

WRECK SECTION No 795

Wreck Report No. 15335

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 42282 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 173/59 Date of writing this report 3rd February, 19 60.

Ship's Name s.s. "GUAM PIONEER" of Monrovia Tons { Gross 2283 Net 1285

Built at Gdansk When 1929 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner 13.1.60. Owner's reply ---

Owners Guam Navigation Corp.

Managers ---

Address Suite 101-103, Bohn Building, Agana, Guam.

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Classification details

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GUAM PIONEER. — Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 17. — Liberian steamer Guam Pioneer (San Francisco for Kobe) radioed to-day that her crew of 17 was abandoning ship 340 miles south-west of Los Angeles. The United States Coast Guard here said that the vessel, which has an American master and a Greek crew, gave no indication as to the nature of the trouble. A Coast Guard cutter and an aircraft have been sent to the scene, while the United States Navy radar picket ship Watchman, about 70 miles from the ship, is proceeding to her aid.—Reuter.

San Francisco, Dec. 17. — Steamer Guam Pioneer left here on Dec. 13 for Japan via Honolulu with a cargo of scrap metal. Coast Guard reports having received the following message: Vessel abandoned and in sinking condition at 9 41 a.m., G.M.T., Dec. 17, in position lat. 31 27 N., long. 124 21 W. Rescue craft proceeding.

London, Dec. 18. — The following message has been received from New York, dated Dec. 17: New York agents of Guam Navigation Corporation advise following messages received from steamer Guam Pioneer: Timed 4 50 a.m., Dec. 16: Taking water in afterhold. Shaft tunnel flooded, under control of emergency

pumps. Upon arrival at Honolulu, require diver and dock pump of good capacity.

Timed 1 20 p.m., Dec. 16: Unable to gain on water, diverting to San Pedro; estimated time of arrival 4 p.m., Dec. 18.

Timed 1 25 a.m., Dec. 17: Aft decks awash, Nos. 1 and 2 holds rising, source undetermined; abandoning vessel.

Additionally, RCA Radio Marine Station, KPA REO, reports intercept of distress signal at 9 31 a.m., G.M.T., Dec. 17, from vessel Guam Pioneer, abandoning vessel in position lat. 31 27 N., long. 124 21 W., at 9 33 a.m., G.M.T., Dec. 17, wind west three (fresh breeze), overcast, swell long to northerly.

United States Coast Guard advice position plotted approximately 300 miles off Long Beach. Vessels answering distress call indicate three within range of 100 miles and one of 30 miles. (See issue of Dec. 18.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 17. — Steamer Guam Pioneer in distress and crew abandoning ship due west of San Diego. The vessel arrived at Los Angeles for repairs after grounding on Oct. 20, then proceeded to San Francisco, where she was drydocked and temporary repairs completed. She left San Francisco on Dec. 13 and was en route for Far East when casualty was reported.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17. — Steamer Guam Pioneer sunk; understand crew rescued. Vessel had undergone repairs at both Los Angeles and San Francisco, on account of grounding in October of this year. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

San Francisco, Dec. 17. — Steamer Guam Pioneer: Coast Guard cutter rescued entire crew, who will be landed at San Francisco. Master reports through Coast Guard that shaft alley commenced leaking at 1 30 a.m., G.M.T., Dec. 16. Subsequently after hold flooded and vessel was diverted for Los Angeles but sank at 2 p.m., Dec. 17.

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Sprang leak and sank in lat. 31 27N., long. 124 21W.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the owners on 13th January, 1960.

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