

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

Ship's Name SS/MS "GRIFONE"
 Casualty notice sent to Owners 3.1.68. Owners' Reply ---

Gross tons 6724

Date of Build 6-1946

Owners Palomba & Salvatori

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 12,62
with freeboard	BS M 1,66
1,66	sp 3,61
ss 12,62	ts 3,65 CL
AS 2,67	

Details of casualty

This ship stranded on Mavros Island and subsequently sank.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the owners on 3rd January, 1968.

Date of casualty 13th December, 1967

113/12/67
 GRIFONE. — Famagusta, Dec. 12. — Following received from Cyprus Radio: Following received on 500 kcs. at 10 55 a.m., G.M.T., Dec. 12: SOS from Italian steamer Grifone, at 10 15 a.m., G.M.T., position lat. 36 49 N., long. 26 30 E., drifting 330 deg., 4 knots, wind SE., force seven (near gale), engine broken down, require tug or vessel assistance immediately.

London, Dec. 12. — The London agents of Loucas Matsas & Sons have received the following message from Piraeus, dated Dec. 12: Italian steamer Grifone in danger near Amorgos Island. Tugs Atlas and Loucas Matsas proceeding to her assistance. Lloyd's Open Form signed in Piraeus with owners' agents.

114/12/67
 GRIFONE. — Famagusta, Dec. 13. — Following received from Cyprus Radio: At 3 20 p.m., G.M.T. (Dec. 12): Following received from Athens Radio at 3 18 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from steamer Grifone: In distress, now need urgent assistance. Position lat. 37 N., long. 26 23 E., two miles from rocks of Mavros Island; need urgent assistance.

At 8 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 12: Following received from Athens Radio: SOS, reference distress of Grifone, 20 seamen on board motor vessel, UBFM, QUM (distress traffic ended) at 7 13 p.m., G.M.T. (See issue of Dec. 13.)

Athens, Dec. 12. — Steamer Grifone ran aground to-day on an islet near Kalymnos Island, a spokesman for the Merchant Marine Ministry said to-night. The crew was safely picked up by Russian motor vessel Dubno, which proceeded to the spot in response to the Grifone's distress call. Danish motor vessel Athos was to-night reported to be standing by the Grifone. — Reuter.

115/12/67
 GRIFONE. — Piraeus, Dec. 13. — Steamer Grifone grounded in early morning of to-day Mavros Island, about 10 miles east of Naxos Island. Crew saved by Russian motor vessel Dubno, which on spot. Piraeus agents, Comminos & Slavis, reported signed Lloyd's Form "no cure no pay" salvage agreement with salvors, Matsas, on vessel's owners' instructions last night. Tugs Loucas Matsas and Atlas proceeding to spot but, due to stormy weather, not arrived yet. Weather forecast heavy winds until 8 p.m. to-day. (See issue of Dec. 14.)

116/12/67
 GRIFONE. — Istanbul, Dec. 14. — The crew of Italian steamer Grifone arrived at Istanbul to-day on board Russian motor vessel Dubno. The master of the Grifone, Egidio de Vito, said that engine trouble put his ship out of control before she hit an islet near the Kalymnos Island. He said that the crew of the Grifone would return to Italy from here. — Reuter. (See issue of Dec. 15.)

London, Dec. 15. — The London agents of Loucas Matsas & Sons have received the following message from Piraeus, dated Dec. 15: Following report received from tugs Atlas and Loucas Matsas: Searching area around Amorgos Island where steamer Grifone reported to be but have been unable to locate her so far.

118/12/67
 GRIFONE. — London, Dec. 16. — In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Rhodes reported on Dec. 16: Steamer Grifone: Our Kalymnos correspondent cables: According to Kalymnos port office, due sea-storm rudder and engine sustained damage and vessel stranded uninhabited islet Mavros, between islets Levitha and Kinaros. Crew saved by Russian motor vessel Dubno. From Kalymnos no ship could sail for help due storm. Casualty vicinity is Leros. Unknown whether port office, Leros, took in hand casualty or Ministry. (See issue of Dec. 16.)

119/12/67
 GRIFONE. — Moscow, Dec. 14. — Russian motor vessel Dubno rescued 20 seamen from Italian steamer Grifone just before she sank in the Aegean Sea, Tass said to-night. The news agency, in a dispatch from Istanbul, said that the Dubno arrived at Istanbul to-day with the crew on board. It said that the Dubno was proceeding from Alexandria to Zhdanov on Tuesday (Dec. 12) when she received distress signals from the Grifone, which was drifting out of control toward the island of Mavros. The Italian vessel was seriously damaged and sinking, it said. The Dubno changed course, it said, and found the Grifone wallowing in high seas. Russian seamen rescued all 20 Italian crewmen. — United Press International. (See issues of Dec. 14 and 18.)

London, Dec. 18. — The London agents of Loucas Matsas & Sons have received the following message from Piraeus, timed 10 25 a.m., Dec. 16: Steamer Grifone: Despite 24 hours' search by tug Atlas, vessel not sighted and therefore presume sunk. Atlas recalled to station.

Suggested record

"STRANDED & SANK 12,67".

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 19 JAN 1968

Minute

Stranded Sank 12.67