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"PAJALA"

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 31218 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 10/40

Date of writing this report 29th February 1940.

Vessel's Name Steel Twin M.S. "Pajala"

of Stockholm

Tons { Gross 6873
Net 3655

Built at Gothenburg When 1924

YEAR. MONTH.

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Casualty notice sent to Owner 2/2/40 Owner's reply 29/2/40

Owner's Name Trafikaktiebolaget Grängesberg-Oxelösund

Address Post Boxes 1189/90, Stockholm, 16.

Previously before
Sinking Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

FI 100 A1	FI LMC CS 1,38
Shelter deck	1,38
with freeboard	DBS 7,39
12,38	TS 12,37 0G
SS No 3-1,38	OK ENGINE

of Casualty

18th January 1940.

of particulars of Casualty

This vessel is reported to have been sunk by submarine in the North Sea on the 18th January, 1940.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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It is reported that Trafikaktiebolaget Grängesberg-Oxelösund, of Stockholm, received a telegram on Friday stating that their motorship Pajala had been torpedoed without warning. She sank in 25 minutes. The master and crew of 35 took to the lifeboats and were picked up by a British warship which landed them at a Scottish port on Saturday evening. The master of the Pajala, Captain A. Ericsson, stated that the vessel was on her way back from Buenos Aires to Sweden with a cargo of 9000 tons of grain for the Swedish Government. Just as it was getting dark a submarine surfaced some distance away. Captain Ericsson said that the Swedish flag painted on the Pajala's side was illuminated with big arc lamps and was clearly visible in the darkness for a long way. The Pajala was a twin-screw motorship of 6873 tons gross, built by Gotaverken, Gothenburg, in 1929.

DEPTH CHARGES ON U-BOAT

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

STOCKHOLM, JAN. 21

The motor-ship Pajala (6,865 tons), carrying a cargo of grain from Argentina to Sweden, has been sunk without warning in the North Sea by a U-boat, which fired two torpedoes. The master of the Pajala reports that he saw British warships score hits on the submarine's conning tower when she came to the surface. He declares that the sinking of the Pajala was a flagrant breach of neutrality, as the U-boat could not have been in doubt about the Pajala's nationality, her flag and nationality marks were strongly floodlit. The British warship rescued the entire crew of 35 and then dropped four depth charges.

TORPEDOED WITH
FLAG LIT UP

SWEDISH SHIP'S FATE

STOCKHOLM, Monday.

Evidence as to the torpedoing of the 6,873-ton Swedish steamer Pajala when she was steaming with all her lights on and her flag and neutrality marks illuminated, was given before the court of inquiry at Stockholm to-day.

The Pajala was hailed in the North Sea on Jan. 18 by a British trawler and ordered to the nearest control port. In the afternoon she observed a submarine, and 10 minutes later a torpedo was fired. The steamer sank in half an hour, and the crew were later rescued by the British trawler.

It will be recalled that the U-boat, according to other reports, was afterwards apparently sunk by a warship.—Reuter.

RETAIN

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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