

<b>Vessel</b> <i>*Not A Total Loss</i>	<i>Montebello</i>	<a href="#">Click here</a> for Vessel History	
<b>Name (former)</b>	N/A	<b>Official Number</b>	221100
<b>Propulsion</b>	Steam	<b>Nationality</b>	US
<b>Masts</b>	3	<b>Age</b>	20
<b>Decks</b>	3	<b>Value</b>	1,200,000
<b>Type</b>	Shelter Deck Tanker	<b>Call Sign</b>	KDPR
<b>Use</b>	Commercial	<b>Home Port</b>	CA, Los Angeles
<b>Tonnage (gross)</b>	8272	<b>Built When</b>	1921
<b>Tonnage (net)</b>	5107	<b>Built Where</b>	CA, East San Pedro
<b>Tonnage</b>	6010 underdeck	<b>Built by</b>	Southwestern Shipbuilding Company
<b>Displacement</b>	17415	<b>Hull Material</b>	Steel (riveted hull)
<b>Length (ft)</b>	440.0	<b>Cargo</b>	CA Crude Oil 73,570.99 barrel 21.81 gravity/2477 (bunkers)
<b>Beam</b>	58.2	<b>Owner</b>	Union Oil Company of California
<b>Depth of Hold</b>	32.8		
	<b>CASUALTY</b>		
<b>Latitude</b>		<b>Longitude</b>	
<b>WHERE</b>	Piedras Blancas Point, off	<b>STATE</b>	California
<b>YEAR</b>	1941	<b>LAST PORT</b>	Port San Luis, CA.
<b>MONTH</b>	12	<b>DESTINATION</b>	Vancouver, British Columbia
<b>DAY</b>	23	<b>People on Board</b>	38
<b>TIME</b>	0540	<b>FATALITIES</b>	0
		<b>CAUSE</b>	Torpedoed
<b>NATURE OF CASUALTY</b>			



Vessel was struck by torpedo on the starboard bow, entering the hull where it exploded blowing away deck house, radio room, all upper works, and the forward main, and blowing water in the air causing vessel to settle forward quickly and sink at 0645. Japanese submarine 1-21 also delivered shell fire. Crew abandoned vessel at 0555 in lifeboats and picked up 4-5 hours later.

Report on US Merchant Tanker War Action Casualty [In Part]

When the vessel was torpedoed she settled down almost immediately on the fore part, and then she settled gradually more and more, and by the time she went down, the after end of the vessel came up 150 feet in the air, and then she went straight down.

Testimony by Captain Olof W. Ekstrom

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Submarine was sighted before, during and after attack

Navigation lights were off at time of attack, 0540

Vessel abandoned 0555 Vessel Sank 0645

Number of lookouts: 2

Number on engineering watch below: 3

Vessel Carried 4 lifeboats and 4 were used to abandon ship

Draft loaded ( maximum allowed): 29' 10 1/2"

Draft when attacked: 29'10"

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