

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

WRECK SECTION

No. 786

Ship's Name SS/MS "AKTI" RMC

Gross tons 1775

Date of Build 8-1936

Casualty notice sent to Owners ---

Owners' Reply ---

Owners Marcos Karottas

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Details of classification

BS*	MBS*CS10,60
Ice Class C	
6,62	ts N9,60 OG
ss Dr 10,60	
+Lloyd's RMC	

Details of casualty

This ship, which caught fire and was sunk by firefighting operations at Bougie, has been abandoned by the owners as a total loss.

Date of casualty 27th March, 1963.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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AKTI - Algiers, Mar. 27. - Firemen at Bougie to-day fought a fire on Greek motor vessel Akti. A member of the crew was injured in the fire. - British United Press. (See "Greek Vessel Reported on Fire in Bougie Roads" in issue of Mar. 28.)

London, Mar. 28. - Motor vessel Akti: The following cable has been received from the Allseas Shipping Company, dated Mar. 27: Akti: Master cables: "Fire started in No. 1 hold suddenly yesterday, trying utmost with crew to kill fire. Meantime, anchored Bougie 10 a.m. to-day." Master has been instructed in case of need to use shore means.

A later cable from the master states: "Fire extended to machinery room, bunkers tank, refrigerator room and mid compartments; crew making all efforts to kill fire."

Algiers, Mar. 28. - Motor vessel Akti still burning. Understand now alongside (at Bougie), firemen still in attendance. Probably Nos. 1 and 2 in fire. If necessary, will proceed, but will request surveyor from here acting for Lloyd's Register of Shipping to proceed. - Lloyd's Acting Agents per Salvage Association.

Algiers, Mar. 28. - Greek motor vessel Akti, bound Rotterdam, loaded with copra, on fire at Bougie, alongside, still burning; firemen in attendance. Understood ship now touch-

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AKTI - Algiers, Mar. 29. - Motor vessel Akti, at Bougie in loaded condition, cargo 2,399 metric tons of niger seed expellers. Fire extinguished. Understarboard holds and engine-room flooded. Vessel settled on bottom of dock with slight list of approximately three degrees starboard, vessel port side to quay. Starboard side deck in Nos. 2 to 4 was under water approximately 12 in. Lloyd's Register of Shipping surveyor and self proceeding Bougie to-morrow. - Lloyd's Acting Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 29.)

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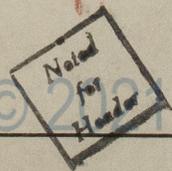
AKTI - Algiers, Apr. 1. - Motor vessel Akti: Lloyd's Register of Shipping surveyor and self proceeded Bougie. Examination reveals position of vessel as per our previous message. Ship settled on dock bottom, all holds flooded, deck at sea level. Amidships accommodation and bridge gatted by fire. Fuel and lubricating oil spread over water in engine-room considered dangerous. Will be necessary urgently first pump out fuel and lubricating oil, secondly commence discharge of cargo in order to refloat and permit shift from present berth. Master has noted Protest; will extend to-day and declare General Average. Master and crew have evacuated vessel and now accommodated in hotel. No instructions have yet been given to master or agents. Cargo comprises 28 bills of lading, all to order Rotterdam. Bougie port authority requests rapid action in order to eliminate all possible danger to port, which crude oil loading port, and liberate present berth, which general cargo berth. - Lloyd's Acting Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 1.)

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AKTI - London, May 16. - Official advices received from the Port Authorities at Bougie, dated Apr. 29, state: Greek motor vessel Akti, aground in the port, is obstructing navigation and the cargo has a nauseous smell. The cargo in Nos. 3 and 4 holds is again on fire and security measures must be taken. Unless steps are taken immediately to refloat the vessel, the matter will be attended to by the Port Authorities and the expense debited to the owners of the vessel. (See issue of Apr. 13.)

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AKTI - Algiers, Apr. 11. - Motor vessel Akti: Visited on Apr. 10. Vessel flooded throughout and sunk about 15 ft. from and parallel to No. 7 pier, Bougie harbour. So far as ascertainable, vessel sank due to firefighting operations, not from fire damage. Hull expected tight, although some open portlights below water. Vessel listed 2 deg. to starboard and lying in about 25 ft. of water, with decks awash but all hatches above water, gradually sinking into muddy bottom. Foredeck plating generally fire-buckled, amidships accommodation and bridge burnt, other damages not ascertainable. After hold badly contaminated with diesel oil. Salvage prospects good, provided precautions taken to counteract instability while pumping. Facilities reported available at Bougie for grabbing out cargo. One hundred and twenty-six tons of deck cargo already discharged by port authority and conveyed to refuse dump. Will forward salvage recommendations as soon as possible as, although casualty sheltered and safe, Bougie harbour authorities somewhat restive. - Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Apr. 2.)



Suggested record

"BURNT & SUNK 3,63"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 28 JUN 1963

Minute

Burnt + Sunk 3,63

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