

WRECK SECTION REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 8th December, 1948

Vessel's Name *Twin Is. Tanker "Esso Salta"* of *Buenos Aires* Tons Gross *3109* Net *1772*

Built at *Newcastle* When *1928* 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner *11. 11. 48* Owner's reply *x*

Owner's Name *Compania Transportadora de Petroleos, S.A. Aron*

Address *Avda. Rte. R.T. Pena 648, Buenos Aires*

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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SS No 3-1241

SS No 1-45

TLMC1245

BS1146

TS946CL

Carrying Petroleum in bulk
Fitted for 81 fuel 11.28 F.P. above 50°F.

Date of Casualty *25th September, 1948*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This tanker exploded and sank after being struck by lightning at Campana, Argentine Republic, on the 25th September, 1948.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners, by Air Mail, on the 11th ultimo.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ESSO SALTA. Rio Janeiro, Sept. 26. — Firemen of Campana are fighting a fire on board the Argentine tank steamer Esso Salta after an explosion on board, believed to have been caused by a thunderbolt. Several men were injured and three are reported missing. Windows were shattered over a wide area, and the ship's propeller hurled 500 yards. The burning vessel has been towed clear of the port to prevent further damage to other shipping. — Reuter.

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ESSO SALTA. Buenos Aires, Sept. 27. — Tank steamer Esso Salta, at Campana, exploded and sank at 9.40 p.m., G.M.T., on Sept. 25; alleged cause struck by lightning. (See issue of Sept. 27.)
Buenos Aires, Sept. 26. — Three members of the crew are believed to have been killed and several injured when lightning struck the tank steamer Esso Salta at Campana, Argentina, causing a huge explosion on board. Fire caused by the explosion burned for hours after the vessel had gone down by the bow. The explosion, which hurled the mainmast of the Esso Salta 100 yards and her six-ton propeller 200 yards away, also caused considerable damage to harbour installations. The Esso Salta, operated by the Argentine subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, had carried a cargo of oil from Buenos Aires to Campana. Most of the oil had been discharged when the accident happened. — British United Press.

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Date of Committee

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