

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

~~WRECK~~ ~~SECRET~~ 13174

Ship's Name M.S. "Belpamela" of Oslo Tons 3131 Gross 1814  
 Built at Newcastle 1928 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 23.4.47 Owner's reply 28.4.47  
 Owner's Name Belupps Company Ltd. Skibs A/S (Christer Smith, Mgr)  
 Address H. Heyerdahls Gate 1, Oslo, Norway.

Previously before Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee. Last Minute \_\_\_\_\_  
 Particulars of Classification.  
+100A1 TL MC 9.45  
2.47  
Reclassified 9.45 DBS 9.45  
SS. No 3-4.40 TS 6.46 CL  
SS. No 1-45 OIL ENGINES

Casualty 11th April, 1947

Particulars of Casualty

While carrying trains, including 17 engines of 110-150 tons each, this steamer sank in the North Atlantic on the 11th April, 1947, caused by the trains rolling and bursting out the ship's sides.

The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**BELPAMELA.**—Portland Radio, Apr. 13.—Following received from American steamer Marquette Victory at 10.54 p.m. G.M.T.: Following received from master of American steamer John P. Mitchell: At 10.15 p.m. G.M.T. in position lat. 37° 44' N., long. 53° 3' W., John P. Mitchell rescued 18 survivors of the Norwegian motor vessel Belpamela (New York for Charbourg). The Belpamela was sunk on Apr. 11 by rolling cargo bursting out ship's side. Total crew was 27, whereabouts of the rest not known.

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**BELPAMELA.**—Bermuda, Apr. 15.—A Flying Fortress, equipped with radar, left Bermuda today to search for the nine missing members of the crew of the Norwegian motor vessel Belpamela, carrying trains to France, which sank in the North Atlantic on Friday (Apr. 11). If the men have not been found when the Fortress returns early to-morrow, a Douglas C-64 bomber will take over the search. Rescue planes are also to leave Newfoundland airports today to seek the shipwrecked men, and a squadron of "Hellcats" will join in if they are unsuccessful. — Reuter. (See issue of Apr. 15.)

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**BELPAMELA.**—St. John's, N.F., Apr. 16.—Army, Navy and Air Force units today joined in the search for nine missing members of the crew of the Norwegian motor vessel Belpamela, which sank in the North Atlantic on Friday (Apr. 11). Search planes left Argentina and Harmon Field at dawn today to cover a region 600 miles from St. John's in an effort to locate the last lifeboat from the vessel, which is believed to be still at sea. The United States Navy at Bermuda also joined in the search today by sending out three aircraft. — Reuter. (See issue of Apr. 16.)

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**BELPAMELA.**—New York, Apr. 14.—Motor vessel Belpamela, steamer Edd, which left Oslo on Apr. 2 for Baltimore, is in vicinity and searching for missing crew members. (See issue of Apr. 17.)

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**BELPAMELA.**—New York, Apr. 15.—Steamer John P. Mitchell reports that one lifeboat was smashed against ship's side in launching from motor vessel Belpamela. Eighteen survivors were rescued from three rafts; they do not believe any survivors are afloat in lifeboats or life-rafts. The John P. Mitchell is due at Cape Henry at 8 a.m. on Apr. 18. (See issue of Apr. 18.)

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**BELPAMELA.**—St. John's, N.F., Apr. 17.—The Argentina consulars have given up the search for nine of the crew of the Norwegian motor vessel Belpamela. From statements by survivors it is believed that the missing men were transacted when the ship sank. — Reuter.

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**BELPAMELA.**—Baltimore, Apr. 19.—Eighteen survivors of motor vessel Belpamela, which sank 1100 miles E. of Cape Henry, were landed by steamer John P. Mitchell at Baltimore today. Representatives of the owners of the Belpamela announced that an inquiry into the sinking would be held at the Norwegian Consulate in New York on Monday (Apr. 21). — British United Press. (See issue of Apr. 19.)

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