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Wreck Report No. 14526

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 677

No. 71345 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 94/56 Date of writing this report 17th December, 19 56.

Ship's Name m.s. "NERITOPSIS" of London Tons ^{Gross} 8231 _{Net} 4673

Built at Glasgow When 1946 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 3.12.56. Owner's reply 10.12.56.

Owners Shell Petroleum Co., Ltd.

Managers ---

Address c/o Shell Tankers, Ltd., Ibex House, Minories, E.C.3.

Classification details

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✠ 100A1	✠ LMC CS4,55
carrying petroleum	BS d7,56
in bulk	sp 4,55
7,56	
ssSld7,56	ts 3,55 CL

Date of Casualty 16th November, 1956.

Details of Casualty

m.m. c/c

2,195

Struck submerged rock and sank between Palawan Island and N. Borneo.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

NERITOPSIS.—Manila, Nov. 17.—Motor tanker Neritopsis (Miri for Japan) reports struck submerged rock in position lat. 8 32 N., long. 116 40 E., believed Murex Shoal. Bottom holed in two places and cargo crude oil coming out dangerously; requesting assistance.

Manila, Nov. 17.—British motor tanker Neritopsis requested assistance to-day after striking a submerged rock off the southern tip of Palawan Island, near Borneo. Shipping authorities here said the tanker radioed that her engine-room was flooded and her hold leaking in at least two places. The Search and Rescue Centre here reported later that the French steamer Viet-Nam was going to the assistance of the Neritopsis.—Reuter.

Singapore, Nov. 17.—Following messages received via Kranji Radio from steamer Viet-Nam:

Message from motor tanker Neritopsis at 11 20 p.m., G.M.T. (Nov. 16): Now engine-room flooded, we try to anchor.

From master of Neritopsis: SOS at 11 55 p.m., G.M.T. (Nov. 16): All electric power finished, engine-room seven feet of water, main engine stopped, boilers out. Vessel lying with 80 fathoms of anchor cable out.

Manila, Nov. 17.—Motor tanker Neritopsis reported through steamer President Harrison as abandoning ship at 1 12 a.m., G.M.T., whereafter silence. Steamer Nellore reports picked up survivors, ship sunk.

Manila, Nov. 17.—Motor tanker Neritopsis: The Philippines Search and Rescue Organisation has sent a plane to the scene.—British United Press.

NERITOPSIS.—Labuan, Nov. 19.—Survivors from motor tanker Neritopsis were landed here by steamer Nellore on Nov. 18. (See issue of Nov. 19.)

NERITOPSIS.—Labuan, Nov. 19.—Motor tanker Neritopsis struck a submerged rock at 9 58 p.m. on Nov. 16 in position lat. 8 32 N., long. 116 40 E. Vessel sank at 3 55 a.m. (on Nov. 17) in position lat. 8 35 N., long. 116 58 E. Master, 13 officers, two ladies, and 36 Chinese crew members picked up by steamer Nellore and landed at Labuan. One of Chinese crew missing, presumed drowned. Malayan Stevedoring & Transportation, Ltd., based at Labuan, contacted master of Neritopsis regarding salvage but master advised total loss.—Lloyd's Sub-agents per Salvage Association. (See issues of Nov. 19 and 20.)

REPORT.—See Thomas F. Christie

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"WRECKED 11,56"

Date of Committee

IFRIDAY 21 DEC 1956

Committee's Minute

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