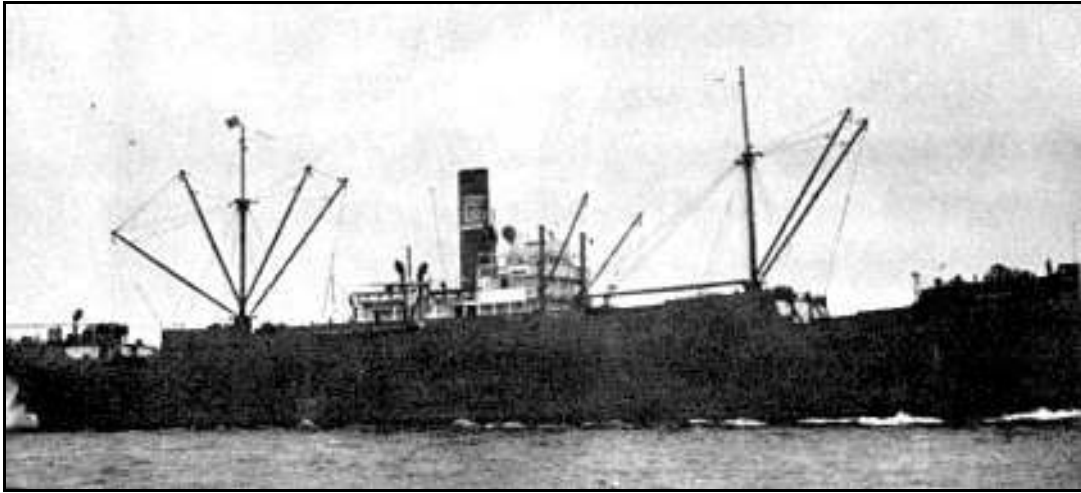


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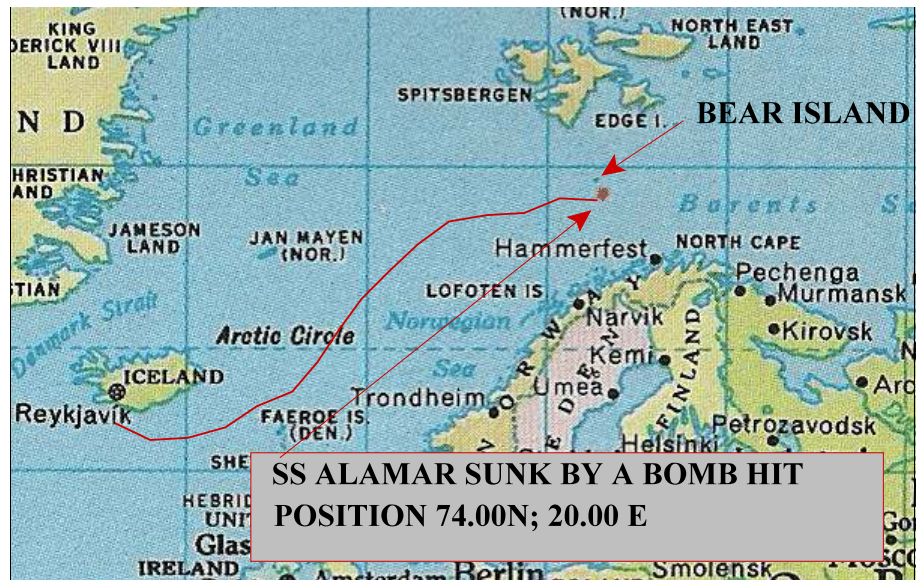


The SS *Alamar* [former name was *Eurana* (details end of document)] was a 5,688 gross ton freighter, that was built in 1916 at San Francisco, CA. She was operated by Calmar Steamship Company, New York, NY. Her home port was New York, NY as well.

The *Alamar* departed from Philadelphia and joined up with the 35 ship convoy PQ-16 at Reykjavik, Iceland. This particular convoy with its 50 ship escorts left Reykjavik on May 21, 1942 and was estimated to arrive a Murmansk, Russia on May 30th.

At about 1200 local time the *Alamar* was about 100 miles northeast of Bear Island on May 27th when she was hit by a direct bomb at #5 hold. Huge flames leaped high in the air from the many drums of high test gasoline stowed on deck.

Actually the master, Ragnar Emanuel Nystrom gave the abandon ship order immediately. All 36 crewmen and her total complement of 9 U.S. Navy Armed Guard were picked up by HMS *Starwort* (K-20), HMS *St. Elstan*, and HMS *Trident*. All were taken to Murmansk.



There they were placed aboard the SS *Massmar*, another Calmar Line ship, for return to

the U.S. but the SS *Massmar* was sunk on this trip and the above master and 22 of the *Alamar* men were lost in this incident.

As stated above....the entire crew of the Alamar survived the bombing incident...but when they were put aboard the SS Massmar and she struck a mine off Iceland on July 5, 1942... The crew members of the Alamar and was aboard the SS Massmar were listed under the Massmar's lost list by the Coast Guard.....so it is not possible to know from this lost crewman listing who was on what ship....

What I will do is list the entire lost Massmar crew when I get to that particular vessel's history. Or if you wish you can e-mail me and I'd be glad to compile that list and send it to you...

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The below additional data was added due to a reader sharing info and pics of the vessel as SS *Eurana*.

As stated above *Eurana*...[later named *Alamar*] was built in 1916 by the Union Iron Works, which actually later became known as Bethlehem Shipbuilding, owned by Bethlehem Steel in San Francisco, CA. It took the shipyard about a year to complete her...before being released to the American South African Line as a passenger freighter.

There is documentation that the *Eurana* was attacked by an enemy submarine on or around August 1917 while she was operating commercially in the Atlantic.

The U.S. Navy acquired the *Eurana* on September 13, 1918 and was put into active service as a

Section Patrol Craft. She was actually employed by the Naval Overseas Transportation Service carrying war material between the United States and France. Then in March of 1919 she was transferred to the Cruiser and Transport Force and was used as a troop transport, bring nearly 1900 World War I vets home from Europe.

Eurana was decommissioned in Oct. 1919 and returned to commercial employment, and her name was change to “Alamar in the 1930's....

Below are additional pictures of her as “Eurana”.



