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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Ship's Name s.s. "CIUDAD DE BUENOS AIRES" of Buenos Aires

Tons { Gross 3754
Net 2177

Built at Birkenhead When 1914 11

Casualty notice sent to Owner 5.12.57. Owner's reply ---

Owners Cia. de Nav. Fluvial Argentina

Managers ---

Address Avenida Corrientes 389, Casilla 1593, BUENOS AIRES, Argentina.

Classification details

* A1	* LMC5,54
for service between Buenos Aires and Montevideo	BS M7,57
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Date of Casualty 27th August, 1957.

Details of Casualty

Sunk by collision in River Plate.

Although salvage is not entirely ruled out, there are no immediate prospects, and no reply has been received to an air letter addressed to the owners on 5th December, 1957.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

CIUDAD DE BUENOS AIRES.—Buenos Aires, Aug. 28.—Steamer MORMAC-SURF, from Rosario for Buenos Aires (and Vancouver), and ferry steamer Ciudad de Buenos Aires, from Buenos Aires for Concepcion del Uruguay, with passengers, were in collision at 1 a.m., G.M.T., Aug. 28, in vicinity of Km. 123, Martin Garcia Channel. Ciudad de Buenos Aires sunk.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 28.—Rescue vessels saved the entire crew of 89 and 141 passengers of the Argentine ferry steamer Ciudad de Buenos Aires before she sank in the River Plate following a collision with the steamer MORMAC-SURF. The two vessels collided at 11 p.m., local time, yesterday.—British United Press.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 28.—The 3754-ton Argentine ferry steamer Ciudad de Buenos Aires, plying between Buenos Aires and Uruguay, sank after being in collision with the American steamer MORMAC-SURF in the River Plate during the night. First reports received here said that nobody had been killed but several people had been injured. The collision took place near Juncal Island four hours after the ferry left Buenos Aires for Concepcion del Uruguay. The Argentine vessel sank and passengers and crew were taken on board the American vessel. Rescue boats and tugs immediately left several Argentine and Uruguayan ports for the scene of the accident.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 28.—Maritime authorities here state that all the survivors from ferry Ciudad de Buenos Aires have been landed on Martin Garcia Island. The collision with steamer MORMAC-SURF occurred in a mist. The MORMAC-SURF was relatively undamaged.—Reuter.

DE BUENOS AIRES.—Montevideo, Aug. 28.—Ferry Ciudad de Buenos Aires sank after collision with steamer MORMAC-SURF River Uruguay on Aug. 27. Presently unknown whether in Argentine or Uruguayan waters. (See issue of Aug. 29.)

Buenos Aires, Aug. 29.—Between 20 and 100 people lost their lives in the collision between steamer MORMAC-SURF and ferry Ciudad de Buenos Aires, according to local news agencies to-day. Authorities here, who last night said no lives had been lost, to-day refused to make any estimate of casualties. A local news agency report from Martin Garcia Island, where some survivors were taken, states that Captain Silverio Brizuela, master of the ferry, has committed suicide on the island. Three Argentine news agencies report that Captain Brizuela shot himself and went down with his ship. Authorities will not confirm these reports. Meanwhile, survivors from the ferry continue to arrive here. Some of the survivors told newspaper reporters "There must be victims" because the ferry, with more than two hundred people on board, foundered 10 minutes after the collision. They said many people were thrown into oil-covered water, where they remained up to one hour before being rescued. The MORMAC-SURF, with her bows damaged in the collision, reached harbour here last night.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 29.—Ninety-four of the passengers and crew are reported missing following the sinking of the Argentine ferry Ciudad de Buenos Aires. Steamer MORMAC-SURF arrived here last night with a 10-ft. gash in her bow section. No one was allowed to board her until an official investigation has been made.—British United Press.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 29.—Steamer MORMAC-SURF, which arrived here at 9 p.m. on Aug. 28, has serious bow damage. Up to night of Aug. 28, 24 crew and 71 passengers of ferry Ciudad de Buenos Aires unaccounted for.

Suggested Record

"SUNK BY COLLISION 8,57"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 10 JAN 1958

Committee's Minute

Sunk by collision (P. 5)

CIUDAD DE BUENOS AIRES.—Buenos Aires, Aug. 29. — The publication to-night of a list of survivors from the river ferry Ciudad de Buenos Aires, which sank after being in collision with the American steamer MORMAC-SURF, shows that 94 passengers and crew members were still missing at midnight. The Ciudad de Buenos Aires went down in 18 minutes. After the first collision she was struck again by the MORMAC-SURF, which apparently made an ineffectual attempt to wedge herself in the gap in the stricken ship's hull and push her into shallow water. All that is visible of the ship is the top of two masts and the wireless tower.—"The Times" Correspondent. (See issue of Aug. 30.)

Buenos Aug. 30.—An Argentine court has ordered the American steamer MORMAC-SURF to remain in port here pending an inquiry into her collision with the Argentine ferry Ciudad de Buenos Aires. The order was made at the request of the owners of the Ciudad de Buenos Aires.—Reuter.

CIUDAD DE BUENOS AIRES. — Buenos Aires, Sept. 9. — Doctors said to-day that Captain Silverio Brizuela, of the ferry steamer Ciudad de Buenos Aires, died by drowning and they found no evidence of shooting or violence. His body was recovered to-day by a tug patrolling the collision area in the River Plate.—Reuter. (See issues of Aug. 30 and Sept. 6.)

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