

Wreck Report No.

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WRECK SECTION No. 667

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 08854 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 157/61 Date of writing this report 11th October, 19 61.

Ship's Name m.s. "DON MANUEL" of Monrovia Tons { Gross 5847 Net 3140

Built at Walsend When 1931 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners Cia. Nav. Puerto Madrin S.A.

Managers ---

Address c/o Mavroleon Bros., Ltd., St. Clare House, 30-33, Minorities, E.C.3.

Classification details

+100A1	+LMC CS 6,60
ore carrier	BS A 6,60
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ss (Dr) 12,55	
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Date of Casualty 13th August, 1961.

Details of Casualty

This ship, which sustained extensive damage in engine room after fire, was towed to Dakar and declared a constructive total loss. Subsequently she was sold to S.A. Chantiers Navals Jos. Boel et Fils for breaking up at Tamise, where she arrived 26th September, 1961.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

DON MANUEL. — London, Aug. 14. — The London agents of the owners of motor vessel Don Manuel, west coast of Africa for Amsterdam, loaded with 12,200 tons of iron ore, report the receipt of a radio message from the master, timed 6 p.m., Aug. 13, advising that the engine-room had been destroyed by fire. The vessel was reported in position lat. 18 19 N., long. 17 40 W. It is understood that motor vessel Owerri is proceeding to her assistance and that motor vessel Windward Islands is standing by. Later messages indicate that tug Malika sailed at 1 a.m., Aug. 14, on basis "no cure no pay" contract.

DON MANUEL. — Dakar, Aug. 14. — Motor vessel Don Manuel (reported off Dakar with fire in engine-room): Vessel about 300 miles off Dakar. One towing vessel left Dakar to aid vessel on request of master. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 15.)

London, Aug. 15. — The London agents of the owners of motor vessel Don Manuel have received information from their local representatives at Dakar advising them that the vessel was taken in tow at 1 30 p.m., G.M.T., Aug. 15, proceeding 3-4 knots; estimated time of arrival at Dakar 4 30 a.m. Aug. 18.

DON MANUEL. — Dakar, Aug. 16. — Motor vessel Don Manuel arriving to-morrow evening assisted by tug. Vessel has three metres of water in machinery. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 16.)

DON MANUEL. — Dakar, Aug. 18. — Motor vessel Don Manuel arrived at 2 p.m. yesterday. Very extensive damage due to fire in engine-room. After accommodations between frames Nos. 6 and 44 completely destroyed, boat deck, poop deck and main deck extensively buckled in same area, shell plating damaged from sheerstrake to upper strake, fore and after engine-room bulkhead and engine and boiler casings damaged. Upper part of main engines and all auxiliaries damaged by fire, requiring complete dismantling, and electrical installation completely destroyed. Nine feet of water inside engine-room due to discharge valves and piping leaks. Cause of fire probably electrical short-circuit under port settling tank drain cock. Course proposed: Pumping out water from engine-room and after peak, transferring ashore fuel and diesel oil and closing leaks in engine-room to put ship in seaworthy condition with a view to towing to Europe. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 17.)

DON MANUEL. — Paris, Aug. 31. — Information from Dakar states that the owners of motor vessel Don Manuel are reported to have decided to abandon the vessel to underwriters in view of the extensive damage. Norwegian tug Herkules is waiting at Dakar. — "Journal de la Marine Marchande." (See issue of Aug. 21.)

DON MANUEL. — Dakar, Sept. 1. — Motor vessel Don Manuel left Dakar at 4 p.m., Sept. 1, in tow of salvage tug Herkules. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 2.)

DON MANUEL. — Oslo, Sept. 23. — A report from Bergen states that Norwegian salvage tug Herkules arrived at Amsterdam on Thursday (Sept. 21) with Liberian motor vessel Don Manuel in tow. During the tow from Dakar, the vessels encountered the fringe of hurricane "Debbie" and had to lie to for a day, but the towage was carried through without mishap. — "Norges Handels og Sjøfartstidende." (See issue of Sept. 4.)

DON MANUEL. — Ymuiden, Sept. 26. — Motor vessel Don Manuel left Amsterdam on Sept. 25 for Antwerp. (See issue of Sept. 28.)

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Suggested Record

"DAMAGED BY FIRE 8,61 - TO BE BROKEN UP"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 13 OCT 1961

Committee's Minute

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