

WRECK
SECTION
No. 658

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 15743

No. 57124 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 170/60 Date of writing this report 22nd March, 19 61.

Ship's Name s.s. "CLAN ALPINE" of London Tons Gross 7103 Net 4265

Built at Sunderland When 1942 4 Casualty notice sent to Owner 22.2.61 Owner's reply 23.2.61.

Owners The Clan Line Steamers Ltd. 27.2.61. 13.3.61. 15.3.61.

Managers Cayzer, Irvine & Co., Ltd.

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Classification details

+100A1	+LMC 2,56
with freeboard	BS M3,60
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31st October, 1960.

Driven ashore in typhoon 10 miles N. of Chittagong and declared a Constructive Total Loss because of impracticability of refloating. Sold to East Bengal Trading Corp. Ltd. for breaking up as she lies.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Oct. 31.—The owners of steamer CLAN ALPINE (Glasgow for Chittagong) received the following radio message from master, via Portishead Radio, in p.m., Oct. 31: Driven fast ashore, 10 miles north of Chittagong, require salvage service.

London, Nov. 2.—The following radio message has been received from the master of steamer CLAN ALPINE, timed 11 a.m., Nov. 2: Present position after consultation with Lloyd's surveyor Finlay as follows: Ship beached on even keel on soft mud and sand. No danger of breaking up. High tide 4 ft. maximum. Consider possibility of refloating most improbable under present conditions. No apparent damage to hull or cargo. Request permission to arrange cargo discharge when possible.

London, Nov. 3.—The following radio message has been received from the master of steamer CLAN ALPINE, timed 1.18 p.m., Nov. 3: Ship heading south, two fathom line quarter mile to westward. Dryest at half tide. Soundings on Nov. 2 in forward five feet, amidships port three feet and starboard three feet, aft four feet.

Chittagong, Nov. 3.—Steamer CLAN ALPINE on even keel in mud and sand parallel to coastline in 3 ft. of water at high water. No damage to vessel or cargo, which mainly general cargo. Appears impossible to refloat. Recommend discharge cargo as soon as mud bottom dries sufficiently to allow lorry transport. Surveyor appointed to carry out survey. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

CLAN ALPINE.—Chittagong, Nov. 7.—Steamer Clan Alpine: Salvage Association's special officer endeavouring to visit Clan Alpine on Nov. 7; understand little change since previous message. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 5.)

CLAN ALPINE.—Chittagong, Nov. 9.—Steamer Clan Alpine: Endeavouring complete survey to-day. Vessel very high up on open coast about 11 miles north of river at Chittagong.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Nov. 8.)

CLAN ALPINE.—Chittagong, Nov. 10.—Steamer Clan Alpine aground open coast about 11 miles NNW. of entrance to river to Chittagong, port side to shore and trimmed down about 2½ ft. by bow, which heading south, slight list to starboard. Sitting on top sand and mud, which reported originally cultivated land but now washed flat. Beach, soft mud and sand, slopes gradually seaward from vessel, where low-water mark about quarter-mile from vessel. Due to formation of ground and scouring effect of water, vessel unsupported bow and stern below No. 2 hold and after hold, also mud spongy below engine-room and support doubtful. No leakages and no evidence of damage or distortion as far as accessible, but could expect some bottom set-up and position could deteriorate. About 2600 tons of general cargo distributed all holds and 'tween decks, also 600 tons of oil fuel and 200 tons of water. Grounding draughts 14 ft. forward and 16 ft. 9 in. aft. At high water on Nov. 7, sea reached 3 in. draught aft but now does not reach stern. Tidal data indicates best springs might be some 4 ft. to 5 ft. above tide of Nov. 7 but not during fair weather periods. Absolutely light ship draughts 5½ ft. forward, 11 ft. aft. Vessel has full crew and maintaining steam and all services, obtaining water from steam (P stream). Consider any attempt to refloat involves making channel to vessel and lowering vessel feet (P first) to obtain buoyancy and lightening vessel as far as possible, during which operations possible vessel might sustain damage. Main road about half-mile distant and intervening rice fields dry by end of year, when temporary road could be built for removal of cargo. Extent of damage to vessel unknown.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Nov. 10.)



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"STRANDED 10/60 - TO BE BROKEN UP"

Date of Committee

TUESDAY 11 APR 1961

Committee's Minute

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CLAN ALPINE.—Chittagong, Nov. 23. — Steamer Clan Alpine: Highest spring tide occurred Nov. 21 and reached 5 ft. 11 in. draught forward and 3 ft. 11 in. aft. Spring tides now decreasing and predictions do not give a similar tide until about May, when monsoon prevailing. Thereafter tides increase until August, but there would appear little likelihood of sufficient water to float light ship unless in adverse weather. Vessel's support forward and aft continues poor and measurements indicate slight hogging. Crew and steam maintained, owners' instructions awaited. Meantime, agents investigating possible cost of temporary road to vessel.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Nov. 19.)

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CLAN ALPINE.—London, Nov. 24.—The following message has been received from the master of steamer Clan Alpine, dated Chittagong, Nov. 24: Vessel's starboard bilge keel completely fractured in way of stokehold bulkhead. Remains 20 days' domestic water. Boiler feed depends on dam, of which future indications are poor. Am exploring possibility of tube-well. (See issue of Nov. 24.)

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CLAN ALPINE.—Chittagong, Dec. 6.— Steamer Clan Alpine: Construction of access roads and cargo compound in hand. Expect to commence discharge of cargo about Dec. 19 and complete in about two weeks, all under direction of and to account of cargo underwriters per Insurance Association, Pakistan.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Nov. 25.)

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CLAN ALPINE.—London, Feb. 14. — Steamer Clan Alpine has been sold to Pakistani shipbreakers "as lies" north of Chittagong. (See issue of Dec. 7.)

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