

WRECK SECTION 734

Wreck Report No. 15589

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 78018 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 140/60 Date of writing this report 12th October, 19 60.
 Ship's Name m.s. "ROSA PELLEGRINO" of Naples Tons Gross 1567 Net 1085
 Built at Naples When 1954 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner 28.9.60. Owner's reply 3.10.60.
 Owners Giro Pellegrino & Figlio
 Managers ---
 Pontile Vigliena, S. Giovanni a Teduccio, Naples, Italy.

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Classification details

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13th September, 1960.

Exploded and caught fire while discharging at Porto Marghera and subsequently became submerged.

The owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ROSA PELLEGRINO.—Venice, Sept. 13.—Two of the crew were killed and 14 are missing, feared dead, after an explosion and fire on Italian motor tanker Rosa Pellegrino at Venice to-day. The tanker, carrying 1200 tons of refined oil, 550 tons of crude oil and 556 tons of other fuel, exploded suddenly while waiting to approach the Esso company's dock. The first explosion was followed by a series of explosions which set the vessel on fire. Only six of the crew of 20 managed to jump into the sea. Of these, two died and four were rescued. No trace of the other 14 was found when the fire brigade put out the fire after two and a half hours. The vessel came from Bari.—British United Press.

ROSA PELLEGRINO.—Venice, Sept. 13.—Italian motor tanker Rosa Pellegrino, of Naples, 1567 tons gross, owners Giro Pellegrino & Figlio, Naples, arrived at 8 a.m. to-day from Bari laden with about 1100 tons of motor spirit, 542 tons of kerosene and 566 tons of jet fuel, destined Venice. Vessel blew up and took fire while discharging about 2 30 p.m. to-day at Esso jetty, Porto Marghera. Fire-extinguishing operations still in progress. Cause unknown yet. Master, chief engineer and chief engineer's wife killed, other crew injured. (See issue of Sept. 14.)

Venice, Sept. 13.—Three people died to-day in a blaze that destroyed motor tanker Rosa Pellegrino at Porto Marghera. To-night the tanker lay partly submerged, leaning on one side. A series of explosions shook the ship as she waited to unload her cargo at a refinery pier. The three dead were hurled overboard by the first explosion, which port authorities believe may have been caused by self combustion or by a broken piping manifold. The other 14 people on board managed to jump into the water. All suffered slight burns, but were saved by launches from the Italian motor tanker Boretto, berthed nearby. Firemen fought to prevent blazing oil from floating towards Venice.—Reuter.

Venice, Sept. 14.—Italian motor tanker Rosa Pellegrino: Fire extinguished at 2 a.m. to-day. Apparently some cargo still on board in aft tanks. Understood vessel constructive total loss. Decision regarding disposal of wreck not yet taken.

ROSA PELLEGRINO.—Venice.—Motor tanker Rosa Pellegrino discharging at Esso jetty, Porto Marghera, in the afternoon of Sept. 13, exploded in way of No. 2 tank. Fire immediately afterwards caught fire then extended to other tanks. In a few minutes the whole vessel and surrounding water surface were on fire. The port fire brigade and brigades from other towns attended and the fire was extinguished at 2 a.m., Sept. 14. Landing of the remaining cargo was commenced on Sept. 15 and is expected to be completed on Sept. 20. After discharge the vessel will be gas-freed and eventually removed to shipyard or other place designated by the owners. Enquiries into the cause of the fire are still in progress. (See issue of Sept. 15.)

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Suggested Record

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Date of Committee

FRIDAY 14 OCT 1960

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