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

Drilling Rig

~~Ship Name 83/MS~~

"TRITON"

Gross tons 1412

Date of Lch 9-1959

Build Cmd 8, 1961

Casualty notice sent to Owners

Owners' Reply

Owners Cia. Shell de Venezuela Ltd.

Details of classification

+100A1
Nigerian & Gabon coastal service
12,64

Details of casualty

This drilling rig has been burnt out following blow out and explosion during drilling operations off Dodo River.

The owners concur.

P Harcourt

Date of casualty 25th July, 1965.

27/7/65

OIL WELL OFF NIGERIA
 London, July 26.—The following cable has been received to-day from Shell-BP at Port Harcourt: Mobile marine drilling platform TRITON: Blow-out and fire occurred on oil well EA3 about 6 p.m., July 25. Well out of control and burning. Personnel evacuated by 1 a.m., July 26, by which (? time) expatriate staff accounted for but possibly up to four Nigerian workers missing.

30/7/65 SOURCE OF INFORMATION

OIL WELL OFF NIGERIA
 London, July 29. — Mobile marine drilling platform TRITON: The following cables have been received from Shell-BP at Port Harcourt:
 Dated July 27: At around 1 p.m., July 27, well began blowing again but did not catch fire. Tender has been removed and water pumped out to correct list.
 Dated July 28: Blow-out EA3: Well killed itself again around 3 30 p.m., July 27, and is still dead at 1 p.m. to-day. Tender is being towed and expected Kidney Island this afternoon. Our impression from helicopter examination is that platform superstructure is completely wrecked and that at least one leg is deformed; platform appears to be slightly tilted. (See issue of July 29.)

28/7/65

OIL WELL OFF NIGERIA
 Lagos, July 26.—Mobile marine drilling platform TRITON: Six men are feared dead after a Shell-BP offshore well exploded in flames yesterday in Nigeria's mid-western region. An official announcement here said the well caught fire during a drilling operation. Ninety people were evacuated from the site and an air and sea search was going on for the six missing men, who were feared drowned. According to the statement, the explosion occurred about eight miles out to sea off the Dodo River. The fire was reported still raging to-day, but officials said efforts were being made to bring it under control and put it out. A Shell-BP spokesman said the cause of the drilling equipment and damage was considerable but gave no details. The well was being drilled by offshore Venezuela Drilling Company (Shell-BP Petroleum Development Co. of Nigeria, Ltd.—Reuter. (See issue of July 27.)

31/7/65
OIL WELL OFF NIGERIA
 Port Harcourt, July 29. — Offshore and Shell-BP and representative B.I.P.M. Hague consider equipment on mobile marine drilling platform TRITON total loss. Fire extinguished 10 p.m., July 26. Seventy-two Nigerians, 18 expatriates on board; six Nigerians killed. Well recommenced blowing gas 1 p.m., July 27; presently stopped, well sealed by own action. Air reconnaissance July 28 derick fallen over complete structure, with drilling machine disappeared; will wait few days before boarding TRITON. Tender THE OFFSHORE CO. NO. 21, seriously damaged by fire, towed Port Harcourt 4 15 p.m., July 28. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of July 30.)

Lagos, July 27. — A fire which broke out in a drilling rig off the coast of mid-western Nigeria when the drill struck a pocket of gas on Sunday (July 25) has put itself out, a Shell-BP official said here to-day. He said six workers, all Nigerians, were still missing, feared drowned. Experts are investigating the incident and the extent of damage to the drilling platform, which is about eight miles out at sea off the Dodo River, and its attendant vessel.—Reuter.

4/8/65
OIL WELL OFF NIGERIA
 London, Aug. 3.—The Salvage Association have received the following message from Captain B. W. Noble, dated Port Harcourt, Aug. 3: Mobile marine drilling platform TRITON blown over by helicopter yesterday, Aug. 2. Impossible to board owing to adverse weather. Will attempt to-day, Aug. 3. No immediate action being taken by Shell-BP. (See issue of July 31.)

29/7/65

OIL WELL OFF NIGERIA
 London, July 28. — Mobile marine drilling platform TRITON: The following cable has been received from Shell-BP at Port Harcourt, dated July 27: Blow-out EA3 well bridged and flame extinguished at approximately 10 p.m., July 26. Tender still afloat and has been towed clear of platform. (See issue of July 28.)

Suggested record "BURNT 7,65"

Date of Committee

Minute

FRIDAY 12 NOV 1965

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