

WRECK BOOK
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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Thorpehaven" of London Tons {Net 2283
Gross 3688

Built at Sunderland When 1912 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner 30/6/38 Owner's reply 5/7/38

Owner's Name Thameside Shipping Co. Ltd (G.O. Till, Mgr.)

Address 13, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before Classing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
	Last Minute	+100A1 12,37 s.s. 2nd No 3- 2,37	+LMC 2,37 TS12,36CL

Casualty 6th and 9th June, 1938.

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been hit by six bombs at Alicante on the 6th June, 1938, and suffered heavy damage.

She was again bombed on the 9th June and sank the following day.

In reply to a special casualty notice the Owners state that in their opinion, the vessel is a total loss and they have tendered notice of abandonment to the Underwriters.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Madrid, June 7. — British steamer THORPEHAVEN was badly damaged in an air raid at midnight on Alicante. No one was hurt. — Reuter.

Paris, June 7. — In addition to the steamer THORPEHAVEN another British vessel was hit and set on fire when Alicante was raided at midnight by an insurgent seaplane from Palma, Majorca, according to the Havas correspondent at Alicante. The raider was finally driven off by Government chaser planes. — Reuter.

LL 8/6

Madrid, June 7. — At Alicante to-day one seaplane dropped six bombs on the steamer THORPEHAVEN just after midnight. The engine-room was destroyed, and, although some of the crew were sleeping on board, no casualties are reported.

Barcelona, June 8. — British steamer THORPEHAVEN, which was hit in Alicante harbour by bombs in last night's first air raid, is stated to be completely un navigable.

LL 9/6

Alicante, June 7. — Steamer THORPEHAVEN badly damaged last night during an air raid. — Lloyd's Agent. (See issues of June 8 and 9.)

London, June 9. — The owners of the steamer THORPEHAVEN have received the following message from the master of the vessel, dated Alicante, June 7, 9 p.m.: Three bombs hit ship alongside No. 1 hatch behind funnel and on after main hatch. Fore deck holed, funnel gone, hole in port boiler, after deck starboard buckled, bulkheads down, accommodation badly damaged, bridge damaged, main steam pipe broken, engines appear all right, no casualties crew, all left and living ashore. Lloyd's Agents sending surveyor later commenced discharging.

LL 10/6

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Madrid, June 10. — British steamer THORPEHAVEN was again bombed at Alicante last night and is in a sinking condition. — Reuter.

LL 11/6

Madrid, June 10. — The British steamer ISADORA, which was bombed at Castellon, and the British ship THORPEHAVEN, which was attacked at Alicante, sank this morning as a result of the damage done. — Reuter.

Alicante, June 10. — British steamer THORPEHAVEN damaged again; sinking. — Lloyd's Agent.

LL 13/6

Alicante, June 9. — British steamer THORPEHAVEN: Funnel wrecked, port boiler holed in shell, steam pipes pierced by shrapnel and badly twisted, cannot use steam, steering rods broken, saddle back demolished, foredeck holed close to fore-castle bulkhead, deck buckled abaft break of bridge. Bridge badly damaged, accommodation uninhabitable, now making water in No. 1 hold, 22 ft. Discharging slowly. — Lloyd's Agent.

LL 16/6

Anchored in the harbour are the remains of the steamer THORPEHAVEN and the tank steamer ENGLISH TANKER. No other vessel lies near for fear that the other two will again be bombed until they are sunk. The vessels have been stripped of all movable equipment by their crews, who have since been taken to Marseilles by the British destroyer Penelope. — "Daily Express" Correspondent.

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Date of Committee FRI 8 JUL 1938
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