

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &C.

ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS

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SS Section 3

No. 23851 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 32/39

Date of writing this report 4th May 1939

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Elengo A. Kydoniefs" of Andros Tons {Gross 4129 Net 2564

Built at W. Hartlepool When 1916 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner 18/4/39 Owner's reply x

Owner's Name P. A. Kydoniefs

Address Andros, Greece

Case previously before Date
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.
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Shelley deck with FLUX 5,37
freeboard 9,38 BS 3,38
SS No 3-329
SS No 2-37 TS 9,38 CL

Date of Casualty 12th April, 1939

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have stranded two miles north of Cape Verde on the 12th April, 1939.

The machinery space and No. 1 hold are tidal.

The Salvage Association's Special Officer reported on the 22nd April that fine weather was likely to last for another five weeks and in his opinion salvage of the vessel is not impracticable.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owner on the 18th ultimo.

5th June, 1939.

In a letter dated the 2nd instant the London Agents state the vessel is being discharged, after which the Special Officer of the Salvage Association will examine the possibilities of salving.

Until his report has been received the Agents request that the matter be deferred until that time.

6th July, 1939.

In reply to further inquiry, the London Agents state that the Special Officer of the Salvage Association considers the prospects of salvage very remote, but they think that some decision on this point will be reached in the course of the next few days.

17th July, 1939.

The London Agents now state that the Special Officer of the Salvage Association has advised that the salvage of this vessel is impracticable.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Land's End Wireless Station, Apr. 12.—Following received from British steamer Balmoralwood at 12.26 a.m., G.M.T.: Received from British steamer Gloucester City distress from Greek steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs, two miles north of Cape Verde.

Following received from British motor vessel Warwick Castle at 1.56 a.m., G.M.T.: Distress Elengo A. Kydoniefs cleared.

Dakar, Apr. 12.—Greek steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs has gone ashore at Almadi and is badly damaged. Crew taken off and landed here. Weather fine.

Havre, Apr. 12.—Greek steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs, ashore Almadi. Master of tug Abeille No. 8 reports: Have taken off crew. Position of vessel very serious, engine-room and stokehold full. Forward holds making water, feared broken amidships, swell breaking over vessel.—Cie. de Remorquage et de Sauvetage "Les Abeilles."

Dakar, Apr. 12.—Greek steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Bottom badly holed, will probably be a total loss; full cargo cereals, prospects of salvage doubtful.

ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Dakar, Apr. 12.—Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Position 300 metres SSE. of Almadi occulting light. Heavy swell, around on basalt rocks and ranging badly, very probable whole bottom broken, engine-room flooded. Prospects of refloating remote. Tugs available, Abeille No. 8 and Nora, both visited wreck and saved crew, but would not attempt salvage.—Havre's Agent for Salvage Association.

ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Dakar, Apr. 14.—Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Surveyors confirm vessel complete loss, 20 ft. water in holds.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Dakar, Apr. 21.—Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Examination to-day shows vessel lying on even keel supported for full length on boulders. Average soundings around vessel 21 ft., except in way of machinery space, where 4 ft. less; latter tidal, forward holds doubtful, after holds not. At least half of total cargo sound. Entire crew gone; no stowage plan available, therefore disposition of cargo unknown, except shelter deck. Salvage of vessel cannot be attempted before sound cargo discharged, and recommend this be commenced as soon as possible. No available storage here, even if so, local charges about 45s. per ton, so suggest vessel of requisite tonnage and draught be chartered, and if suitable draught unobtainable, can arrange lighterage to her. Weather conditions likely to be favourable for a while.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (Note.—Elengo A. Kydoniefs is ashore at Almadi.)

ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Dakar, May 21.—Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Steamer finger unable to lie alongside to day on account of swell.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of May 17.)

Dakar, May 29.—Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Steamer finger still unable to lie alongside. With much difficulty endeavouring to procure lighters.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Dakar, May 31.—Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Westerly swell persists, impossible for steamer finger to come alongside.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Dakar, June 1.—Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Steamer Nerma arrived lying at Dakar. Meteorological conditions state present conditions prevail. In view of the both vessels can be lighters for three weeks. It is day.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issues of May 17 and 29.)

Suggested Record

Date of Committee FRI 5 MAY 1939

Committee's Minute

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ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS. — Dakar, Apr. 22.—Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs lies heading west and her position determined by cross bearings from three points, viz., the Cape Verde Lighthouse lies S. 57 deg. E., the old lighthouse N. 73 deg. E., and the occulting lighthouse N. 2 deg. W., which from the chart shows her as being just on the fairly level plateau of boulders having depth of about three fathoms at low water, while about 100 ft. from her port side to the southward it suddenly deepens to six fathoms. She is supported on boulders fore and aft on practically even keel. The machinery space is tidal as also seems No. 1 hold. The after holds are not tidal but regarding No. 2 I refrain from expressing an opinion. Between 50 and 60 per cent. of the cargo remains sound at present and from local information there is no likelihood of a change from fine weather conditions for another five weeks and no reason to anticipate further change in position or conditions so as to increase cargo damage. In my opinion the salvage of the vessel is not impracticable as indicated by such data as are at present available, but no attempt can be successfully made or contemplated until a considerable amount of cargo has been discharged. As yet there is no sign of straining about the shell.
—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS. — Dakar, June 13. — Steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Steamer Inger sailed to-day fully loaded, 125 tons rye, sound, 50 tons second quality barley, remainder sound barley.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (Note.—It was expected that 1800 tons in all would be transhipped to the Inger.)

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ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Dakar, June 26.—Greek steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Steamer Nerma sailed yesterday with 1300 tons.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (Note.—Nerma is taking to destination sound cargo ex Elengo A. Kydoniefs, ashore Almadi Reef.)

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ELENGO A. KYDONIEFS.—Dakar, June 28. — Greek steamer Elengo A. Kydoniefs: Remainder of cargo all damaged, not worth cost of handling. Bad weather expected within fortnight rules out prospect of successful salvage of vessel.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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