

Rpt. 25

WRECK SECTION

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

DECLASSIFIED SECTION

No. 766
 Ship's Name SS/MS "ARISTOTELES"
 Casualty notice sent to Owners 10.1.63. Owners' Reply 14.1.63. Owners Aristides Steamship Co., S.A.
 Gross tons 7227
 Date of Build 5-1943

Details of classification

+100A1 with fbd MT-oil FP above 150°F.	+ LMC 10,60 BS M 2,62
8,62	sp 5,56
ss 10,60	ts N8,62 CL

Details of casualty

This ship sprang leak and sank in lat. 36 48N., long 14 40W. and has been declared a total loss.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 16th December, 1962.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

21/12/62
 ARISTOTELES. — Land's End Radiotelegraph Station, Dec. 15. — Following received from Greek steamer Aristoteles, SXCC, (en route for Calcutta) at 4 44 a.m., M.T.: Position by dead reckoning lat. 16 N., long. 15 45 W. No. 2 badly sprung below 'tween deck, horizontal structure 15 ft. No. 2 hold, port side fractured, full of water. Ship in contact with Madeira Radio. Gibraltar, Dec. 15. — Gibraltar Radio reports: XXX (urgency signal), following received from Lisbon at 7 48 a.m., G.M.T.: Following received from steamer Aristoteles at 8 28 a.m., G.M.T.: Position approximately lat. 37 12 N., long. 15 40 W., course 95 deg., speed six knots, requires assistance. No. 2 hold, port side fractured, full of water. Corunna, Dec. 15. — Salvage tug Atlantic left here on Dec. 15, to render assistance. London, Dec. 15. — London agents of Bugsiere- und Bergungs-A.-G., Hamburg, reported to-day that salvage tug Atlantic left Corunna at 7 a.m. to-day to assist steamer Aristoteles. Tenerife, Dec. 15. — Following information received: Greek steamer Aristoteles, SXCC, at 7 5 a.m., Dec. 15, course 95 deg., speed six knots, requires assistance. No. 2 hold, port side fractured, full of water. Gibraltar, Dec. 15. — Gibraltar Radio reports: Following received from Lisbon Radio at 9 12 a.m., G.M.T.: Following received from steamer Aristoteles: Unnecessary immediate assistance. Gibraltar, Dec. 16. — Gibraltar Radio reports: Following received on 500 kcs. from steamer Aristoteles at 1 33 a.m., G.M.T.: Abandoned ship, badly fractured, position lat. 37 N., long. 14 55 W. Following received on 500 kcs. from GI (steamer Hydroussa) at 2 45 a.m., M.T.: Rescued 27 crew members from the Aristoteles. Aristoteles still afloat, dangerous to navigation, in position lat. 37 4 N., long. 14 42 W. QUM (distress traffic ended).

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 ARISTOTELES. — London, Dec. 17. — Panamaian steamer Aristides reports that at 7 30 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 16, steamer Aristoteles sank in position lat. 36 48 N., long. 14 40 W. (See issue of Dec. 17.)
 London, Dec. 17. — The owners of steamer Hydroussa report that she has 28 survivors from steamer Aristoteles on board and is proceeding to Dakar, where she is expected to arrive about Dec. 21.
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 ARISTOTELES. (Greek). — Las Palmas, Dec. 19. — Greek steamer Hydroussa arrived here on Dec. 18 to land 28 survivors ex Greek steamer Aristoteles and left on Dec. 19. (See issue of Dec. 18.)
 27/12/62
 ARISTOTELES. — Tel-Aviv, Dec. 18. — A local Press report, dated Dec. 18, states: An Israeli seaman lost his life on Sunday (Dec. 16) after he had boarded the abandoned Greek steamer Aristoteles in stormy weather in the north Atlantic.
 According to cables received at Haifa, Israeli motor vessel Har Carmel, en route from Baltimore to Haifa, came across the Aristoteles, which had been abandoned, and the master decided to take her in tow in an attempt to take her into port. An hour after the seaman went on board the abandoned vessel at 8 p.m., an explosion occurred and the ship sank. All search efforts proved fruitless. (See issues of Dec. 18 and 20.)

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