

WRECK
SECTION
No. 674

Wreck Report No. 15421

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 41934 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 67/60 Date of writing this report 18th May, 1960.
 Ship's Name "ETHEL C." of Beyrouth Tons {Gross 2847 Net 1588
 Built at Sunderland When 1943 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 4.5.60. Owner's reply ---
 Owners Transportes Maritimos Castalia S.A.
 Managers ---
 Address c/o P. Wigham Richardson & Co., Ltd., Armadores House, Bury Street, E.C.3.

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Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC 12,55
4,59	BS M10,58
ss 12,55	sp 12,55
	ts 11,56 CL

Date of Casualty 16th April, 1960.
 Details of Casualty

Sprang leak and sank in lat. 37 21N.,
 long. 75 15W.

No reply has been received to a letter
 addressed to the Owners on 4th May, 1960.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ETHEL C.—New York, Apr. 16.—Steamer Ethel C., at 1 a.m., Apr. 16, sent S O S, requesting assistance due to bad leak in lat. 37 21 N., long. 75 15 W. Crew abandoning ship. Presumed sunk.
 New York, Apr. 16.—The Coast Guard reported to-day that steamer Ethel C. sank off the coast of Virginia to-day. Coast Guard officials said the last word received by radio from the vessel was that the ship could not cope with water coming into her holds and that the crew were abandoning ship. The vessel was flying the Lebanese flag.—Reuter.
 Norfolk, Apr. 16.—At 1 a.m., Apr. 16, steamer Ethel C., in lat. 37 21 N., long. 75 15 W., reported abandoning ship. Coast Guard search negative at 8 30 a.m.
 Norfolk, Apr. 16.—The Coast Guard at Norfolk said steamer Ethel C. radioed at 7 12 a.m., B.S.T., that the crew was abandoning ship, which was loaded with 3823 tons of scrap iron, en route from New York to Newport News to refuel and then proceed to Rotterdam. Four Coast Guard and Navy planes, a Coast Guard cutter and three patrol boats have begun a search of a 2700-square-mile area for survivors. Tank steamer Esso Lexington has arrived at the scene.—British United Press.
 New York, Apr. 16.—Steamer Ethel C.: At 2 28 p.m., Apr. 16, all 23 survivors picked up by Coast Guard cutter in lat. 37 24 N., long. 74 42 W.; no sign of Ethel C.
 Norfolk, Apr. 17.—A British radio operator is among the 23 survivors of the steamer Ethel C. All the crew were landed by Coast Guard vessels. Radio operator Thomas Gibson, of West Hartlepool, said that some of the cargo of scrap iron shifted and the ship developed a leak. "I sent an urgency signal first and the master immediately directed me to send an SOS because we were making water so fast. As the ship went down there was a terrific explosion from the engine-room. It blew the whole stern off."—Reuter.
 New York, Apr. 17.—Crew of steamer Ethel C. arrived at Norfolk on Apr. 16 on board Coast Guard cutter. Crew reports Ethel C. sank.
ETHEL C.—Norfolk, Apr. 21.—Captain Diomedes Caravias, master of Lebanese steamer Ethel C., ordered the vessel to be abandoned after the crew was unable to control the flooding which resulted when part of the cargo of scrap iron shifted, punching a hole in the vessel's No. 4 hold.—British United Press. (See issue of Apr. 18.)

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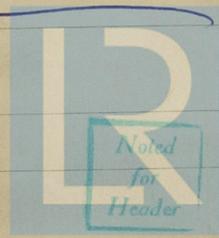
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Suggested Record
 Date of Committee
 Committee's Minute

"FOUNDERED 4,60"
 FRIDAY 27 MAY 1960

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