

WRECK  
SECTION  
No. 06743

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 14632

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Date of writing this report 15th August, 19 57.

Ship's Name s.s. "CLARISSE" of Panama Tons { Gross 4048  
Net 2491

Built at Adelaide When 1922 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner 1.8.57. Owner's reply ---

Owners Vrangos, Inc.

Managers ---

Address Avenue El. Veniselos 16, Athens, Greece.

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## Classification details

*100A1	*LMC5,56
shelter dk with fbd	BS5,56
1,57	sp5,56
ss(Dr)12,46	
Tri 5,56	ts 5,56 CL

Date of Casualty 15th July, 1957.

Details of Casualty

Sprang a leak in heavy weather and sank  
S. of Socotra Island.

No reply has been received to a letter  
addressed to the Owners on 1st August, 1957.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

CLARISSE.—Portishead Radio, July 15.—  
Following received from Greek steamer  
Lily Michalos at 10 30 a.m., G.M.T.:  
Following SOS received at 8 30 a.m.,  
G.M.T., from HPIK, steamer Clarisse,  
(Mormugao for Trieste): "Impossible  
to win the water, decided to leave the  
ship, position it lat. 8 4 N., long. 54 10  
E."

Steamer Cape Palmas is proceeding,  
arriving at 3 p.m., G.M.T., and other  
ships are proceeding.

Portishead Radio, July 15.  
—Following received from Ceylon  
Radio:

At 3 47 p.m., G.M.T.: Following  
received from Aden Radio: Reference  
distress steamer Clarisse, HPIK, now  
known four ships proceeding to assist.  
Two should have arrived by now.

At 5 14 p.m., G.M.T.: Following re-  
ceived from steamer Benattow: Follow-  
ing received from motor tanker Justus  
Waller at 3 38 p.m., G.M.T.: Warning  
to all ships, abandoned Panamanian  
steamer Clarisse, approximate position  
lat. 8 6 N., long. 54 30 E., derelict with  
no lights, in supposed sinking condition.  
Crew taken off.

CLARISSE.—Stockholm, July 16.—The  
master of the Swedish motor tanker  
Justus Waller, in a cable to the vessel's  
owners in Stockholm, has reported  
taking on board 22 survivors of the  
Panamanian steamer Clarisse in the  
Indian Ocean. — British United Press.  
(See issue of July 16.)

CLARISSE.—Trieste, July 18.—Swedish  
motor tanker Justus Waller reported to-  
day that she had picked up the master  
and 22 members of the crew of the  
Panamanian steamer Clarisse, which  
sank in a violent storm. A radio mes-  
sage received here from the tanker said  
that the Clarisse sprang a leak between  
her boilers and the engine-room. Cap-  
tain Adelmo Vescia, of Trieste, ordered  
the crew to abandon ship after an un-  
successful attempt to repair the damage.  
The crew took to the lifeboats and were  
later picked up by the Justus Waller.  
The Clarisse was carrying a cargo of  
iron ore from Mormugao to Trieste. —  
Reuter. (See issue of July 17.)

CLARISSE.—Trieste, July 18.—Owners  
of steamer Clarisse state vessel was  
abandoned by crew on July 15 owing  
to marine casualty at 2 30 p.m., G.M.T.,  
believed sinking near Socotra Island in  
lat. 8 5 N., long. 54 30 E. Sinking not  
confirmed. Crew rescued by motor  
tanker Justus Waller, for Durban. (See  
issue of July 19.)

CLARISSE.—Durban, July 23.—Seamen  
on board the Panamanian steamer  
Clarisse worked at the pumps until  
water reached their necks in a vain bid  
to save the sinking ship, their master  
said to-day. The Clarisse sprang a leak  
and sank south of the island of Socotra  
on July 15. All members of the crew were  
picked up in heavy seas by the Swedish  
motor tanker Justus Waller, which is  
due here later to-day. Captain Adelmo  
Vescia, master of the Clarisse, said in  
a telephone talk to-day: "The men of  
the Justus Waller helped to bring about  
a miracle that saved every one of us  
from injury." The master was the last  
man to leave the Clarisse. He joined  
the others in a lifeboat only at the  
persuasion of fellow officers and when he  
realised that the vessel could not be  
saved.—Reuter. (See issue of July 20.)



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FRIDAY 16 AUG 1957

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