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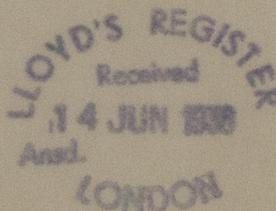
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London, 14th June 1938

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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

s. t. "NAUSICAA"

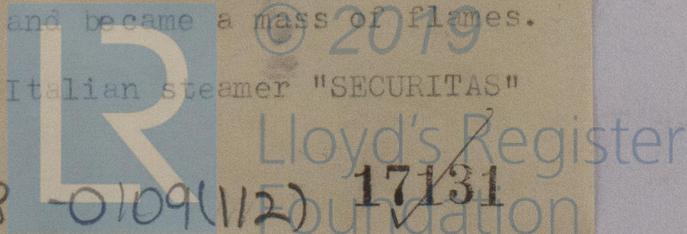
We have your letter of yesterday and, as you rightly observe, the above vessel was bombed by an aeroplane flying Franco's colours on the 27th ult.

We may mention that the ship was on her way to Port de Bouc with a full cargo of crude oil for the French Refineries and her position was about 20 miles S.E. of the Easternmost point of Minorca. The Master had instructions to pass East of the Balearic Islands on his way to Port de Bouc in accordance with the War Risk cover.

The aeroplane appeared on the scene at about 4.30 p.m. on the 27th and flew very low over the vessel. The crew could see the pilot very clearly waving them out of the ship and as the Master did not take any notice of this, the pilot commenced machine-gunning the crew until they were compelled to take to the boats. The ship was then bombed by the airman and became a mass of flames.

The crew were picked up by the Italian steamer "SECURITAS"

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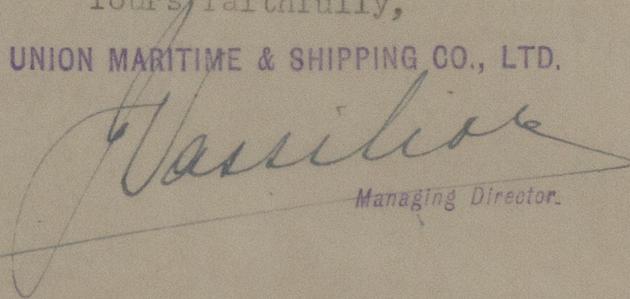
which arrived at Genoa on the 29th ult., but the Italian Authorities placed the crew under arrest and kept them prisoners until the 10th inst., without giving any reason for their action.

The ship was reported sighted again on the 28th and no other reports were received since that date except one telegram received by the Salvage Association from Lloyd's Agent at Gibraltar on the 4th inst., advising them that he was informed the ship was sunk.

The Owners are now claiming a total loss from the War Risk Underwriters.

Yours faithfully,

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