

Abstract of log of M.V. "ARAYBANK", Monday April 7th 1941.

- 9.41am. Vessel entered Alexandria Harbour. 10.24 am let go port anchor.
- 10.23am. Vessel riding to 30fms chain. "Finished with Engines".
- 10.30am. Master informed by R.A.F. Officer that vessel was in seaplane fairway and would have to shift anchorage.
- 10.32am. Engines to "Stand By" and commenced to heave up anchor.
- 10.36am. Anchor aweigh. Slow astern.
- 10.37am. "Stop".
- 10.39am. "Slow astern".
- 10.41am. "Stop".
- 10.42am. "Slow astern".
- 10.43am. ~~Stop~~ "Stop".
- 10.43 1/2am. ~~Stop~~ "Slow astern".
- 10.44am. "Half astern".
- 10.44 1/2am. "Stop" "Full ahead".
- 10.45am. "Stop".

Vessel at this time blown broadside on to H.M. Aircraft Carrier as wind suddenly changed during manoeuvring. Vessel hit port bow of Aircraft Carrier and eventually brought up against her starboard bow. H.M. ship was at her buoy moorings.

- 10.54am. Tugs "Valiant" and "El Kheir" arrived and made fast forward and aft respectively and towed vessel clear of Aircraft Carrier.

11.02am. "Fullastern".

11.04am. "Stop" Let go Port anchor.

11.08am. Vessel riding to 30 fathoms chain. "Finished with Engines"

Examination of vessel showed complete set of deck rails on port side from N<sup>o</sup>1 hatch to saloon house bent and badly twisted. Bollards abreast foremast smashed and deck in way of same set in. Paravane gallows buckled and set in. Top edge of one plate of sheerstrake abreast foremast bent. One rigging screw for foremast backstay broken. Framework of raft skids badly bent and twisted.

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