

Wreck Report No. 15541

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 63370 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 132/60 Date of writing this report 14th September, 1960.
 Ship's Name s.s. "HALCYON MED" of Beyrouth Tons Gross 1948
Net 924
 Built at Middlesbrough When 1940 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner WRECK SECTION No. 689 Owner's reply ---
 Owners Cia. Maritima Med Ltda.
 Managers ---
 Address c/o Lambert Brothers, Ltd., Cunard House, 88, Leadenhall Street, E.C.3.

Classification details

+ 100A1	+ LMC 9,56
with freeboard	BS M9,58
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of Casualty 24th August, 1960.
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Sunk by collision with s.s. "ESSO SWITZERLAND"
 off Gibraltar.
 The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

HALCYON MED.—Gibraltar, Aug. 24.—Gibraltar Radio reports: Following received from tank steamer ESSO SWITZERLAND, HPXZ, (Cadiz for Baniyas or Sidon) at 6 5 a.m., G.M.T.: Collided and sinking ship in about position lat. 36 9 N., long. 3 36 W. Please give assistance.
 Following received from United States Navy transport General Le Roy Eltinge at 6 14 a.m., G.M.T.: Position lat. 36 3 N., long. 4 W. at 6 a.m., G.M.T. Changed course to be at your assistance in one hour.
 Following received on 500 kcs. at 6 49 a.m., G.M.T.: SOS all ships, Lebanese steamer Halcyon Med, ODAX, (Arzew for Granton) sunk at 6 a.m. after collision with tank steamer ESSO SWITZERLAND. ESSO SWITZERLAND now approximately in position lat. 36 9 N., long. 3 36 W., searching for three missing men.
 Following received from General Le Roy Eltinge at 8 27 a.m., G.M.T.: At scene of collision at 8 25 a.m., G.M.T., in approximate position lat. 36 3 N., long. 3 26 W. Two motor lifeboats in water searching area for survivors. Doctor boarded ESSO SWITZERLAND. Debris scattered over area.
 Gibraltar, Aug. 24.—Salvage tug Herkules sailed at 8 30 a.m., proceeding to render assistance at scene of collision between tank steamer ESSO SWITZERLAND and steamer Halcyon Med.
 Gibraltar, Aug. 24.—Gibraltar Radio reports: Following received from United States Navy transport General Le Roy Eltinge: Have left area of collision with 26 survivors from steamer Halcyon Med and am bound Gibraltar. Tank steamer ESSO SWITZERLAND still searching area for survivors.
 Following received from ESSO SWITZERLAND at 11 4 a.m., G.M.T.: Distress traffic ended, but report forward part of Halcyon Med is still floating in position lat. 36 2 N., long. 3 23 W.; dangerous to navigation.
 Madrid, Aug. 24.—Three men are missing following a collision in the western Mediterranean early to-day between tank steamer ESSO SWITZERLAND and steamer Halcyon Med. Twenty-six men were picked up from the sea by the American transport General Le Roy Eltinge after all but the bow of the Halcyon Med had gone under water.—British United Press.
 Gibraltar, Aug. 24.—Survivors from steamer Halcyon Med, which was in collision near Alboran Island, between the Spanish and Moroccan coasts, were transferred to the United States Navy transport General Le Roy Eltinge, which made for Gibraltar, where she is due to-night. A Shackleton aircraft from Gibraltar base reported wreckage covered six square miles and dense fog shrouds the area.—Reuter.
 Gibraltar, Aug. 25.—Gibraltar Radio reports: Following received from salvage tug Herkules at 5 10 a.m., G.M.T.: Forepart of steamer Halcyon Med sunk at 2 40 a.m., G.M.T., in position lat. 36 26 N., long. 3 20 W.; look out for wreckage.
 Gibraltar, Aug. 25.—Steamer Halcyon Med, in collision with tank steamer ESSO SWITZERLAND in dense fog, was cut in two. Understand afterpart sank. Forepart taken in tow by tug Herkules but sank a.m., Aug. 25, in position lat. 36 26 N., long. 3 20 W. Unable advise prospects of salvage.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.
HALCYON MED.—Gibraltar, Aug. 24.—Tank steamer ESSO SWITZERLAND sustained slight bow damage when she was in collision with steamer Halcyon Med 120 miles east of Gibraltar during heavy fog this morning.—New York Maritime Association. (See issue of Aug. 26.)
 Gibraltar, Aug. 26.—Tank steamer ESSO SWITZERLAND arrived here on Aug. 25.

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Suggested Record "SUNK BY COLLISION 8,60"
 Date of Committee FRIDAY 16 SEP 1960
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