

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &C.

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 1919 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 6/39 Date of writing this report 2nd March 1939
 Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "African Mariner"* of *London* Tons {Gross 6581 Net 4166
 Sunk at *Middlesbro'* When *1919* *12* Casualty notice sent to Owner *22/2/39* Owner's reply *2/3/39*
 Owner's Name *African & Continental S.S. Co. Ltd.*
 Address *7/8, Bury Street, London, E.C. 3.*

		Particulars of Classification.	
Date	Last Minute	<i>F 100A1</i>	<i>F LMC 10, 35</i>
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		<i>ss No 3-12, 31</i>	<i>T 59, 36CL</i>
		<i>ss No 1-36</i>	<i>WT Boilers</i>

Date *22nd January 1939.*
 Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have hit several times in air raids on Barcelona on the 22nd and 23rd January, 1939.

She was damaged amidships and Lloyd's reported she sank on the 23rd January.

The Salvage Association subsequently advised that in the Surveyor's opinion the vessel is not a total loss and that they are obtaining permission of authorities to inspect her.

In reply to the Special Casualty Committee the Owners state they are unable to give any definite information at present. The Underwriters have declined the notice of Abandonment as there is a possibility that the vessel may be raised, and in the circumstances the Owners request that the matter remain in abeyance for the time being.

30th March, 1939.

In reply to a recent inquiry the Owners regret they are not yet in a position to furnish any further information with regard to the position of this vessel.

27th April, 1939.

This vessel has now been refloated.

In reply to a further inquiry the Owners state they are still unable to ascertain the extent of the damage sustained as the present Spanish Government maintain she is a prize of war.

They add that up to the present the Underwriters have declined to recognise their claim for a total loss.

1st June, 1939.

In reply to a further inquiry the Owners regret being unable to supply any more information, as there is no change in the position of this vessel since they wrote to this Office on the 25th April last.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The British steamer AFRICAN MARINER was sunk in an insurgent air raid on Barcelona to-day, according to a dispatch received here from Barcelona. The AFRICAN MARINER arrived at Barcelona four days ago with a cargo of wheat and frozen meat. The same dispatch reports that there have been eight raids on Barcelona since dawn to-day. It was during the last that the AFRICAN MARINER was sunk.—
 Reuter.
 Barcelona, Jan. 22.—British steamer AFRICAN MARINER was damaged amidships during an air raid at Barcelona to-day. The officers' quarters were swamped away.

LL 23/1

Barcelona, Jan. 23.—Harbour continually bombed. Vessels sunk: YORK-BROOK, AFRICAN MARINER &

LL 24/1

Barcelona, Feb. 9.—Steamer AFRICAN MARINER, sunk Jan. 23: Opinion of surveyor vessel not total loss. Obtained permission of authorities to inspect vessel.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issues of Jan. 23 and 24).

LL 11/2

AFRICAN MARINER.—Barcelona, Feb. 5.—Steamer African Mariner refloated by Government. No permit to survey.—Lloyd's Salvage Association. (Note: African Mariner sank at Barcelona; damage sustained in air raid.)

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