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No. 768

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

7906 DISCLOSED
SECTION

No.

Date of Build 6-1928

Ship's Name SS/MS "RYUKO MARU"

Gross tons 4415

Casualty notice sent to Owners 19.12.62. Owners' Reply

Owners Kotani Kisen K.K.

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC CS8,60
with freeboard	BS A 9,62
9,62	sp 7,57
ss Dr 12,51	ts 8,61 CL
8,59	
Reclassified 11,46	

Details of casualty

This ship sprang leak and sank in lat. 18 4N., long. 120E., off the Philippines and declared a total loss. The owners concur.

Date of casualty 5th December, 1962.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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RYUKO MARU.—Hong Kong, Dec. 5.—Following SOS received from motor vessel Ryuko Maru (Mangalore for Yawata): "Ship in danger due to serious leaking at 5 35 p.m., G.M.T. (Dec. 4), position lat. 18 5 N., long. 120 1 E., require immediate assistance." Later advices from Ryuko Maru: "All other vessels keep their course except (motor tanker) Riyo Maru at 6 25 p.m., G.M.T. (Dec. 4)."

—Singapore, Dec. 5.—Following received from Singapore Radio: Following received on 500 kcs. at 6 31 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 4: SOS JCUC (motor vessel Ryuko Maru) from JLZX (motor tanker Showa Maru) QSL (can you acknowledge receipt) SOS? K (invitation to transmit).

Following received from Hong Kong Radio, VPS, at 6 50 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 4: Ryuko Maru from VPS: Is JQKP (motor tanker Riyo Maru) going for your assistance? Ryuko Maru replies Riyo Maru now arrived.

Following received on 500 kcs. at 7 50 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 4: SOS from Ryuko Maru: Serious danger due to leaking, I must abandon ship despite our efforts at 7 46 p.m., G.M.T., position lat. 18 4 N., long. 120 E. All crew 38 commence shift lifeboat.

Following received on 500 kcs. at 9 5 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 4, from DZG (Manila Radio): Master Riyo Maru, please advise estimated time of arrival your ship. Philippine Air Force intending to send aerial support if necessary. Signed —Rescue Co-ordination Centre, Manila.

Following received on 500 kcs. at 9 25 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 4, from Riyo Maru: We have hoisted Ryuko Maru one lifeboat and all 38 crew members at 9 5 p.m., G.M.T.

Hong Kong, Dec. 5.—Motor vessel Ryuko Maru: Master abandoned ship at 7 46 p.m., G.M.T. (Dec. 4), in lat. 18 4 N., long. 120 E. A message from the master of motor tanker Riyo Maru states all 38 crew members taken on board at 9 15 p.m., G.M.T. (Dec. 4).

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RYUKO MARU.—Tokyo, Dec. 6.—Japanese motor vessel Ryuko Maru sank on Dec. 5 off the north-western tip of Luzon but her crew of 38 were rescued, according to the Kyodo News Agency in Tokyo. The vessel sank after springing a leak while on her way from India to Japan with 8,000 tons of iron ore, the news agency said. The crew left the ship in lifeboats and were picked up a few hours later by the motor tanker Riyo Maru, which responded to a distress signal from the sinking ship.—British United Press. (See issue of Dec. 6.)

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