

Wreck Report No. 16069

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Ship's Name m.s. "ANGLO MAERSK" of Copenhagen Tons { Gross 11647 Net 6825

Built at Gothenburg When 1949 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners A/S D/S Svendborg & D/S AF 1912 A/S

Managers A.P. Møller, Copenhagen

Address 8, Kongens Nytorv, Copenhagen, Denmark.

WRECK SECTION
No. 681

Classification details

+100A1	+LMC CS4,59
oil tanker	BS A 6,61
6,61	sp 3,58
ss 4,59	
	ts 4,59 CL

of Casualty 23rd April, 1962.

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This ship, which sustained extensive fire damage following an explosion in engine room, sank in lat. 15 30N., long. 59 1W., about 150 miles N.E. of Barbados.

The owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ANGLO MAERSK. — New York, Apr. 24. — At 8 12 p.m., Apr. 23, motor tanker Anglo Maersk reported explosion in engine-room in lat. 15 45 N., long. 58 10 W. Crew abandoned ship. Steamer Sunwalker arrived at the scene at 1 5 a.m., Apr. 24, and took on entire crew, two injured. Anglo Maersk fire in stern section only and master plans to board vessel at daylight on Apr. 24. Tug from Curacao en route, estimated date of arrival Apr. 26.

Barbados, Apr. 24. — Following received on 500 kcs.: "At 1 5 a.m., local time, Apr. 24, Danish motor tanker Anglo Maersk, position lat. 15 45 N., long. 58 10 W., explosion engine-room, tanks full oil, ship not sinking as fire localised. Master and five men remaining on board. One badly burnt crew member transferred to see doctor on board motor vessel Antoniotto Usodimare from steamer Sunwalker, which was in vicinity and now proceeding Barbados with 47 survivors on board; estimated time of arrival 5 a.m., local time, Apr. 25." Coast Guard, San Juan, P.R., directing operations. Anglo Maersk, 11,647 tons gross, now drifting, awaiting tug from Curacao. No loss of life.

Miami, Apr. 24. — The United States Coast Guard said at Miami to-day that a fire started on board Danish motor tanker Anglo Maersk after an explosion when she was about 1650 miles south-east of Miami. The crew of 54 were said to have abandoned ship. Steamer Sunwalker reported she had picked up the crew, but a later report said that the fire had receded to the after end compartment and that the master and five crew had reboarded the ship. A salvage tug is on her way to the scene, but is not expected to reach the Anglo Maersk before Thursday (Apr. 26). — British United Press.

ANGLO MAERSK. — New York, Apr. 25. — The master and five crew stood by on board Danish motor tanker Anglo Maersk to-day as a fire raged in her aft section, the Coast Guard here reported. The tanker caught fire after an explosion in the engine-room on Monday night (Apr. 23). Two engine-room hands were injured, one seriously. The Anglo Maersk was reported on her way from Trinidad to Rotterdam with a full cargo of heavy fuel oil.—Reuter. (See issue of Apr. 25.)

London, Apr. 25. — H.M. anti-submarine frigate Rocket is standing by the Danish motor tanker Anglo Maersk, which is drifting out of control after fire ravaged her, said the Admiralty to-day. The master and five of the crew of the tanker are still on board, 170 miles east of Dominica. The captain of Rocket, which sailed from Trinidad to the tanker's aid, signalled the Admiralty that small fires were still burning and the ship was too hot to inspect damage. The steamer Planter is also standing by. — Exchange Telegraph Company.



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ANGLO MÆRSK.—London, Apr. 25.—Danish motor tanker Anglo Mærsk is still drifting out of control in the Atlantic, according to messages received by the Admiralty from the captain of H.M. anti-submarine frigate Rocket. An Admiralty spokesman said the fire in the engine-room was out and suspected fires in the cordage store and small fuel tank aft were being dealt with. A request had been made by the owners of the tanker for Dutch tug Zeeland to take the Anglo Mærsk in tow.—Exchange Telegraph Company. (See issue of Apr. 26.)

Barbados, Apr. 25.—Following received from H.M. anti-submarine frigate Rocket at 7 1 a.m., G.M.T., Apr. 25: "Standing by motor tanker Anglo Mærsk in position lat. 15 28 N., long. 58 16 W. After superstructure virtually gutted but small fires still burning and too hot to examine closely. Master unwilling to sign any salvage agreement until fire out and damage aft known. Expect Dutch tug Zeeland Apr. 26-27, which owners hope will be able to tow Anglo Mærsk to Rotterdam. Intend to afford limited fire-fighting assistance by boat and have told master I cannot do more without salvage agreement. Anglo Mærsk has a cargo of diesel oil." Steamer Planter sailed at 6 38 a.m., G.M.T. (Later) Following received from Rocket: "Major fires on Anglo Mærsk extinguished, only two minor hot spots. Aft section of ship, including machinery space, completely gutted. Cargo and forward section not damaged. Am standing by until tug arrives as requested by owners."

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London, Apr. 26.—H.M. anti-submarine frigate Rocket is still standing by the disabled Danish motor tanker Anglo Mærsk 170 miles east of Dominica, although Royal Naval fire-fighting and damage-control teams from the frigate have now extinguished all the fires on board after six hours' work. Rocket reports the cargo of oil is safe, but it will be a long time before the tanker can sail under her own power because of fire damage to machinery. The master and five officers remained on board the tanker and Rocket will stand by until a commercial salvage tug arrives. H.M. anti-submarine frigate Troubridge, also sent to the scene with special fire-fighting equipment, has now resumed her scheduled programme on the West Indies Station.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Ymuiden, Apr. 26.—Steamer Sunwalker has put ashore at Barbados 47 members of the crew of Danish motor tanker Anglo Mærsk, it was reported here to-day. A Dutch tug company said their ocean-going tug Zeeland is on her way to the stricken ship from Bermuda with orders to tow the tanker to a European port. She is expected to reach the Anglo Mærsk to-night.—Reuter.

ANGLO MÆRSK.—New York, Apr. 27.—Motor tanker Anglo Mærsk: Salvage tug Caribische Zee arrived on scene about 6 p.m., G.M.T., Apr. 26. (See issue of Apr. 27.)

Barbados, Apr. 27.—Following received from H.M. frigate Rocket: Tug Caribische Zee assumed guard and standby motor tanker Anglo Mærsk until tug Zeeland arrived. Rocket proceeding on way with three of crew while master and crew remaining on Anglo Mærsk in position lat. 15 14 N., long. 59 38 W., bearing 235 deg., drifting $\frac{1}{2}$ knot. Fire extinguished. Still no power or radio, steering apparently working, ship making water aft.

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ANGLO MÆRSK.—Barbados, Apr. 27.—At 2 45 p.m., local time, Apr. 27, tug Caribische Zee advises position lat. 15 1 N., long. 58 38 W., motor tanker Anglo Mærsk settling slowly, water pouring through broken portholes aft. At 4 p.m., G.M.T., Caribische Zee communicated with master of Anglo Mærsk. Main deck aft awash and assistance offered by tug to pump water out of engine-room. (See issue of Apr. 28.)

Barbados, Apr. 28.—Following received from Barbados Radio: Motor tanker Anglo Mærsk: At 11 p.m., local time, Apr. 27, in position lat. 14 55 N., long. 58 42 W., tug Caribische Zee reported three large white lifeboats adrift from Anglo Mærsk, also some lifebuoys drifting around. At 9 11 a.m., G.M.T., Apr. 28, Caribische Zee reports Anglo Mærsk sunk in position lat. 15 30 N., long. 59 1 W.

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London, Apr. 28.—The owners of Dutch tug Caribische Zee, which was standing by motor tanker Anglo Mærsk, said she took off the master and five crew before the vessel sank.—Reuter.

ANGLO MÆRSK.—London, May 1.—The London agents of Messrs. L. Smit & Co. have received a message from their principals in Rotterdam to-day advising that their tug Caribische Zee is due back at Curacao May 1-2 after standing by motor tanker Anglo Mærsk from Thursday, Apr. 26, until the vessel sank. As the Caribische Zee had not been accepted for towage or salvage services, she could do no more than stand by the vessel awaiting the arrival of tug Zeeland. (See issue of Apr. 30.)

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