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Wreck Report No.

14200

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 13th January, 1955.

Ship's Name s.s. "MARVIA"

of Malta

Tons Gross 553
Net 286

Wrecked at Waterhuisen

When 1920

YEAR. MONTH.

Casualty notice sent to Owner ---

Owner's reply ---

Owners ---

Managers ---

Address ---

Classification details

BS	MBS8,51
For service in the Mediterranean	BlrS1,54
1,54	sps8,51
ssTri.-11,51	ts N9,52 OG

Casualty 21st December, 1954.

of Casualty

This ship caught fire and sank in port (Marseilles), and was subsequently beached. She will probably be refloated early in February, but it is doubted if she will be worth repairing.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

MARVIA.—Marseilles, Dec. 21.—Fire broke out on the British steamer Marvia to-day at Marseilles. The vessel had arrived from Genoa loaded with sulphur.—British United Press.

LL 22/12/54

MARVIA.—Marseilles, Dec. 22.—British steamer Marvia caught fire and sank in harbour here last evening while loading carbon bisulphide for Tunisia. Genoa and Marseilles cargo on board. No casualties. (See issue of Dec. 22.)

Marseilles, Dec. 21.—Steamer Marvia caught fire here to-day and, after being enveloped in flames, was given up as lost by harbour fire-fighting crews. The Marvia, whose next ports of call were Tunis, Malta and Tripoli, Libya, had just taken on 130 tons of carbon bisulphide when the fire began.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Marseilles, Dec. 21.—Steamer Marvia was swung against a pierhead by a violent gust of wind. A barrel of carbon bisulphide split open, caught fire and exploded other barrels in the cargo sling. Fanned by wind, the flames spread quickly to the vessel and her cargo. The commanders of two fireboats decided that the vessel should be towed away from the dock. The fireboats managed to get the fire under control by 7.30 p.m. Then, half full of water, the Marvia capsized, her masts lying on the pier, and she began to settle on the bottom.—Reuter.

LL 23/12/54

MARVIA.—Marseilles, Dec. 22.—Steamer Marvia caught fire and sank at Marseilles in the evening of Dec. 21 while loading cargo of drums of carbon bisulphide. Vessel lying aground alongside quay at Berth No. 1 with slight list to port. Deck erections above waterline aft appear gutted out. We recommend Lloyd's Form "no cure no pay" contract arbitration London, be signed with Entrepriise Jean Negri of Fils, whose craft already salvaging cargo. Salvors quite confident that hull can be raised in a few days.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 23.)

24/12/54

Marseilles, Dec. 23.—Steamer Marvia: Salvage contract Lloyd's Form "no cure no pay" arbitration in London, signed with Entrepriise Jean Negri.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

MARVIA.—Marseilles, Dec. 27.—Steamer Marvia: Salvage operations on cargo proceeding; three radar trucks, a number of carbon bisulphide drums and telegraph poles already landed. Marvia about 65 deg. Steam was being raised when vessel sank and extensive damage to boilers anticipated.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 21.)

LL 29/12/54

MARVIA.—Marseille, Dec. 22.—In order to prevent an extension of the fire on board steamer Marvia, at this port, to carbon bisulphide still lying on the quay, the vessel was moved and beached in shallow water in the Bassin Mirabeau.—"L'Antenne." (See issue of Dec. 29.)

LL 1/1/55

MARVIA.—Paris, Dec. 20.—It is hoped to refloat the steamer Marvia, which caught fire and beached over at Marseilles, but it is doubtful whether she will be serviceable for navigation.—"Journal de la Marine Marchande." (See issue of Jan. 1.)

LL 6/1/55

MARVIA.—Marseilles, Jan. 10.—Steamer Marvia was examined on Jan. 10, lying sunk at Marseilles and listed 45 deg. towards quay. Indications were that steel structure was badly buckled and accommodation burnt out and destroyed. Salvors are discharging damaged cargo, rendered difficult on account of danger of explosion. Anticipate able to decide method of salvage, if practicable, early February.—Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Jan. 6.)

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Record

Committee

Committee's Minute

TUESDAY 18 JAN 1955

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