

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

Ship's Name **SSMS "MARGIT"**
Gross tons **4967**
Date of Build **10-1953**
Casualty notice sent to Owners **3.3.65.**
Owners' Reply **11.3.65.**
20.4.65 Owners **Rederi A/S "Myren"**
7.4.65.

Details of classification

+ 100A1	+ LMC CS11,62
MTs-vegetable oil	BS A 11,63
11,63	sp NA
ss 11,62	ts 10,63 CL

Details of casualty

This ship caught fire after explosion in engine room in lat. 17 47N., long 176 42W. After drifting for many days, she grounded on one of the Marshall Islands still burning amidships. Declared a total loss.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 11th February, 1965.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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MARGIT.—Honolulu, Feb. 12. — Danish motor vessel Margit (Vancouver for Calcutta) radioed to-day that she was on fire about 1,000 miles south-west of Honolulu and that the crew had taken to the lifeboats, the Coast Guard reported. A Coast Guard rescue plane has been sent to the scene.—Reuter.
Honolulu, Feb. 12. — A Coast Guard plane circling motor vessel Margit reported that the vessel was abandoned and that two lifeboats were in the water nearby. The plane's crew radioed to the Coast Guard headquarters in Honolulu that they had dropped flares to mark the area. The Coast Guard said a message from the Margit disclosed that the fire was started by an explosion in the engine-room.—British United Press.
Honolulu, Feb. 12.—Danish motor vessel Margit reported on fire and abandoned in position lat. 17 47 N., long. 176 42 W. American steamer Greenville Victory standing by with 24 survivors, including three injured; now searching area for further survivors.

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MARGIT.—Honolulu, Feb. 12.—Survivors of motor vessel Margit said that at least three of the crew were killed in the blast. Three of the men picked up were injured, one with burns to 70 per cent. of his body. The rescue ship issued urgent calls for a ship with a doctor on board. The Margit was carrying a cargo of flour, asbestos and cast-iron.—Reuter. (See issue of Feb. 13.)
Honolulu, Feb. 12.—A United States Coast Guard aircraft, directing a Japanese tanker to the aid of the motor vessel Margit, reported that she was burning fiercely.—British United Press.
Honolulu, Feb. 12.—Motor vessel Margit: Coast Guard reports vessel on fire throughout. Steamer Greenville Victory proceeding Johnston Island with survivors and reports three crew members of Margit missing.
Honolulu, Feb. 13.—Steamer Greenville Victory was heading for Johnston Island to-day with 24 survivors from Danish motor vessel Margit, which burned after an engine explosion in the Pacific on Thursday night (Feb. 11). The Greenville Victory, answering the S.O.S, found two lifeboats about six miles from the Margit. The survivors told rescuers that after the explosion fire spread to Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds and was burning out of control when they abandoned ship. Three of the survivors, including a woman, were injured and would need medical attention when they reached Johnston Island, about 400 miles from where they were picked up, the Coast Guard said. Latest reports said the Margit was still burning fiercely.—Reuter.
Honolulu, Feb. 13.—The 24 survivors from motor vessel Margit arrived to-night at Johnston Island.—Reuter.
Honolulu, Feb. 14. — The 24 survivors from the motor vessel Margit have been flown to Hawaii by Coast Guard aircraft, on their way home. Steamer Greenville Victory picked up the 23 men and one woman from open boats 1,100 miles SW. of Hawaii. Captain Elias Grubin said that the explosion blew up cabins and the amidships superstructure, destroying all fire-fighting pumps. When last seen by Coast Guard planes, the vessel was still being ravaged by fire.—Reuter.

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MARGIT. — Honolulu, Mar. 11. — United States Coast Guard reports Danish motor vessel Margit, abandoned on Feb. 12, now reported aground and on fire Wotje Atoll. (See issue of Feb. 15.)
San Francisco, Mar. 12. — Danish motor vessel Margit, abandoned after an explosion and fire last month, was reported last night still burning and aground on a small island in the south Pacific. The Coast Guard here reported that an aircraft from a United States base in the Ladrone (Mariana) Islands said the vessel was still smoking and burning amidships. The vessel was firmly on the beach of an atoll in the Marshall Islands, the Coast Guard said, and appeared to have been aground for about 36 hours.—Reuter.

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