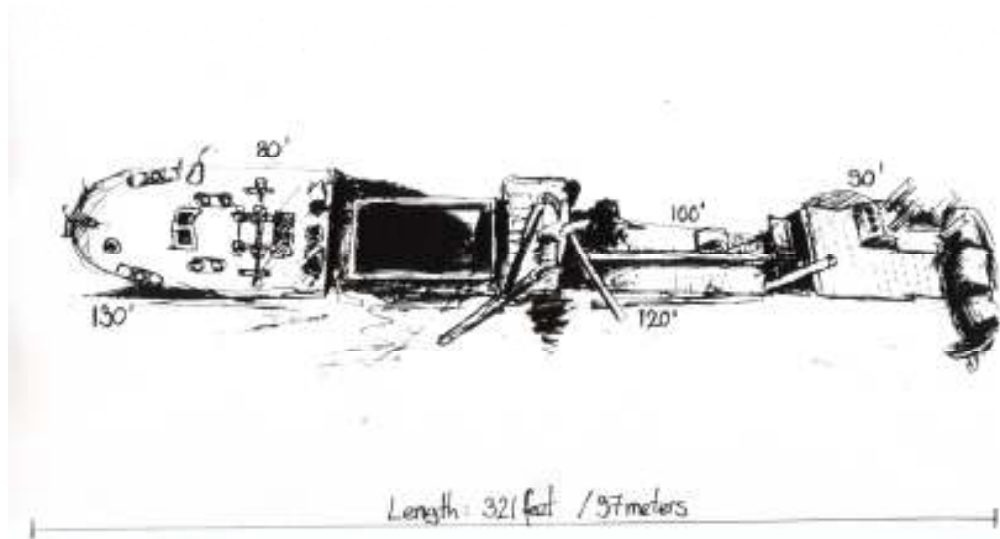




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#### **History:**

- Japanese, medium size cargo Freighter
- Built in 1943
- Attacked by a Bunker Hill SBD (navy single-engine dive bomber) on 30 March, 1944
- Heavily damaged – foreship lies 30 yards from the rest of the vessel
- Bow lays blown apart
- Slight damage to No. 2 hold
- Significant damage to engine room from bombing and salvage attempts
- Recovered ship's cargo – 2,500 tons of nickel ore and scrap iron
- Stripped of all its upper superstructure, deck and hull

#### **Artifacts:**

- Aft of amid ship – loose coils of cable strewn about

#### **Marine Life:**

- Octopus, damsels, blue green chromis and many varieties of invertebrates
- Coral: platter, brain, sponge and soft