

s.s. "STANCROFT" - Sunk 12,38 - now refloated

This vessel was sunk by aircraft at Barcelona in December, 1938, and subsequently refloated.

Apparently she was seized by the Spanish Authorities, and from the correspondence with Billmeir's, they have been in communication with the British Foreign Office to get the vessel back, and in a letter dated 2-6-39, they requested that their name should be retained in the R.B. as Owners.

According to Lloyd's Index, this steamer is now named "CASTILLO ALMANSA", owned by the Cia. Trasmediterranea of Barcelona, and is now trading.

When requested to supply any further information, Billmeir's stated in a letter dated 3-11-39 that they had none.

The question now arises whether a "now sailing as CASTILLO ALMANSA" entry should be made against the name of the "STANCROFT", as apparently Billmeir's do not recognize the seizure of this vessel.

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we have to acknowledge receipt