R. No. [redacted] SECTION No. [redacted] 9722

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 27558 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 54/39 Date of writing this report 28th September, 1939

Vessel's Name Steel Twin S.S. "Kia-Wo" (YEAR. MONTH.) of Shanghai Tons { Gross 1311 / Net 694

Built at Shanghai When 1925 — Casualty notice sent to Owner 20/9/39 Owner's reply 22/9/39

Owner's Name Indo-China Steam Navigation Co, Ltd,

Address Victoria, Hong Kong

Case previously before Classing Committee. { Date / Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

A1 7.37 LMC 7.37

S.S. No 3-7.37 TS 3,370 6

carrying oil fuel F.P. above 150°F in deep tanks

fitted for oil fuel F.P. above 150°F

For Service on the Yangtsze River

Date of Casualty 6th August, 1939

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been struck by eight bombs during a Japanese air raid on Ichang, Yangtsze River, on the 6th August, 1939.

She caught fire and was burned to the main deck level before the fire was extinguished.

In reply to the Special Casualty Notice, the London Agents state they have received from China a cablegram reading as follows:-

"Ichang incidents we are unable send full report until arrival particulars from Ichang STOP Until then unaware whether vessel constructive total loss",

and they regret they are unable to supply any more information for the present.

16th November, 1939

The Owners Representatives in London state under date of 9th November that they have communicated with Hong Kong but at the time of writing had not received a reply.

28th December, 1939.

The London Representatives now state they have heard from Hong Kong. Owing to Ichang being isolated from Shanghai, the nearest port where repairs could be carried out or expert surveyors available for inspection, it will not be possible to repair this vessel for some time to come.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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" 19/8

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R. SECTION No. 58

Suggested Record

Date of Committee FRI. 29 SEP 1939 | FRI. 17 NOV 1939

Committee's Minute Deferred 1 month | Defered 1 mo

5c.6.38. Write Lloyds 29/12/39

Assigned 1 mo now

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Suggested record *Damaged by aircraft 8.39*

Date of Committee FRI. 29 DEC 1939

Committee's Minute *Damaged by aircraft 8.39*

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