

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

WRECK
SECTION

No. 813 A

Ship's Name SS/MS "SILVER VALLEY" Gross tons 7161 Date of Build 10-1944
 Casualty notice sent to Owners 4.4.63. Owners' Reply --- Owners Silver Star Shipping Corp.

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 5,60
9,61	BS M9,61
ss 5,60	sp 5,60
	ts 5,60 CL

Details of casualty

This ship stranded outside River Douro and subsequently broke in two.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the owners on 4th April, 1963.

Date of casualty 15th March, 1963.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

LL 18/3/63
 SILVER VALLEY. — Lisbon, Mar. 16. — Liberian steamer Silver Valley radioed to-day that she had run aground and was taking water off the River Douro. Soon after sending the SOS, the ship's radio went silent and lights on board the vessel went out.—Reuter.

Oporto, Mar. 16. — Liberian steamer Silver Valley, Rijeka for Leixoes with fertiliser, went aground outside River Douro bar at 11 30 p.m., Mar. 15, and broke in two immediately abaft funnel during night. Vessel now lying on sandy bottom, with possibly some rock, in surf about 600 metres off-shore. Organisation of removal of crew by helicopter being endeavoured.

Lisbon, Mar. 16. — Steamer Silver Valley broke in two off the Portuguese coast near Leixoes during the night. A spokesman for the Leixoes port authority said efforts were being made to save the crew, estimated to number about 30. The port authority spokesman said the crew was gathered on one of the two parts of the vessel. The other section had already sunk. Numerous boats were close at hand, but heavy seas were preventing them from helping.—British United Press.

Lisbon, Mar. 16. — Helicopters have rescued 29 crew from the bow section of steamer Silver Valley. Five of the survivors were taken to hospital with slight injuries.—Reuter.

LL 22/3/63
 SILVER VALLEY. — Lisbon, Mar. 16. — Twenty-nine survivors have been rescued from steamer Silver Valley, which broke in two on Mar. 16 after running aground in rough seas off the River Douro near Oporto. The stern section was swept away, but the bow was holding together. The vessel had a cargo of 10,400 tons of fertiliser. —New York Maritime Association. (See issue of Mar. 18.)

LL 14/63
 SILVER VALLEY. — Oporto, Mar. 16. — The crew of Liberian steamer Silver Valley, which grounded outside River Douro bar, were taken off by helicopter in the afternoon of Mar. 16 and have since been repatriated. The vessel broke in two, but reports stating that the after-part had sunk or been washed away were incorrect. The two sections are lying close together firmly on the sand. The funnel has been carried away. It is believed that both sections of the vessel are full of water. (See issues of Mar. 18 and 22.)

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