

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

Ship's Name SS/MS "CHRISTIAN S." Gross tons 2884 Date of Build 9-1944
 Casualty notice sent to Owners Owners' Reply Owners Corp. Colombiana Ltda. "MARCOLOMBIANA"
 No. 788 Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 11,62
11,62	BS M11,62
ss 11,62	sp 9,57
	ts 4,61 CL

Details of casualty

This ship was extensively damaged by fire while under repair at Barranquilla and has been declared a total loss.

New York 1.5.63.

Date of casualty

4th March, 1963

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

LL6/3/63
 CHRISTIAN S. — London, Mar. 5. — Steamer Christian S.: The following cable has been received from New York, dated Mar. 5: Christian S. reported on fire at Barranquilla about 2 p.m., Mar. 4. Efforts of local fire department, assisted by fire squad from naval base, unsuccessful. Efforts continue.

Bogota, Mar. 5. — Wood-carrying m/o vessel Cristian (? steamer Christian S.) caught fire at Barranquilla while undergoing repairs on Mar. 4. Vessel almost completely destroyed.

LL12/3/63
 CHRISTIAN S. — New York, Mar. 7. — Colombian steamer Christian S., 2884 tons gross, on fire at Barranquilla while undergoing repairs. She is believed to be almost completely destroyed despite prompt fire-fighting assistance. (See issue of Mar. 6.)

LL14/3/63
 CHRISTIAN S. — Barranquilla, Mar. 12. — Steamer Christian S. was repairing, without cargo on board, when fire started in engine-room, apparently from oxy-acetylene burning. Vessel safely moored. Proceeding with survey and damage estimate. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 12.)

LL20/3/63
 CHRISTIAN S. — Barranquilla, Mar. 18. — Steamer Christian S.: Oxy-acetylene torch cutting off port side engine-room skylight for removal of boiler feed pump. Vessel then heaped in river and crew effecting machinery repairs, with shore labour cleaning boilers only. Sparks from skylight lighted oil in main engine crankpit, causing primary fire to spread via loose oil on tank top to starboard oil fuel settling tank, resulting in fracture of tank suction line. Twenty-three tons of oil fuel emptied in burning engine-room, causing major secondary fire in engine-room and shaft tunnel Nos. 3/4 holds. Fire extinguished after ten hours by Colombian Navy and local forces. Nos. 3/4 holds now part flooded with engine-room, and vessel aground aft. Heavy fire damage to all steelwork in vicinity of engine-room, including ship's sides, bulkheads and three decks badly buckled, also officers' accommodation destroyed. Main engine bearings melted and 60 per cent. of auxiliary machinery destroyed. Anticipate commence pumping holds with hired pump to-morrow. Survey of engine-room hampered by platforms disintegrated, which temporary-repairing for access closing sea connections. Structural damage survey proceeding. — Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Mar. 14.)

LL22/3/63
 CHRISTIAN S. — Barranquilla, Mar. 20. — Steamer Christian S.: Commenced pumping Nos. 3/4 holds. Heavy fire damage revealed to shaft tunnel plating, which badly sagged overall and split circumferentially in five places. Tunnel shaft bearings melted. Survey of engine-room now complete. Starboard boiler seatings partially collapsed, resulting in this boiler dropping, and numerous fittings broken. Starboard settling tank against this boiler partially destroyed by fire. Vessel not leaking and anticipate will be afloat on completion of pumping. Preparation of repair specification proceeding. — Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Mar. 20.)

LL30/3/63
 CHRISTIAN S. — Barranquilla, Mar. 28. — Steamer Christian S.: Fire appliances restored and sea connections dealt with. Owners arranging tug provide deck steam for closing hatches, &c., at some future date when river conditions at Barranquilla favourable, but in the meantime consider vessel safe. — Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Mar. 22.)

Suggested record

"BURNT 3,63"

Date of Committee

Minute

FRIDAY 24 MAY 1963

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