTEMPT TO TAKE MEN OFF LIGHTER BY USING THE CHATHAN LB OR BY ~~KEN~~ FLOATING LIFERAFTS DOWN TO THE MEN

TOR 0150Z 19 ......VIA CRA CKT.....

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CG LBS CHATHAM MASS

ACTION
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INFORM
CGAS SALEM
COMEASTAREA
COMDT COGARD --(MSG TO COMDT FOR INFO)---

TEXT

CG36500 HAS 32 MEN ABOARD FROM THE STERN SECTION ALL EXCEPT ONE MAN WHO IS IN THE WATER THAT THEY CANNOT GET X NO OTHER MEN ARE MISSING THAT THEY KNOW OFF X THERE SHOULD BE ABOUT 8 MEN ON THE BOW SECTION BT...

Rendleton,

TOR 0045Z 19 ..UINHA VIA CRA CKT)

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TEXT

DEFINITE INDICATION THAT TANKER PENDLETON HAS BROKEN IN TWO X STERN SECTION IN BREAKERS OFF CHATHAM BOW SECTION DRIFTING NEAR POLLOCK RIP LV X NO PRIOR INFORMATION REGARDING CASUALTY TO PENDLETON X PENDLETON DUE BOSTON YESTERDAY AND NOT ARRIVED X THIS IN ADDITION TO PORT MERCER

Dejas
Cust Unger Pendleton
1800

TOD 18/2155Z FEB.

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HEADING: HQ DE UG ZFH-2

FROM: CGAS SALEM 18/2226Z

ACTION: TO COMEASTAREA - CCGD ONE

INFORM: (PASSED TO COMDT BY COMEASTAREA FOR INFO)

TEXT

NSLU ADVISES THAT HE IS GOING BACK TO THE BOW SECTION OF THE FORT MERCER AND WILL MAINTAIN VISUAL CONTACT WITH BOW AND RADAR ON STERN SECTION X YAHATUT ADVISES THAT CHATHAM LBS BOAT ALONGSIDE BOW SECTION OF SS PENDLETON X CGC MCCULLOUGH PROCEEDING STERN SECTION SS PENDLETON X YAHATUT PROCEEDING TO FORT MERCER POSITION X UF PROCEEDING TO BOW SECTION OF PENDLETON TO CONTACT CHATHAM LB AND DETERMINE IF ANY LIFE ON BOARD THAT SECTION X SURVIVORS SO FAR REPORTED ON BOW AND STERN SECTION FORT MERCER X SURVIVORS REPORTED ON STERN SECTION OF SS PENDLETON X UF WILL MAKE VISUAL CONTACT WITH CHATHAM BOAT AND WORK VISUALLY AS THEY BELIEVE LIFEBOAT IS EXPERIENCING RADIO TROUBLE

Nat Cust Guard
1800

NSLU- SHORT SPLICE (US-MSTS)

OPERATOR'S RECORD AND DATE

TOD 18/2226Z FEB
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FROM: OP 1817542
FM CGC YAKUTAT.

ACTION: TO CCGD ONE

INFORM: INFO COMDT COGARD
COMEASTAREA
GR12

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TEXT

YOUR 1817232 X DEPARTED PROVINCETOWN HARBOAR PROCEEDING TO
ASSIST TANKER FORT MERCER

REF/
PROCEED IMMED ASSISTANCE TANKER FORT MERCER IN DISTRESS
30 MILES EAST CHATHAM BT

TOR 18012 18 FEB 1952
(VIA CRA CKT)
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OP 161358Z
CCGD ONE

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OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TEXT

FM O X LIFE BOAT FROM CHATHAM NOW REMOVING SURVIVORS FROM STERN SECTION OF SS PENDLETON XDETAILS LATER

TOR 190002Z 19TH FEB 52 (VIA CRA CKT)

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FROM:
R 241310Z
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ACTION:
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INFORM:
INFO COMEASTAREA
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ROUTINE

TEXT

DISTRESS SITREP 4 X SS FORT MERCER X 1222R ASSIGNED CG 64309 ESCORT TOW SS FORT MERCER AS FAR AS NEW LONDON X 2100R CG64309 RELIEVED OF ESCORT DUTY BY CG64308 FROM NEWLONDON X CASE CLOSED FIRST DISTRICT

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FROM: R 221504Z
CCGD ONE

ACTION: COMEASTAREA

INFORM: COMDT COGARD

ROUTINE

TEXT

SITREP 2 X SS FORT MERCER X 0800R POSIT X TOW TWO MILES SOUTH OF BRENTON REEF L/V X TUGS SHORTENING TOW X TUG M MORAN RELEASED CGC SPAR X CASTLE HILL LBS CG 64309 AND CG 38344 PROVIDING ROUTINE ASSISTANCE UNTIL TOW ANCHORED

TOR 221508Z (VIA CRA CKT2A

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ACTION

TO CONDT COGARD

ROUTINE

INFORM

INFO COMEASTAREA
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TEXT

DISTRESS SITREP 3 X SS FORT MERCER X 2216Z HULK OF SS FORT MERCER MOORED TO NAVY MOORING BUOY M21 OFF EAST SHORE OF JAMESTOWN NARRA BAY X OIL CARGO BEING PUMPED INTO LIGHTER AND DELIVERED TO SHELL OIL CO FALL RIVER MASS X 2221Z Z CREW REMOVED FROM HULK BY PILOT BOAT X ELEVEN CREW MEMBERS WILL RETURN ABOARD 23 FEB FOR TRIP TO NEW YORK X CG 64369 STANDING BY IN AREA TO RENDER ANY NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND CHECK FOR OIL POLLUTION

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TOR 1306Z 23 FEB 1952
(VIA CRA CKT)

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FROM: R 2212452Z
CCGD ONE

ACTION: COMDT COGARD

ROUTINE

INFORM: COMEASTAREA

TEXT

DISTRESS SITREP 1 X SS FORT MERCER X 2206552 X CGC SPAR RELIEVED CGC UNIMAK OF ESCORT X 2206202 SS FORT MERCER TOW AND ESCORT ROUNDED NO MANS LAND ENROUTE JAMESTOWN R I X SOA 4.5 X PROGRESS SATISFACTORY

TOR 2212532Z (VIA CRA CKT)

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FM CCGDONE

ACTION
INFO COMBT COGARD
P 211925Z

INFORM
FM CGC UNIMAK
TO CCGDONE
INFO COMEASTAREA
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PRIORITY

TEXT

EASTWIND MSG 202035Z SUMMARY OF PRESENT FORT MERCER SITUATION FOLLOWS X POSIT AT 1845Z 4043N 7000W SOA 5 KNOTS COURSE 307 X WIND 30 KNOTS FROM NORTH EAST X TOWING PROGRESS SATISFACTORY X TRIM OF TOW HAS IMPROVED AS RESULT OF BALLASTING X FORT MERCER IS BACKING ENGINES AT 70 RPM X DRAFT AT BROKEN END APPROX 38 FEET X COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VESSELS IS GOOD X COMMUNICATION FROM FORT MERCER IS BY HANDY TALKIE FURNISHED BY THIS VESSEL X TENTATIVE DESTINATION IS BLOCK ISLAND AND POSSIBLY NARRAGANSETT BAY X CHIEF ENGINEER ON FORT MERCER HAS ASSUMED CHARGE ON TOWED VESSEL AT THIS UNITS SUGGESTION X ALL PERSONNEL ON FORT MERCER ARE DOING WELL AND NONE DESIRE REMOVAL X FORT MERCER HAS CARGO OF 45000 BARRELS OIL WHICH SHE CAN DISCHARGE WITH OWN PUMPS X TUG MICHAEL MORAN AND FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE ARE TOWING IN TANDEM X TUGS PETER MORAN AND OCEAN PRINCE ARE STANDING BY

TOR 2054Z/21 FEB 1952

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FROM P 2019352
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ACTION TO CCGD ONE -

INFORM INFO CGC EASTWIND - COMDT COGARD

TEXT

MY 2016302 X REPRESENTATIVE OF OWNERS FORT MERCER HAVE DECLARED INTENTIONS OF ABANDONMENT OF BOW SECTION

TOD 20/1939Z FEB

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TEXT

Mercer

REF COMEASTAREA 2016302 X IF FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE LEAVE DOW SECTION WITH INTENTION OF ABANDONMENT OR WITHOUT INTENTION OF RETURNING DERELICT WILL BE DECLARED MENACE AND SINKING AUTHORIZED

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FROM: OP 201707Z
RM USCGC EASTWIND

ACTION: TO COMEASTAREA

INFORM: INFO CCGD ONE
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OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TEXT

Mercer

UNIMAK 201604Z YOUR 200451Z X CONCUR PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION COVERING DESTRUCTION BOW SECTION X FORECAST IS SNOW AND EASTERLY WEATHER COMPLICATING MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH BOW X DERLICT NOW IN TRANSATLANTIC STEAMSHIP LANES AND CAN BECOME SERIOUS MENACE IF CONTACT IS LOST X REQUEST FIRM DECISION SO THAT PLANNING ON ACTION CAN BE TAKEN BEFORE DARK THIS DATE

TOR-1727Z 20 FEB 1952

....VIA SRA NEW

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TEXT

IF FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OWNERS LEAVE POSITION OF DOW SECTION OF FORT MERCER WITHOUT STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO RETURN YOU MAY CONSIDER THIS AS VIRTUAL ABANDONMENT X YOU ARE AUTHORIZED AT YOUR DESCRETION TO DECLARE THE DERELICT A MENACE TO NAVIGATION AND TO SINK THIS SECTION IN DEEP WATER WHERE IT WILL NOT CONSTITUTE AN UNDER WATER HAZARD X COMMANDANT CONCURS

TOR-1640Z 20 FEB 1952

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TO CGC YAKUTAT

INFORM

INFO CGC EASTWIND-CCGD ONE-COMDT COGARD

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TEXT

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

YOUR 200410Z MY 192010Z REFERS X AGENT OWNER ADVISES DECISION FORTHCOMING AFTER DAYLIGHT CONFERENCE WITH UNDERWRITERS BT 200451Z

CFN 200410Z 192010Z
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REF-- 200410Z - MASTER FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE AFTER SIGHTING AGREES BOW FORT MERCER UNSALVAGABLE ETC...

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FROM: O 200418Z
FM CGC YAKUTAT

ACTION: TO COMEASTAREA

INFORM: INFO CCGD ONE-CGC EASTWIND GRNC

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TEXT

MASTER FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE AFTER SIGHTING AGREES BOW FORT MERCER UNSALVAGABLE AND CONCURS MY 191840Z X RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE SINKING X ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP ON RADAR DUE SEAS BREAKING OVER AND APPEARS LOWER

TOD 20/0418Z FEB

NOTE-- HQ NOT AN ADEE - BUT PASS FROM COMEASTAREA TO HQ FOR INFO

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ACTION

TO BEPJC/COMDT COGARD

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INFORM

INFO BEGD/COMEASTAREA

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TEXT

SITREP FORT MERCER CASE X EASTWIND HAS THREE SURVIVORS ON BOARD X YAKUTAT FOUR AND ACUSHNET EIGHTEEN X LATTER PROCEEDING BOSTON ETA 0730Z TOMORROW X THIRTEEN VOLUNTEERS OF FT MERCER REMAINING ON BOARD TO ASSIST SALVAGE WITH EASTWIND AND UNIMAK STANDING BY X YAKUTAT STANDING BY CAPSIZED BOW SECTIONS 25 MILES NORTH OF EASTWIND X TUG PETER MORAN DUE AT SCENE 1800R AND FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE AT 1900R X LATTER WILL DETERMINE IF SECTIONS SALVAGEABLE X UNIMAK TO RELIEVE YAKUTAT AFTER ARRIVAL TUGS AS DESIRABLE 2 SHIPS STAND BY THIRTEEN VOLUNTEERS UNTIL SITUATION FURTHER CLARIFIES

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BASED ON ROUGH COPY SAILING LIST FURNISHED BY SURVIVOR ON EASTWIND FOLLOWING WHO WERE ON DOW SECTION FORT MERCER ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR X JACK BREWER CHIEF MATE X JV OREILLY RADIO OPERATOR X LOUIE CULVER QUARTERMASTER X RALPH W JAGO ABLE SEAMAN X J C HIGGENS ORDINARY SEAMAN X NAMES CANNOT BE VERIFIED DUE TO LACK OF OFFICIAL SAILING LIST AND ACCURATE LIST OF MEN STILL ABOARD STERN SECTION

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FROM: P 192206Z
FM CCGD ONE

ACTION: TO COMDT COGARD

INFORM: P 192031Z
FM CGC EASTWIND
TO CCGD ONE
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PRIORITY

TEXT

STERN SECTION FORT MERCER 40.52N 68.51W HAD ON BOARD 34
CREW INCLUDING CHIEF ENGINEER AND ONE SICK MAN NOT CRITICAL
STEAM AND ELECTRICITY AVAILABLE MAIN PROPULSION AND DECKS WINCH
OPERATIVE X ACUSHNET DEPARTED WITH 16 ON BOARD EASTWIND 3 X
THE REMAINING 13 CHOSE TO REMAIN ON BOARD X TUGS PETER MORAN AND
FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE ETA STERN SECTION 191800R X TUGS OCEAN PRINCE
AND MORAN ON WAY TO BOW SECTION YAKUTAT STANDING BY BOW SECTION
UNTIL ARRIVAL COMMERCIAL TUGS X EASTWIND AND UNIMAK STANDING
BY STERN SECTION UNTIL ARRIVAL COMMERCIAL TUGS X USNS SHORT SPLICE
RELEASED 1507R X SURVIVOR ON EASTWIND HAS LIST 34 ON STERN AND 9 ON
BOW BT

TOD 19/2212Z FEB

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INFORM: INFO CGC YAKUTAT - CGC EASTWIND - COMDT COGARD

TEXT

MY 191940Z X UNDERWRITERS DESIRE DECISION BY FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE PRIOR DISPOSITION X HAVE ADVISED OPERATOR OWNER COAST GUARD WOULD TURN OVER HULK TO THAT VESSEL ON ARRIVAL SCENE X DECISION TO SINK MUST AWAIT UNDERWRITERS CONCURRENCE

TOD 19/2018Z FEB

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TEXT

FOLLOWING SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ABOARD EASTWIND FROM STERN SECTION
FORT MERCER. X C W HINDSLEY 6842 AVENUE N HOUSTON TEXAS X GILBERT JAMES
MURPHY RFD 2 BOX 55 ALTON NEW HAMPSHIRE X RAMON SADASTIAN
RODRIGUEZ 1739 LEXINGTON AVE NEW YORK X ALL IN GOOD CONDITION

TOR NRFB 2012Z

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TO COMEASTAREA

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Ft. Mercer

YOUR 1919382 YAKUTAT 1918402 MOTAL X HAVE CONTACTED OWNER
OPERATORS RELATIVE DISPOSITION X DECISION PROMISED SHORTLY
X WILL ADVISE

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FROM: R 191810Z
TM CGC YAKUTAT

ACTION: TO COMDT COGARD
COMEASTAREA
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ROUTINE

INFORM

TEXT

COMPANY OPERATING FORT MERCER X TRINADAD CORP 30 ROCKERFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK NEW YORK X FIVE MEN WHO JUMPED LAST NIGHT AND WERE
LOST X CHIEF MATE JACK T BREWER METUCHEN NEW JERSEY MARRIED X
RADIO OPERATOR JOHN VINCENT O RILEY STATEN ISLAND NY SINGLE X
QUARTERMASTER LOUIE CULVER NO ADDRESS X MOTHER FROM
TEXAS X AB SEAMAN RALPH W JAGO NEW ORLEANS MARRIED X
ORD SEAMAN JEROME C HIGGINS WISCONSIN X SINGLE X CONTACT COMPANY
FOR MORE COMPLETE ADDRESSES X SURVIVORS DOING FINE

TOD 19/20137 FEB

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HEADING: HQ FS DE UC

FROM: OP 191805Z
FM COMEASTAREA

ACTION: TO CCGDONE

INFORM: INFO COMDT COGARD

GRNC

TEXT

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

REF S/S FORT MERCER X MORAN TOWING CO NEWYORK ADVISES X QUOTE TUG M MORAN PROCEEDING FROM NEWYORK TO TAKE ONE HALF FORT MERCER IN TOW X 1443Z POSITION OFF BRIDGEPORT CONN ETA SCENE APPROX 2007Z X TUC FOUNDATION JOSEPHINE HIRED BY MORAN TOWING CO TO TAKE OTHER HALF IN TOW X POSITION APPROXIMATELY 75 MILES SOUTH OF SCENE ETA INDEFINITE DUE TO HEAVY SEAS UNQUOTE

TOD 19/1618Z
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HEADING: PG HQ DE UG

FROM: OP 191750Z
FM COMEASTAREA

ACTION: TO CCGD ONE

INFORM: INFO COMDT COGARD

TEXT

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

YOUR 191745Z X DIRECT YAKUTAT STANDBY SECTION AND DO NOT

REPEAT DO NOT SINK UNK UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED

TOD 17922
/--RECD VIA CRA NET--/

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HEADING: HQ US DE PS

FROM: 191745Z CCGD ONE

ACTION: TO COMDT COGARD

INFORM: INFO COMEASTAREA

PRIORITY

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SUPPLEMENTARY TO SUMMARY X AT 191630Z BOW SECTION OF FORT MERCER TURNED OVER X YAKUTAT RECOVERED FOUR SURVIVORS IN FAIR CONDITION X YAKUTAT WILL SINK BOW SECTION BY GUN FIRE X NEW SUBJECT IN MY 191615Z WORDS QUOTE FIRST INFORMATION TWO TANKERS ETC UNQUOTE SHOULD READ QUOTE FIRST INDICATION ETC UNQUOTE BT

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TO NVI X TANKER FORT MERCER ON 248894 BROKE IN TWO OFF CAPE COD
ON 18 FEB 52 WITH LOSS OF LIFE X MAJOR MARINE CASUALTY X RECOMMEND
MARINE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO 46 CFR 136-09 X
CAPT WALTER R RICHARDS 1087 CHAIRMAN
CAPT WILLIAM W STOREY 1239
CDR WILLIAM J CONLEY JR 1418 MEMBERS
CDR WILLIAM C MAHONEY 1876 RECORDER X
BOARD WILL ALSO MAKE DETERMINATION REQUIRED BY 136.07-42 /2/ X
INVESTIGATION TO BE AT BASE BSN AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE

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SUMMARY OF BOW SECTION OF FORT MERCER X SURVIVORS AND NEXT OF KIN
M CAPTAIN FREDERICK C PAETZEL X WIFE MRS PALMER PAETZEL 7232
WOODRIDGE HOUSTON TEXAS X PURSER EDWARD E TURNER JR 252 PARK AVE
PORTLAND MAINE X ISTER MRS STELLA ENNIS 364 CENTER STREET
BROCKTON MASS X THIRD MATE VINCENT A GALDON X FATHER ANDREW GALDON
78A WEST 27TH STREET BAYONNE NEW JERSEY X SECOND MATE
WILLARD FAIRNER X WIFE MRS ANNE FAIRNER HOTEL NASSAU 56 EAST
59TH STREET NEW YORK NY X BOW SECTION CAPSIZED SHORTLY AFTER
ALL SURVIVORS WERE OFF SHIP

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