



# LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING.

FONDÉ EN 1760. RÉORGANISÉ EN 1834.

RECONNU PAR LA LOI SUR LA SÉCURITÉ DE LA NAVIGATION MARITIME  
(ARRÊTÉ MINISTÉRIEL DU 5 SEPTEMBRE 1908).

8, RUE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE,  
MARSEILLE.

5th June, 1940.

GRAMMES: LLOYDREG.  
PHONE: COLBERT 3093.

LLOYD'S REGISTER  
Received  
11 JUN 1940  
LONDON

Dear Sir,

"S. S. ORFORD".

I beg to confirm cablegrams exchanged in connection  
with the above vessel as follows .

Received :-

"REPRESENTATIVES ORIENT COMPANY DESIRE CABLE REPORT THEIR  
SHIP IMMEDIATELY DETAILING NATURE OF DAMAGE AND GENERAL  
CONDITION AS REGARDS SEAWORTHINESS STOP PLEASE CONTACT  
WORMS AND COMPANY".

Sent :-

"VESSEL NOT SEAWORTHY HOLED BY GUNFIRE NO 4 HOLD AND BY  
DYNAMITE EXPLOSION BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES STOP ALL AFTER  
END FLOODED ALSO ENGINE ROOM TO WATERLINE STOP ALL MIDSHIP  
SUPERSTRUCTURE DECKS COLLAPSED STEELWORK TWISTED AND  
BUCKLED STOP D AND E DECKS AFT BUCKLED SHEATHING PERISHED  
MIDSHIP SIDE PLATING ABOVE F DECK BUCKLED STOP STILL  
BURNING FIERCELY IN NO 2 AND 3 HOLDS STOP BOILER ROOMS INAC-  
CESSIBLE STOP FORWARD OIL BUNKERS APPEAR TO BE BURNING STOP  
DYNAMO ROOM INTACT STOP VESSEL BEACHED ON APPARENTLY GOOD  
BOTTOM AT L'ESTAQUE DRAFT FORWARD 24' 0 ABOUT 40' 0 AFT STOP  
ALL PASSENGER AND ACCOMMODATION SPACES GUTTED".

I would mention that, in order to avoid delay,  
the above cable was transmitted by Capt. SOUTER R.N. the  
D S T O at this port.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

per

The Secretary,  
London.

W347-0076

Lloyd's Register  
Foundation



London.

The Secretary,

Copy of this letter  
to the Secretary.

11 JUN 1933  
also for Mr. Stadden to handle  
11/6/40

Dear Sir,

I would mention that in order to avoid

the above cable was transmitted to the

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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,

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