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Statements by Capt. Chas. W. Eckstrom
made at Army Hospital at Camp San Luis
about 8 pm this day:

Submarine sighted at 5:40 am this
day, about 1/2 mile off starboard quarter.
Tried to zig-zag course to get out of way.
Was plainly visible, thought to be 300 feet
long with deck gun mounted forward. It
was slow enough to be seen in the
darkness.

Torpedo was fired which struck the
montebello on the starboard side forward at
No 2 + 3 tank entering the hull where it ex-
ploded blowing away the deck house, raised
room, all upper work & the forward deck
and blowing oil and water in the air.
causing vessel to settle forward quickly
and sink at 6:45 am.

With the general alarm all boats were
lowered, manned and pulled away from
the vessel where they stood by for a