

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

Ship's Name SS/MS

"MONTROSE"

RMC

Gross tons 4993

Date of

Build

3-1961

Casualty notice

sent to Owners

Owners'

Reply

Owners Montship Lines Ltd.

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 3,61
MTI-vegetable oil	BS A3,61
11,61	sp NA
	ts 11,61 OG
+Lloyd's RMC	

Details of casualty

This ship was sunk by collision in Detroit River; subsequently refloated and towed to Toledo, where she is now laid up for the winter pending a decision as to whether she will be repaired.

Date of casualty

30th July, 1962.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

— Detroit, July 30.—Motor vessel Montrose (Marseilles for Chicago) sinking in Detroit River after collision with tug and barge of Frank J. Boyes Co.

— Detroit, July 31.—British motor vessel Montrose was listing with her stern out of the water early to-day after a collision with a barge in tow of a tug on the Detroit River. Latest reports said roughly half the vessel's crew had been taken off and there were no reports of injuries. Mr. Ward Boyes, of the Patton Steamship Agency, agents for the Montrose, said: "She is still afloat. There is water in No. 1 hold. She is down by the head with her rudder and propeller sticking out of the water. A couple of tugs are working on her to try and get her closer to the shore." Mr. Boyes said that the Montrose had just left Detroit for Fort William, Ont. The accident occurred near the Ambassador Bridge, which spans the Detroit River. — Reuter.

— Cleveland, Ohio, July 31.—British motor vessel Montrose partly sunk in Detroit River following collision with barge on July 30. Forefoot on bottom in 40 ft., rudder and propeller exposed. Believe vessel partly loaded with general cargo. Surveyor proceeding and have requested emergency assistance from nearby salvor, McQueen Marine, Ltd. Meanwhile two tugs attempting to beach vessel. All crew ashore except master.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

— Detroit, July 31.—British motor vessel Montrose was in collision with a cement barge in the Detroit River last night and sank despite efforts by tugs to keep her afloat. Coast Guard rescue boats carried the 44 members of the crew to safety before she sank. The barge was not seriously damaged and continued her journey. The Coast Guard was able to keep one channel of the river open to traffic despite the sinking of the Montrose. The radio officer of the Montrose said the vessel was carrying a cargo of wines and olives from France, Italy, Spain and Portugal and was bound for Chicago. — British United Press.

— Detroit, July 31.—Motor vessel Montrose lay on her side in the Detroit River to-day after being involved in collision with a barge last night. Tugs pushed the ship, with a gaping hole in her bows, to within 300 yards of the United States side of the river, where she settled slowly in 35 ft. of water until her deck was almost perpendicular. This morning her foredeck was virtually under water and her propeller and rudder were high in the air after her port side had gradually slipped under the water. At the time of the collision the barge was being pushed down river by a tug. Both tug and barge escaped serious damage.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

— Detroit, July 31.—The Detroit agent for motor vessel Montrose said that divers would make a preliminary inspection of the vessel to-day or to-morrow. This morning, the master of the Montrose was taken off the vessel.—Reuter.

— Cleveland, Ohio, July 31.—Motor vessel Montrose now on port beam, funnel submerged, under Ambassador Bridge, Detroit; not impeding river traffic. Believed holed in Nos. 1 and 2 cargo holds. Understand owners' superintendent arriving from United Kingdom. Suggest invite "no cure no pay" tenders to deliver to dock for inspection and discharge. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

— New York, July 31.—Motor vessel Montrose, collision with barge on July 30 and subsequent sinking: Our staff surveyor in attendance for purpose of co-operating with owners' superintendent, who arriving Detroit to-night, for viewing vessel and discussing possible methods of salvage. Present position vessel lying on port side in about 35 ft. of water, with stack submerged, about 125 ft. from shore; bottom reported silt.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Aug. 1.)

— Cleveland, Ohio, July 31.—Motor vessel Montrose: Agent reports 170 tons of cargo remaining, comprising 60 tons of wine, also wood carvings, personal effects and general for Lake Michigan ports. Emergency assistance rendered at tariff rates. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

— Detroit, Aug. 1.—Motor vessel Montrose sank in 45 ft. of water adjacent to this city in Detroit River. Cargo, destined Chicago, wines and olives, plus other undetermined commodities. Raising estimated will take 30 days from starting date.

— New York, July 31.—Motor vessel Montrose has sunk in Detroit River after collision with a barge towed by tug B. H. BECKER. (See issues of Aug. 1 and 2.)

— Detroit, July 31.—Motor vessel Montrose, which sank in Detroit River last night after collision with a barge, was holed in her port side.—New York Maritime Association.

— New York, Aug. 1.—Motor vessel Montrose, sunk in Detroit River, is holed in No. 1 hold. (See issue of Aug. 3.)

Suggested record

"IN PORT DAMAGED"

Date of Committee

Minute

11/8/62

MONTROSE. — Detroit, Aug. 1. — According to a local Press report, dated July 31, British motor vessel Montrose sank after collision in Detroit River in the night of July 30 with a 200-ft. barge being pushed by tug B. H. BECKER. The tug and the barge, loaded with 1600 tons of clinker cement, had left Port Huron at midnight on Sunday (July 29) for the Peerless Cement Company's dock on Rouge River, Detroit. The tug was not damaged but the barge had port bow crumpled but did not make water. These vessels proceeded to their destination. (See issues of Aug. 1, 3 and 6.)

11/9/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Aug. 7. — Motor vessel Montrose: After consultation, surveyor and owners consider 40 days minimum time required to effect salvage. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Aug. 8.)

11/10/62

MONTROSE. — Detroit, Aug. 9. — Motor vessel Montrose: We, in association with our American subsidiary, Atlantic Tug and Equipment Company, offer Lloyd's Open Form delivery safe berth Detroit. Estimate completion in 6-8 weeks. — Foundation Maritime, Ltd., per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 9.)

11/11/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Aug. 10. — Motor vessel Montrose: Following quotations received at Detroit by owners re salvage and all on Lloyd's Open Form "no care no pay": (1) Foundation Maritime, Ltd., six to eight weeks. (2) Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation, about 60 consecutive running days. (3) McQueen, 30 working days, commencing five days after award. (4) McAllister withdraws. (5) McNamara, nothing received as yet but indicated verbally three months. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Aug. 11.)

Detroit, Aug. 9. — According to a local Press report, the barge which was in collision with the motor vessel Montrose while in tow of tug B. H. BECKER was the ABL 502, owned by the Frank Becker Towing Co.

11/20/62

MONTROSE. — Detroit, Aug. 18. — Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation will start work next week to raise British motor vessel Montrose, sunk in the Detroit River. — British United Press. (See issue of Aug. 14.)

11/21/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Aug. 24. — Motor vessel Montrose: Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation report salvage operations in progress. (See issue of Aug. 20.)

11/29/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Sept. 4. — Motor vessel Montrose: The hole on the port side extends for 20 ft. forward of No. 1 aft bulkhead and is 4 ft. high. The extent of the hole into No. 2 hold has not been determined. A diver's examination will take place shortly. Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation continue to organize for their salvage effort and some Christmas ornaments and marble slabs have been offloaded from No. 1 hold and put into Customs bonded warehouses. Consignees of landed cargo are being notified by the vessel's agent. (See issue of Aug. 28.)

New York, Sept. 6. — Motor vessel Montrose: Salvage equipment assembled and operations in full progress, with cargo, booms, deck winches and cargo gear being removed ashore, together with deck cargo of aluminium ingots. United States Coast Guard agreed to close off river between vessel and American shore to all traffic other than Merritt's equipment and for Merritt's to establish base for operations on American shore in this vicinity, which should materially expedite salvage operations. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

11/29/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Sept. 10. — Motor vessel Montrose: All booms and deck winches removed ashore and salvors commencing to close off all ventilating openings now under water. Hole in port side in way of Nos. 1 and 2 holds found about 37 ft. in length by maximum 4 ft. in width, and this area now being closed with patch from inside of Nos. 1 and 2 holds. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 8.)

11/29/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Sept. 17. — Motor vessel Montrose: Salvors drained off any water in gearboxes of electric winches and have now agreed to completely drain and blow out with compressed air electrical end of winches, which owners' representative and ourselves consider satisfactory at this time in view of water being fresh and necessity for disassembly and reassembly of winches and renewal of broken or damaged parts at time of permanent repairs. No additional costs involved at present time. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 12.)

11/10/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Sept. 28. — Motor vessel Montrose: Shoring between main and shelter decks now in progress and chains being placed around vessel for attachment of beach gears to deadmen placed ashore. Erection of booms for counterweights on hull will commence next week. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 18.)

11/11/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Oct. 10. — Motor vessel Montrose: Approximately 90 per cent. of shores between main and shelter decks now installed and work on base pads for booms which will support counterweights commenced today. All other work in connection with refloating attempt practically completed. Hopeful all will be ready to commence final operations prior to Oct. 20. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Oct. 1.)

11/23/62

MONTROSE. — Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 18. — Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation crews will make a test of all equipment necessary to the raising of motor vessel Montrose. The hole in her side has been patched. To refloat her, Merritt-Chapman & Scott intend to pull, lift, pump and roll the vessel until she is properly afloat. Several shore-based winches will be used to haul the Montrose into shallower water. After being refloated, the ship will be towed to a shipyard for cleaning and repairs. — New York Maritime Association. (See issue of Oct. 11.)

New York, Oct. 19. — Motor vessel Montrose: Pumping tests disclosed some leakage from patch in No. 2 hold, which being dealt with. Posture of vessel reported improved about 3 deg. Anticipate a resumption of lifting operations Oct. 20. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

11/24/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Oct. 22. — Motor vessel Montrose: Bow of vessel moved inshore approximately 140 ft. and vessel rotated to 67 deg. from upright position. Salvors now carrying out necessary changes to endeavour to pull stern into shallower water, which change expect complete to-day, following which salvage operations will proceed. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Oct. 23.)

11/30/62

MONTROSE. — Detroit, Oct. 26. — According to a local Press report, dated Oct. 25, British motor vessel Montrose has almost been righted, with the bow and deck visible again. Salvors hope to complete the operation of righting the vessel in a day or so. (See issue of Oct. 24.)

11/31/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Oct. 29. — Motor vessel Montrose: Bow moved farther inshore and now about 100 ft. from bulkhead (of river bank) with bow section afloat. No. 1 hold pumped dry. No. 2 hold pumped well down lower hold and No. 3 hold pumped below main deck. Vessel now rotated to 52½ deg. from vertical. Salvors now concentrating on bringing stern inshore. With another 10-deg. rotation, salvors will be able to pump engine-room. Hopeful complete refloating efforts this week. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Oct. 30.)

11/11/62

MONTROSE. — Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 26. — When motor vessel Montrose is refloated, she will be towed to Toledo yard of The American Ship Building Co. Only temporary repairs will be made. The plan is to tow the vessel overseas, where she will be drydocked and completely overhauled. — New York Maritime Association. (See issue of Oct. 31.)

Detroit, Oct. 30. — Three members of the salvage crew were injured in an explosion in the hull of British motor vessel Montrose to-day. A salvage firm spokesman said explosive fumes of undetermined origin apparently caused the explosion. — Reuter.

11/31/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 1. — Motor vessel Montrose: Stern still in same position. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds pumped out although leakage persists in Nos. 2 and 3 holds. Deep tank after end No. 3 hold pierced for drainage of same into hold. Vessel now rotated to approximately 30 deg. from vertical, with bow close inshore. Salvors now consider necessary remove all booms and counterweights, make engine-room entrance doors tight and place pumps in position for pumping engine-room before proceeding with attempt at final righting and refloating. Present indications suggest this completed about Nov. 4, vessel move from Detroit to Toledo about Nov. 9, with anticipated dry dock period seven-ten days if permanent repairs to hull and underwater preparation for towage and against freezing damage effected. Such schedule would leave minimal time to tow vessel out of Great Lakes. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 1.)

11/11/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 4. — Motor vessel Montrose: Bow now adjacent bulkhead and stern about 60 ft. offshore from bulkhead, with hull listed 18 deg. and weather deck completely above water. All booms and counterweights removed, pumps relocated and final pumping under way. Anticipate vessel pumped out and alongside bulkhead afloat Nov. 4 other than necessary pumping to control leakage. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 3.)

11/11/62

MONTROSE. — Detroit, Nov. 6. — Motor vessel Montrose will be towed from her present location near Ambassador Bridge to Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company, River Rouge, Michigan, on Nov. 8 and turned over to her owners. According to a Press report, dated Nov. 5, the Montrose was afloat but still listing yesterday, tied to the dock where equipment has been working to raise her. Small pumps were working to take the last water out of the vessel and it was expected by the salvors that this would be completed on Nov. 6. Representatives of the owners will inspect the hull and engine to determine whether the Montrose can be towed to a shipyard for repairs. (See issue of Nov. 6.)

11/10/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 9. — Motor vessel Montrose: Position this morning draught 10 ft. 2 in. forward, 20 ft. 2 in. aft, with two-deg. port list. United States approved vessel moving to Nicholson's Pier, Detroit, this afternoon, following which damaged cargo and debris will be removed from holds. Examination suggests collision damage extends over about 55 ft. port side forward and will require possibly five new plates for permanent repairs. Leakage patch No. 2 hold reported fairly heavy and may require additional temporary repairs before vessel proceeds Toledo. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 9.)

11/5/62

MONTROSE. — Detroit, Nov. 12. — According to a local Press report, dated Nov. 10, motor vessel Montrose was pronounced fit to proceed and was towed to the Ecorse pier of the Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company on Nov. 9 by tugs Michigan and Maine. (See issue of Nov. 10.)

11/16/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 13. — Motor vessel Montrose: Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation report now offloading damaged cargo and preparing to tow vessel to a shipyard. (See issue of Nov. 15.)

11/19/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 16. — Motor vessel Montrose: Understand arrangements now being made to remove vessel from Detroit to Toledo on Nov. 17, de-ballast on Nov. 18 and drydock on Nov. 19. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 16.)

Detroit, Nov. 18. — Motor vessel Montrose is being moved to dry dock at Toledo, Ohio. — British United Press.

11/20/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 18. — Motor vessel Montrose: Due to adverse weather conditions, movement of vessel from Detroit to Toledo not anticipated before Nov. 19. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 19.)

11/11/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 19. — Motor vessel Montrose left Detroit at 8 15 a.m. to-day for Toledo. Anticipate drydock for survey a.m., Nov. 21. (Later) Montrose arrived and moored Toledo safely this p.m. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 20.)

11/21/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 20. — Motor vessel Montrose now being prepared in suitable trim for drydocking on Nov. 23. Owners arranged winter lay-up berth at Toledo, but berth must be vacated before Apr. 15. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 21.)

11/24/62

MONTROSE. — Detroit, Nov. 20. — According to a local Press report, British motor vessel Montrose left here for Toledo in tow of tugs Laurence C. Turner and Superior, owned by the Great Lakes Towing Company, on Monday (Nov. 19). The Montrose will go into dry dock of The American Ship Building Company, Toledo, for hull inspection and the fitting of an exterior patch. (See later reports in issues of Nov. 21 and 22.)

11/26/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 23. — Motor vessel Montrose now in suitable trim for drydocking, but resultant upon strong south-westerly winds, water over dry dock sill only about 12 ft., or 3 ft. below normal. Vessel will be drydocked following change in weather conditions. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issues of Nov. 22 and 24.)

11/28/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Nov. 25. — Motor vessel Montrose drydocked on Nov. 24 and surveyed to-day. Now find collision damage consists of eight shell plates renew, two part renew and one fair, frames, brackets, beams and 'tween deck plating straighten and part renew, otherwise shell plating, stern frame, &c., only minor damage found. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 26.)

11/28/62

MONTROSE. — New York, Dec. 7. — Motor vessel Montrose will remain at Toledo for the winter. Necessary openings were filled and closed by shipyard. Vessel was undocked on Dec. 3. After vessel is further "winterised" she will be moved to winter berth at Toledo until final disposition is decided upon. (See issue of Nov. 28.)



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