

WRECK  
SECTION  
No. 767

Rpt. 25

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

Ship's Name SS/MS "ASHANTI PALM" Gross tons 5123 Date of Build 7-1947  
Casualty notice 12.12.62. Owners' 17.12.62.  
sent to Owners 23. 1.63. Reply 30. 1.63. Owners Palm Line Ltd.

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 4,60
with fbd MT- veg. oil	BS M8,62
5,62	sp 4,60
ss 4,60	ts 3,60 CL

Details of casualty

This ship stranded and sank outside Naples after dragging her anchors in heavy weather and has been declared a constructive total loss.

The owners concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ASHANTI PALM.—Rome, Nov. 18.—The crew of 45 abandoned British steamer Ashanti Palm (Genoa for Port Harcourt) after vessel grounded in a storm at Naples during the night, ANSA news agency reported. The master stayed on board, it added. ANSA said the Ashanti Palm broke her anchor cable and drifted onto the rocks of a breakwater. The ship sprang a leak and water entered the engine-room. The Ashanti Palm had reached Naples shortly before midnight from Leghorn with a cargo of 50 tons of cotton and was to have loaded 400 tons of mixed cargo at Naples, ANSA said. The master asked for help when his efforts to free the vessel from the rocks failed.—Reuter.

Naples, Nov. 18.—British steamer Ashanti Palm, with general cargo, arrived Naples from Leghorn at 11 40 p.m., Nov. 17, anchored outside due to stormy weather and at 3 30 a.m., Nov. 18, crashed on Molo San Vincenzo cliff main harbour port entrance with port side. No loss, but all crew except master left vessel. Presently five tugs assisting. Damage not yet ascertained.

Naples, Nov. 18.—British steamer Ashanti Palm: Tugs tried for several hours to free the vessel from the rocks, but they were unsuccessful. Seven hours after grounding, the master gave orders to abandon ship, and crew members went ashore in lifeboats.—British United Press.

Naples, Nov. 18.—Most of the crew of steamer Ashanti Palm abandoned her to-day after she hit a port breakwater and sprang a leak during a storm, an official of the harbour-master's office said. Water had entered the engine-room and holds. She sprang a leak towards the stern. None of the crew was hurt. The harbour-master's office spokesman said later that the position of the vessel had worsened. Water had reached the main deck along her stern section.—Reuter.

Naples, Nov. 18.—Steamer Ashanti Palm sank to-day, a harbour official said here. All the crew was safe. An officer of the Ashanti Palm said that most of the crew of 45 had left the vessel this morning. The officer said that the master, Robert Harvey Anderson, had remained on board with the chief officer, second officer, third officer, boat-swain and carpenter. When the Ashanti Palm sank, two tugs had been attempting to tow her off the breakwater where she was lodged.—Reuter.

Naples, Nov. 18.—Steamer Ashanti Palm: A harbour official here said Captain Anderson gave the order to abandon ship when he saw the situation was hopeless. The vessel shipped water fast and by this afternoon the sea had reached the stern section of the main deck. The Ashanti Palm sank soon after the master left her, the official added.—Reuter.

Suggested record

ASHANTI PALM.—Naples, Nov. 18.—Steamer Ashanti Palm aground Molo San Vincenzo, Naples, due to dragging anchors during heavy weather. Informing engine-room and No. 6 and No. 1 holds breached. Foredeck level with sea. Mooring rope fastened forward; two tugs standing by. (Later) Ashanti Palm now sunk in 25 metres.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 19.)

Naples, Nov. 18.—Steamer Ashanti Palm was holed at the stern and filled with water as waves continued to batter her against rocks near a pier. Four tugs made unsuccessful attempts to pull the vessel off the rocks. One managed to secure a line to her, but the cable snapped as the Ashanti Palm was pounded by high waves.—British United Press.

Naples, Nov. 19.—Steamer Ashanti Palm sank at 4 40 p.m., Nov. 18, in 25 metres. General cargo on board 217 tons loaded at Genoa, 672 tons loaded at Leghorn and 40 tons to be discharged Naples.

ASHANTI PALM.—Naples, Nov. 23.—Steamer Ashanti Palm: Understand vessel's mast showing about 2.50 to 3 metres from straight position, lightly bowed towards forepart. Presume mast belongs to vessel's afterpart. Probably, weather permitting, first diver's inspection Nov. 24.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 20.)

ASHANTI PALM.—Naples, Nov. 26.—Steamer Ashanti Palm: Diver examined. Vessel inclined about 60 deg. to starboard. Mast of afterpart broken in juncture between iron and wood; mast showing about 4 metres above water surface belongs to forepart. Vessel lying on rocky and muddy bottom. Port side body showing many wrappings, bucklings and steel plates missing, particularly towards after part Nos. 5 and 6 holds. Fore end showing considerable upsetting about 3 metres plate under loadline. Eventual damage to keel not yet ascertained. Inspection continuing Nov. 26.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 26.)

ASHANTI PALM.—Naples, Dec. 21.—Steamer Ashanti Palm: Salvors still studying cargo details; expect offers end this month.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 27.)

Date of Committee

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