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Wreck Report No. **4359**

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. **24827** in R.B. Wreck Book, p. **77/55**

Date of writing this report **6th October, 1955.**

Ship's Name **m.s. "RHONE"** of **Basle** Tons { Gross **336** Net **172**  
YEAR. MONTH. **18.8.55.**  
Built at **Ruischerbrug** When **1919** --- Casualty notice sent to Owner **21.9.55** Owner's reply **28.9.55.**

Owners **Cargos Maritimes, S.A.**

Managers **---**

Address **4, rue du Port, Geneva, Switzerland.**

**M.M.C.C.**  
**2,319.**

### Classification details

100A1	LMC 6,54
for service in the Mediterranean, Black Sea Red Sea & European & West African coasting service including the Azores.	
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Date of Casualty **14th July, 1955.**

### Details of Casualty

**Stranded at Zanzur, 40 miles E. of Tobruk, and broken up by heavy seas.**

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

**RHONE.** — Benghazi, July 16. — Swiss motor vessel Rhone, Lipari for Alexandria with 300 tons of general cargo, grounded and capsized at Zanzur, 40 miles east of Tobruk. All crew safe.

**LL18/7/55**

**RHONE (Swiss).** — Tobruk, July 18. — Motor vessel Rhone is ashore approximately 10 miles west of Ras Azzaz Light. Vessel lies heading north-east, listed 15 deg. to port; wind north-west, force 4 (moderate breeze), sea moderate, breaking on board. Hatches are well battened with two new tarpaulins and appear watertight, engine-room is flooded to level of top grating and starboard propeller is buckled. Cargo of 370 tons of granular pumicestone in bulk has probably shifted. Sounding taken to-day gives following depths, which are approximate only owing to swell: Seaward side, bow 14 ft., midships and stern 18 ft.; landward side, 6 ft. Rocks clearly visible off starboard bow but no obstruction apparent on seaward side. Have discussed position with Tobruk harbour authorities, who believe vessel can be refloated provided a powerful salvage tug is dispatched immediately. No salvage facilities are available locally, consider nearest Piraeus. Recommend tug be sent on "no cure no pay" terms. Crew of Rhone, eight men, ashore, living in hut near vessel. — Lloyd's Agents at Benghazi per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 18.)

**LL20/7/55**

**RHONE.** — Benghazi, July 27. — Motor vessel Rhone: Tug Armadores arrived at Benghazi on July 27. Master states weather near the Rhone unsuitable for the Armadores to initiate salvage operations. Advises that a more powerful tug of the same company is in the vicinity of the Rhone waiting for weather to moderate. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 20.)

**LL28/7/55**

**RHONE.** — Tobruk, July 14. — Swiss motor vessel Rhone stranded 40 miles east of Tobruk on July 14. (See issue of July 28.)

**LL30/7/55**

**Piraeus, July 29.** — Motor vessel Rhone: Vernicos confirm do not intend to undertake salvage. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

**RHONE.** — Benghazi, Aug. 5. — Master of motor vessel Rhone reports that vessel has been broken under heavy seas, without hope of salvaging. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 30.)

**LL31/8/55**

**RHONE.** — Benghazi, Sept. 2. — Surveyor was in attendance on Aug. 25 at the site of the wreck of motor vessel Rhone, which grounded in shoal water at Zanzur on July 14. The vessel was found to be lying under water with bow and poop broken off. In surveyor's opinion, the vessel is an unrecoverable total loss and will break up within a short time. (See issue of Aug. 6.)

**LL31/9/55**

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Committee

**11-10-55**

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