

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

Ship's Name SS/MS "BRITISH CROWN" Gross tons 18545 Date of Build 7-1952
 Casualty notice sent to Owners 31. 8.66. Owners' Reply 2. 9.66. Owners BP Tanker Co., Ltd.
 12.10.66. 18.10.66.

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC CS10,64
oil tanker	BS M 10,65
10,65	sp 10,65
ss Dr 4yrs-11,65	
	ts N10,65 CL

Details of casualty

This ship was beached at Um Said after fire and explosion and will not be repaired.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 20th August, 1966.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

11/22/8/66
 TISH CROWN. — Bahrain, Aug. 20.— Steam tanker British Crown reported on fire in anchorage at Umm Said. (Later) British Crown on fire from stem to stern at Umm Said. So far 42 survivors picked up and endeavours now being made to cut cables. Vessel fully laden with crude oil. Two Shell company tugs in attendance; two tugs from Das Island and tug Orinoco also proceeding.

— Kuwait, Aug. 20. — Steam tanker British Crown caught fire and was ripped by an explosion to-day and several people were feared to be dead. The tanker caught fire at a loading point at Umm Said. A British Petroleum Co., Ltd., spokesman said in London that according to figures he had received 44 survivors, including the master and first officer, had been picked up. There were 62 crew members, 17 British and 45 Indian.—Reuter.

— Bahrain, Aug. 21.—Twenty people were believed to have died in a fire and explosion yesterday on steam tanker British Crown at Umm Said. Eight bodies were recovered by last night and 12 men were missing, believed killed, according to reliable sources here to-day. Forty-one survivors were reported to have been winched to safety in a helicopter operation over the vessel, which was blazing from stem to stern. Sources here said that efforts to cut the tanker's mooring cables succeeded last night and she was expected to be towed out to deep water to-day and sunk. According to first reports from survivors, a violent explosion was touched off by an engine-room fire at about 5 a.m. yesterday while the vessel was at a loading point. The tanker, almost fully loaded with crude oil, was soon ablaze. Answering urgent appeals, an ocean-going tug raced to the scene with drums of fire-fighting foam. — Reuter.

11/22/8/66
 BRITISH CROWN.—Bahrain, Aug. 21.— Eighteen crew members and a mooring supervisor were killed in the fire and explosion on steam tanker British Crown, oil company sources said to-night. Eight crew members were seriously hurt and 10 received minor injuries in the explosion at Umm Said. The other 27 of 45 survivors from the crew of 63 escaped injury, the sources said. The tanker, still blazing furiously, was towed from her loading berth this afternoon and beached two miles away. —Reuter. (See issue of Aug. 22.)

—London, Aug. 22.— A team of experts will fly to the Persian Gulf to inspect steam tanker British Crown, which caught fire while loading crude oil (for Kwinana) at Umm Said. —Exchange Telegraph Company.

—London, Aug. 22.— A spokesman for British Petroleum Co., Ltd., said in London that a team of experts had arrived in the Persian Gulf to inspect steam tanker British Crown. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

11/24/8/66
 BRITISH CROWN.—Bahrain, Aug. 23.— Steam tanker British Crown still burning; owners' representatives from United Kingdom have carried out external inspection. (See issue of Aug. 23.)

Suggested record "BURNT 8,66"

Date of Committee

Minute

FRIDAY 28 OCT 1966