

PENSILVA

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK DAY
No. 171 Section 2 9697

No. 31487 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 92/39 Date of writing this report 5th December, 1939

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Pensilva" of Swansea Tons {Gross 4258
Net 2635

Built at Burntisland When 1929 // Casualty notice sent to Owner 1/12/39 Owner's reply 4/12/39

Owner's Name Chellev Navigation Co. Ltd. (J. B. Perman, Mgrs.)

Address Berris Marks House, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before { Date _____
Classing Committee. { Last Minute _____

Particulars of Classification.	
<u>F 100A1</u>	<u>F L MC</u>
<u>4.39</u>	<u>MS 12.37</u> <u>BS 9.38</u>
<u>SS No 2-38</u>	<u>TS 9.38 CL</u>

Date of Casualty 19th November, 1939.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been torpedoed off Ushant on the 19th November, 1939.

She was struck amidships and sank within an hour stern first.

The Owners concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Apart from the above vessels, war casualties reported yesterday included the British steamer *Pensilva* (4258 tons gross), which was torpedoed, the

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BRITISH SHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO

Times 21/11

CREW OF 34 SAVED

Survivors were landed at a West Coast port yesterday evening from the British steamer *Pensilva* (2,250 tons), which was torpedoed and sunk on Sunday morning. The steamer was registered at Swansea and carried a crew of 34, all of whom were saved. The crew included eight Arabs.

According to stories told by the men, the first indication of danger was an explosion. Immediately afterwards the periscope of a submarine was sighted. The captain of the *Pensilva* ordered his crew into the boats, and they pulled away for some distance in the expectation of a second torpedo. For some time nothing happened, and after about an hour the captain thought it would be safe to take the crew back on board. They had started on their return to the ship when a second explosion occurred. A torpedo hit the *Pensilva* amidships, her stern went under water immediately, and she sank within an hour. Before the crew left the ship an S O S had been sent out. A British warship arrived soon after the *Pensilva* was hit and picked up the men in the boats.

The crew of 34 of the *Pensilva*, which was sunk off Ushant, were landed yesterday by a British destroyer.

D. Tel 21/11

Pensilva, cargo steamer (4,258 tons), owned by Chellev Navigation Co., Ltd., of London, and registered at Swansea. She was torpedoed, but all her crew of 34 were able to take to the boats. They were picked up by a British vessel and have been landed on the south coast.

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PENSILVA (4,258 tons), owned by the Chellev Navigation Co., London, registered at Swansea. Torpedoed in the Atlantic. All crew safe and landed.

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Suggested Record SUNK - WAR LOSS. 11/39

Date of Committee TUE 5 DEC 1939

Committee's Minute Sunk - War Loss 11.39



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