

**RETAIN**

Wreck Report No. **14423**

WRECK SECTION

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. **849 B**

No. **30594** in R.B. Wreck Book, p. **16/56** Date of writing this report **5th April, 1956.**

Ship's Name **m.s. "TRICOLOR"** of **Tonsberg** Tons { Gross **6850**  
Net **4208**

Built at **Amsterdam** When **1933** **5** Casualty notice sent to Owner **26.3.56.** Owner's reply **28.3.56.**

Owners **Wilh. Wilhelmsen**

**Toldbodgaten 20, Oslo, Norway.**

### Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC CS10,55
10/55	BS d6,55
with fbd Carrying	
fuel oil FP above	ts p 3,55 CL
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ssGot 10,55	

Casualty **28th February, 1956.**

of Casualty

This ship was completely burnt out in Rangoon River when her cargo of cotton and jute caught fire. She broke in two after being beached, and became a total loss.

The Owner concurred.

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

**TRICOLOR.**—Rangoon, Feb. 28.—Motor vessel Tricolor, number in Lloyd's Register 30594, outward bound on Feb. 28 (Chittagong and Rangoon for Oslo), cargo general; jute in No. 3 'tween decks caught fire in Rangoon River. Firefloat in attendance; surveyor inspecting.

Rangoon, Feb. 28.—Motor vessel Tricolor: Fire out of control, having spread from No. 3 to No. 2 shelter deck and bridge quarters; 16 deg. list to starboard. Intended to beach vessel.

**TRICOLOR.**—Rangoon, Feb. 29.—Motor vessel Tricolor was beached on Liffey Sands last night but shifted early this morning and is listing. Fire spread to No. 2 lower hold but as vessel aground unable to flood, meanwhile all available hoses of all tugs pumping water into Nos. 2 and 3 holds. Position very serious. (See issue of Feb. 29.)

**TRICOLOR.**—Rangoon, Mar. 1.—Motor vessel Tricolor: Captain Horace Berry, Master Attendant for the Rangoon Port Authority, yesterday took charge of beaching operations, and under his direction the Tricolor was beached four miles away from the shipping channel.—Reuter. (See issue of Mar. 1.)

Rangoon, Mar. 1.—Motor vessel Tricolor listing heavily and starboard foredeck awash at high tide, with foreship sinking. No. 2 hold and bridge ablaze and bunkers burning. Back appears broken abreast of No. 3 hold. Fire brigade and crew left ship at 6.40 p.m. yesterday. Master, chief officer and chief engineer left ship at 3.30 a.m. to-day and are standing by in tug. Hosing water from tugs into No. 3 hold in an attempt to stop fire spreading aft.

Rangoon, Mar. 1.—It is authoritatively learned that the motor vessel Tricolor is likely to be a total loss. The cargo of cotton, jute, lumber and rice with which the ship was fully loaded is now believed to be completely destroyed. Till late this afternoon, the ship was still ablaze but Captain Kjell Skovrand had not by then abandoned the vessel.—Reuter.

Rangoon, Mar. 1.—The Norwegian motor vessel Tricolor, her fuel tanks blazing furiously, broke her back in two places here to-day. Her crew of 20 had been taken off, but were standing by in firefloats to help fight the fire.—Reuter.

**TRICOLOR.**—Rangoon, Mar. 1.—Motor vessel Tricolor: Position at noon to-day: Fire raging in hatches Nos. 2 and 3 and bridge. Ship completely hog-broken front of deep tanks. Split in upper port side ship about 3 ft. across starboard side about 4 in. Water passing straight through bottom and 'midships side. Listing to starboard over 17 deg. Bunker oil from Nos. 2 and 3 tanks blazing fiercely and flooding holds and through starboard side crack at holds Nos. 2 and 3. No sign of fire at No. 1 hatch, deep tanks and hatches Nos. 4, 5 and 6. On falling tide depth forward about 40 ft., aft about 30 ft. 'Midships section lifted about 4 ft. at apex of break. Situation very critical, also for capsizing. Master standing by and pumping all available water continuously. Endeavouring to stop fire from proceeding aft of engine-room and after deck and hatches. Bridge completely gutted out. Slowly but surely breaking in two. Ship's position tail of Liffey Sands.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 2.)

Rangoon, Mar. 2.—Motor vessel Tricolor: At nine o'clock last night fire spread to engine-room, where several explosions. Blazing oil on water round ship before midnight, whole ship in flames, over mast height. Thick fog from 4.40 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. At 6.20 a.m. violent explosion but could not observe owing to fog. Ship sunk and now burning out. Fire tugs withdrawn, as impossible to approach ship. Will cable prospects for salvage of cargo as soon as possible.—Lloyd's Agents Salvage Association.

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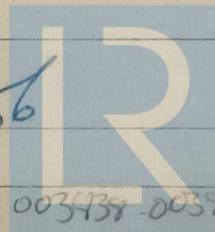
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**TRICOLOR.**—Rangoon, Mar. 3.—Motor vessel Tricolor: Further heavy explosions occurred during night; still burning. Surveyor does not anticipate being able to board vessel to ascertain any possibility of worthwhile salvage until early next week.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 3.)

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**TRICOLOR.**—Rangoon, Mar. 7.—Motor vessel Tricolor is still smouldering, with heavy smoke. Ship completely broken, with afterpart now listing about 40 deg. Anticipate that latter will capsize shortly and become totally submerged.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 6.)

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**TRICOLOR.**—Rangoon, Mar. 13.—Motor vessel Tricolor: In view of oil around vessel, heat and possibility of further explosions and parts capsizing, surveyor considers too dangerous to board vessel for detailed survey for possibly three or four days.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 8.)

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