

SAN CALISTO

AIRS, &c.

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 330/3 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 100/39

Date of writing this report 28th December, 1939.

Vessel's Name Steel No. 1 "San Calisto" of London

Tons { Gross 8010
Net 4807

Built at Port Glasgow When 1937 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 14/12/39 Owner's reply 18/12/39

Owner's Name Eagle Oil & Shipping Co. Ltd.

Address 16, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2.

Case previously before
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

£100A1	£LMC 2,37
3,39	CL
Carrying Petroleum in bulk	OIL ENGINES

Date of Casualty 2nd December, 1939

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sunk after striking two mines off the southeast coast on the 2nd December, 1939.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

British Survivors Landed

Twenty-seven survivors, several of whom were injured, were landed on the south-east coast of England on Saturday from the London oil tanker San Calisto, 8,010 tons, which sank after striking two mines.

The cook, Charles Belcher, of Gravesend, said that he had just finished serving the crew's dinner when the mines exploded. "I scrambled out in a shower of soup, roast mutton and cabbage," he added.

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TANKER MINED

Mines sank a British tanker during the week-end, but in the same period naval vessels captured two German ships as prizes. Our loss was:

San Calisto (8,010 tons), of London. Sank off the South Coast after a double mine explosion.

Captain Albert Richard Hicks, of St. Ives, Cornwall, was last to leave the ship. Five of the crew of 43 are missing and one man was killed.

The missing, who were below when the ship sank, are: First Officer Craig, Third Officer Pugh, A. B. Wheldon, Steward Holmes and Fireman Boswell. The dead man is Carpenter Wheatley. Five seriously injured survivors are in hospital.

Captain Hicks said: "The whole deck was reduced to a mass of splintered wreckage by the explosions and all but two of the ship's boats were smashed."

The master dived from the poop and clung to wreckage until he was picked up.

After 50 years at sea, grizzled William Cattermore, of Hull, was making his last voyage. "It's a bit thick to be mined on your last trip," he said.

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The San Calisto, which belonged to the Eagle Oil & Shipping Co., Ltd., London, sank off the South-East coast and two men lost their lives, one being killed by the explosion and the other died from injuries before being brought ashore. Seven men were injured. The crew got away in two ship's boats and a raft and were picked up by two minesweepers and a lifeboat and landed on the South-East coast on Saturday afternoon. It is stated that the vessel struck two mines and went down by the head shortly afterwards. The San Calisto was built by Lithgows, Ltd., Port Glasgow.

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Section 4

Suggested Record

SUNK-WAR LOSS. 1239

Date of Committee FRI. 29 DEC 1939

Committee's Minute

Sunk-War Loss 12.39

56,038.

Walter Lloyd

Character Assigned

Carri: pet. in bulk



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