

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Vessel's Name *Steel Twin M/S "Cabo Santo Tome"* of *Seville* Tons { Net 7521 Gross 12589Built at *Bilbao* When 1931 - 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner *x* Owner's reply *x*Owner's Name *Ybarra & Co.*Address *Calle San Joses (Aportado N.º 15), Seville, Spain.*Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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SS. Gen N.º 136

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CS 11.35  
1.37

Date of Casualty 10th October, 1937

List of particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have been attacked by insurgent destroyers off Bona on the 10th October.

Lloyd's Agent at Bona stated that she was on fire & anchored close in shore. The crew took to the boats. An explosion occurred & the vessel sank.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

## THE SITUATION IN SPAIN

Marseilles, Oct. 10.—Wireless information received states: Spanish motor vessel CABO SANTO TOME in distress five miles north of Cap de Garde, Algeria.—Lloyd's Agent.

Paris, Oct. 10.—According to reports reaching here a Spanish Government merchant vessel is ablaze in the Mediterranean following an hour's bombardment by two insurgent destroyers. The attack is stated to have occurred off Bona. It is reported that a tug from Bona is bringing in survivors.

According to a later message from Bona the attacked vessel was the Spanish motor vessel CABO SANTO TOME. Casualties are one dead and six wounded among the crew. French seaplanes scoured the sea in search of the attackers but without success, it is reported. The CABO SANTO TOME was beached, and later an explosion occurred on board, resulting in the ship sinking lower into the water.—Reuter.

Bona, Oct. 10.—Spanish motor vessel CABO SANTO TOME is to-night ablaze and sinking off the Algerian coast, with one dead and six wounded among her crew, following a severe 60-minute bombardment by two destroyers, presumed to be insurgent. The vessel was attacked this morning 45 miles off the Algerian coast, between Cap de Garde and Cap Rosa. The CABO SANTO TOME was hit in the stern by the attacking warships. She caught fire and sent out an SOS and was then beached three miles from Cap Rosa. This afternoon an explosion was heard and the vessel sank lower in the water. Her survivors have been taken to La Calle, Algeria. According to the Spanish Press Agency the CABO SANTO TOME carried a crew of 55.—Reuter.

Paris, Oct. 11.—The Spanish insurgent authorities, according to a Salamanca dispatch, allege that the Spanish motor vessel CABO SANTO TOME, which was shelled by two insurgent destroyers off the Algerian coast yesterday, was carrying a large cargo of aeroplanes and 1800 tons of other war material from Russia. It is added that the vessel mounted four guns, and the two destroyers engaged her although their armament was inferior.—Reuter.

Algiers, Oct. 12.—Members of the crew of the Spanish motor vessel CABO SANTO TOME are said to have given the following account to the authorities of the manner in which their vessel was sunk. They state that the CABO SANTO TOME left Odessa last Tuesday (Oct. 5) carrying 5300 tons of merchandise. On Sunday two destroyers were sighted three miles off Cap Rosa. The master of the CABO SANTO TOME, thinking that the warships were possibly members of the British anti-piracy patrol, hoisted the British flag. The destroyers also ran up the British colours. The master then disclosed the real nationality of his vessel. The destroyers immediately opened fire. The CABO SANTO TOME, which was armed with four 57-mm. guns and four 45 mm. guns, as well as anti-aircraft guns, returned the fire and made at full speed for Bona. She was struck, however, in the stern, caught fire and sank when some 400 yards from the shore.—Reuter.

London, Oct. 14.—In reply to inquiry for details concerning the attack on the motor vessel CABO SANTO TOME and particulars to identify the vessel, Lloyd's Agent at Bona cables to-day as follows: Vessel on fire after bombardment, anchored close in shore. Crew took to the boats and landed at La Calle, several injured transferred to Bona. Witnesses state name on the bow CORFU, name on lifeboats CABO SANTO TOME. During the day vessel exploded and sank.

Suggested Record *Damaged by gunfire & sunk 10.37.*Date of Committee *TUE. 19 OCT 1937*Committee's Minute *Damaged by gunfire & sunk 10.37*