

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

07749

Ship's Name: **SS/MS "CLYDEFIELD"** Gross tons **11163** Date of Build **1-1953**  
 Casualty notice sent to Owners **---** Owners' Reply **---** Owners **---**

Details of classification

+ 100A1	+ LMC CS4, 61
oil tanker	BS A 2, 64
2, 64	sp 4, 61
ss 4, 61	ts 2, 64 CL

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11/19/64

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

11/26/64

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