

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. ~~78656~~ in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 13/39 Date of writing this report 27th April, 1939

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Lucky" of Gibraltar Tons {Gross 1201
Net 714

Built at Campbeltown When 1905 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner 21/4/39 Owner's reply 22/4/39

Owner's Name Toussi Shipping Co. Ltd. (A. Angherino, Mgrs.)

Address 7/8, Bury Court, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

<u>£ 100/1</u> <u>10,37</u>	<u>£ LMC 4,34</u>
<u>ss No 3-4,26</u>	<u>BS1,39</u>
<u>ss No 2-34</u>	<u>TS 6,3709</u>

Date of Casualty 11th February, 1939

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sustained heavy damage in an air raid at Valencia on the 11th February, 1939.

The bows were submerged, Nos. 1 & 2 holds were flooded and there were five feet of water in the engine and boiler rooms and after holds.

The hole in the forehold, 3 x 2 metres, was provisionally repaired and on the 21st instant the vessel was refloated.

In reply to inquiry regarding repairing the damage and holding the 2nd Special Survey No. 3, due in April, 1938, the Owners state the vessel is a Constructive Total Loss and that they intend to sell her.

----- 18th April, 1940.

According to the Shipping papers this vessel has now resumed trading under the name of "Castillo Benisano".

In accordance with Standing Instructions the case is submitted to the Committee in order that the casualty record may be altered to:-

"Sunk in port 2.39.

Refloated - now trading"

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Valencia, Feb. 11.—British steamer LUCKY was badly damaged during an air raid this morning. Nos. 1 and 2 holds flooded. Salvage operations started.—Lloyd's Agent.

Valencia, Feb. 11.—During an air raid on Valencia this morning a heavy bomb scored a direct hit on the No. 1 hold of the British steamer LUCKY and the vessel sank by the bows. Owing to the shallowness of the water her stern rises clear of the water.—British United Press.

Madrid, Feb. 11.—British steamer LUCKY suffered a direct hit and was partially sunk during a series of air raids on Valencia this morning. The bows of vessel are below water. There were casualties on board.—Reuter.

Valencia, Feb. 13.—British steamer LUCKY has five feet of water in boiler-room, engine-room and after holds. Salvage operations progressing slowly.—Lloyd's Agents.

London, Mar. 8.—British steamer LUCKY, damaged by aircraft at Valencia. According to information received, dated Feb. 23, a trial was made with the pumps on Feb. 22 and water was reduced in the foreholds, but when the level reached a certain height it became stationary, showing that the damage was greater than the pumping capacity. After holds under control. Awaiting diver, who is engaged at Alicante. The master has signed Lloyd's Salvage Agreement "no cure no pay," remuneration to be fixed by arbitration in London. When the vessel sank she was loaded with 1582 bales codfish and 6010 kilograms of lentils in bulk. (See issue of Feb. 14.)

Valencia, Mar. 24.—British steamer LUCKY. Diver examined damage and reported one hole three by two metres in forehold. Damage being provisionally repaired with cement blocks to lift vessel. Salvors hope to refloat vessel shortly.—Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Mar. 9.)

LUCKY—Valencia, Apr. 24.—British steamer Lucky floated. (Note.—Lucky was partially sunk during air raids on Valencia on Feb. 11.)

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

FRI 28 APR 1939

Sunk in port 2.39. Refloated



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Suggested record Alter standing casualty record to:-

"Sunk in port 2,39 - Refloated & now trading."

Date of Committee FRI 19 APR 1940

Committee's Minute Sunk in port 2,39

Refloated & now trading

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