

Wreck Report No. 15978

WRECK SECTION

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 07461 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 193/61 Date of writing this report 3rd January, 1962.

Ship's Name m.s. "COMBINED I" of Panama Tons Gross 1722  
Net 753

Built at Ardrossan When 1948 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner 20.12.61. Owner's reply 27.12.61.

Owners Combined Nav. Co. (Panama) Ltd.

Managers United China Shipping Co.

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### Classification details

+100A1	+LMC CS 5,60
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Reclassified 10,53	

Date of Casualty 8th December, 1961.

Details of Casualty

This ship sprang a leak during typhoon and sank in South China Sea.

The owners concur.



### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

**COMBINED I.** — Singapore, Dec. 7. — Following received from Singapore Radio: Following distress signal received from Hongkong Radio at 6 54 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 7: SOS from motor vessel Combined I, HPQO, ship leaking hold into water, provisional lat. 9 20 N., long. 111 15 E., requires assistance immediately.

— Singapore, Dec. 8. — Motor vessel Combined I: Following received from Kranji Radio at 12 30 p.m., Dec. 8: Turbo-electric tanker Caltex Auckland in distress area and has picked up one survivor, fourth engineer. Tank steamer Titan has picked up three others. Continuing search throughout night.

**COMBINED I.** — Singapore, Dec. 9. — Ships from seven countries are pounding through a growing typhoon in the South China Sea to-day in search of 30 members of the crew of the motor vessel Combined I. A Royal Air Force spokesman said that apart from five survivors picked up late yesterday there had been no further reports of people saved. The R.A.F. said that the Combined I sank late yesterday about 700 miles north-east of Singapore. An R.A.F. Shackleton from Singapore which answered her distress call sighted three members of the crew in a lifeboat. They were picked up by a tanker. The aircraft also sighted two more men on a raft who were picked up by the British turbo-electric tanker Caltex Auckland. —Reuter. (See issue of Dec. 9.)

— Singapore, Dec. 9. — Motor vessel Combined I: Following received from Singapore Radio: Following received from motor vessel Svend Mærsk: "Our position lat. 14 52 N., long. 112 4 E., first to be at distress position to-morrow night, 2 p.m., G.M.T." Following received from motor tanker Polyrambler at 5 14 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 8: "We have not sighted wreckage but motor tanker Jalna is near wreckage and searching for survivors. Three men are picked up by tank steamer Titan, KLFE, and one by turbo-electric tanker Caltex Auckland and 14 men are adrift in boat. Polyrambler and motor vessel Tagus, LAOE, searching for the boat in approximate position lat. 9 9 N., long. 110 37 E. Believed seen three-light flash but nothing sighted yet. Will search all night." Following received via Penang Radio from Caltex Auckland at 9 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 8: "Combined I, twin-screw diesel cargo vessel, registered Panama, carrying cargo of logs, which are now a danger in the area. Have now picked up third survivor, all fit." — Signed master.

— Singapore, Dec. 10. — The search for survivors of the sunken Panamanian motor vessel Combined I had been virtually called off to-day, a Royal Air Force spokesman said. He said that only five of the crew had been picked up and that 29 were listed as missing. Hatch covers, furniture and other wreckage dotted the scene but, despite intensive patrolling in very bad weather with huge seas running, no further signs of life were found, the spokesman said. Rescue ships had resumed their courses by this morning except for the United States Navy dock landing ship Epping Forest, which was still standing by.—Reuter.

**COMBINED I.** — Manila, Dec. 11.—Panamanian motor vessel Combined I reported sank in evening of Dec. 9 (? 8) 650 miles south-west of Manila near Ladd Reef, in Spratly Island group. Only six survivors, 28 missing. (See issue of Dec. 11.)

**COMBINED I.** — Manila, Dec. 10. — A sea and air search for 28 missing Chinese crew members of Panamanian motor vessel Combined I, which sank in the stormy South China Sea, was called off late to-day by the United States Navy, which said the missing men were presumed dead. Six survivors and two bodies have been recovered from the vessel, which went down on Friday (Dec. 8).—New York Maritime Association. (See issues of Dec. 11 and 12.)

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