

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. ~~78946~~ in R. B. Wreck Book, p. ~~21/39~~ Date of writing this report 15th May 1939
Vessel's Name Steel Twin No 1 "Malini" of Bangkok Tons {Gross 1278
Net 788
Built at Nakskov When 1925 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner 2/3/39 Owner's reply 5/5/39
Owner's Name Siam Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.
Address Bangkok, Siam

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Committee. { Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.
#10091
with freeboard 139 FILMC 3,37
SS No 3-11,37 CS 6,38
OIL ENGINES TS 510,36 CL P 8,38

casualty 9th March, 1939.

Particulars of Casualty The upper starting air receiver of this vessel is reported to have exploded on the 9th March, 1939, when on a voyage from Singapore to Bangkok.

The fore end went through the fore bulkhead, smashing bilge pumps and pulling out the sea valves, causing a big leak.

The after end went through the after bulkhead, struck the vessel's side, also causing a big leak.

In spite of efforts to plug these leaks, water gained, the vessel was abandoned and sank soon afterwards in twentythree fathoms.

In reply to inquiry the Managing Agents, Messrs. The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., state that hope of salving this vessel has not yet been given up. They are waiting to hear from Japanese salvors and request that the question of expunging the vessel's name from the Register Book be kept in abeyance until then.

In a letter dated the 26th instant, the Agents state that negotiations in connection with salving this vessel are still proceeding and their Underwriters would prefer the Committee's decision to be deferred until a result has been reached. If, however, the matter cannot be deferred further, they agree to the vessel's class being expunged.

N.B. Upon inquiry of Lloyd's, it has been ascertained that the case of this vessel has been settled as a total loss.

25th September, 1939.

In reply to further inquiry, the Agents state in a letter dated the 18th instant, that negotiations in connection with the salvage of this vessel have given no result, and in the circumstances it is agreed that the vessel's name be omitted from the Society's Register Book.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

MALINI.—Singapore, Mar. 10.—Siamese motor vessel Malini, on voyage from Singapore to Bangkok, in ballast, sank yesterday morning near Mersing light, Johore. It is alleged vessel sprang a leak after explosion in the engine-room. One Siamese man killed; officers and crew landed by ship's boats.

Bangkok, Mar. 10.—The following message has been received by the owners of the Siamese motor vessel Malini from their agents at Singapore: Master telephones from Mersing: Malini sank south-east Pulo Tioman after explosion in engine-room; crew saved except one fireman. Crew expected to arrive at Singapore this afternoon.

MALINI.—Bangkok, Mar. 18.—Motor vessel Malini left Singapore at 3 p.m. on Mar. 8, no cargo except one bag of mail and no passengers. At about 2 15 a.m. on Mar. 9 the upper starting air receiver in the engine-room exploded, killing a greaser and slightly injuring the third engineer. The engines stopped and all lights went out. The fore end of the starting air receiver went through the fore bulkhead, and on the way smashed up and removed bilge pumps and pulled the sea valves out, thereby causing a big leak, and at least 80 rivets were removed between the fore bulkhead and the recess. The rest of the starting air receiver went through the after bulkhead and removed the bulkhead frame from the ship's side, making a leak from 'tweendeck to tank top. After passing through the after hold it struck the ship's side and recess and smashed two frames, causing a big leak, and it probably knocked a hole in the ship's bottom. Attempts were made to stop the leaks, but, after about three-quarters of an hour it was found impossible to do so. Water rose steadily in the engine-room and holds, and the vessel developed a dangerous list to starboard. The vessel was abandoned. The crew took to the boats and remained near until the Malini sank about half an hour later in 23 fathoms of water in approximately lat. 2 40 N. long. 104 17 E. (See issue of Mar. 11.) (Not as before reported.)

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Suggested Record

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TUE. 16 MAY 1939

FRI 28 JUL 1939

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 Date of Committee TUE 26 SEP 1939

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