

GREEK S/S "GALAXIAS"

Report of Captain JOHN PONTICOS for the voyage NECOCHEA MAR DO PLATA to DIEPPE FRANCE where the ship has been bombarded and sunk.

A Cargo of 7919 English tons of wheat linseed and oats is loaded from NECOCHEA and MAR DO PLATA .

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20 - Sailing for Andwerp via Rio Janeiro, St Vincent and Madera for bunkers.
- 27 Arrived Rio Janeiro and sailed the same day after bunkering 200 tons.
- 10 Arrived St Vincent and after taking 100 tons of bunkers lefted the harbour in the same day.
- 15 Arrived at Madera 3 d for bunkers, received 120 tons of coals and sailed in the same day.
- 22 At 3 p.m. Dover abeam received orders from a British war ship to proceed to DUNGENESS for orders.
- 22 At 6 p.m. anchored at DUNGENESS.
- 23 At 4.20 p.m. Received orders to proceed BOULOGNE for orders. At 5.30 p.m. sailed. at 8.30 p.m. arrived and anchored in BOULOGNE Roads.
- 24 At 6.p.m. Pilot on board entered the harbour and anchored. I have gone to the Control Office to get instructions and have been ordered to proceed to DUNKERQUE.
- 25 Pilot on board, out from the harbour. Noon, anchored at DUNKERQUE Roads waiting orders. 3.30' p.m. the Control came on board.
- 30 German airplanes attacked the harbour and threw bombes and Magnetic mines.
- 8 Received orders to proceed to Andwerp.
- 9 Pilot on board. Sailing for Andwerp.
- 10 At 7.30' a.m. Entered to the harbour of Andwerp and anchored in the

place ordered for the discharging declaration of the war between Bel-
ges and Germans.

II Discharging and at the same time received 210 tons of bunkers.

12 Discharging continuing, total discharged 2740 tons.

13 Monday - discharging stopped owing the war and written orders recei-
ved from the Belgian Government and through the Greek Consulate at
Antwerp to sail as soon as possible for DUNKERQUE and discharge there
the rest of the cargo, about 4029 tons of wheat, 1217 tons of linseed
and 60 tons of oats. Metres tons, left Antwerp.

14 At 5.30 p.m. anchored at DUNKERQUE roads.

15 At 3. p.m. written orders and received from the French Admiralty to
sail for HAVRE.

16 At 8.40 a.m. anchored at HAVRE Roads waiting orders. At 8 p.m. received
orders from the French Admiralty to proceed to DIEPPE to discharge.

17 Sailing at Noon. At 6 p.m. outside of DIEPPE harbour, pilot on Board
being helped by the tugboats, entered the harbour and anchored in the
ordered place.

18 Waiting orders to discharge. At 10 p.m. the harbour is bombarded by
the German airplanes, and bombs fell near the ship.

19 Written orders from the French Authorities received to proceed to
CHERBOURG.

20 New orders have been given from the Harbour Master to wait, sailing
being impossible owing to the fact that the Germans threw magnetic
mines to the entrance of the port.

21 At 5.30 p.m. the harbour has been bombarded by the German airplanes
Three bombs fell on the after deck of the ship. The first on the
poop and exactly on the crew accommodation quarters, the second on
the N°4 Hatch the third between n°3 and n°4 Hatch on the Port deck.

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The bombs made big damages to the ship who begun to sink.

At 6 p.m. the ship is sunk along side the Quay N°4 and 3 Hatches engine Room gross bunkers and n°2 Hatches are full of water and all the cargo is destroyed.

I am considering the ship as total loss.

I sent at GREECE 27 men of my crew.

At 6.40 p.m. the ship has been bombarded for the second time, and two bombs fell on the after deck to port. The port side of the ship has been entirely separated from the deck and all the plates from N°2 Hatch and after-wards have been bended.

All the effects belonging to the crew, the stores of the ship and all the provisions are destroyed, all the crew is saved.

Received orders from my owners from LONDON by telegram, to proceed to LONDON to report to the Underwriters. At 9 p.m. arrived at ROUEN.

Visa for my passeport is required from the British Consul for England but being impossible to get it from the British Consul at ROUEN, received orders from my owners to do my report at ROUEN.



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