

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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WRECK BAY  
No. 146

No. 69424 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 77/38

Date of writing this report 11th November, 1938

Vessel's Name Steel s.s. "ALFONSO PEREZ" (sailing as "CANTABRIA") of Santander Tons {Gross 5649  
Net 3374  
Built at Vancouver When 1919 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 8/11/38 Owner's reply 10/11/38

Owner's Name A. F. Perez  
Address Pasco de Pereda 36, Santander, Spain.

Case previously before Date  
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.  
F 10091 4 LMK 5,37  
7,38 4 NE 6,26  
SS No 3-6,31 BS 7,38  
SS No 1-37 TS 4,37CL

Date of Casualty 2nd November, 1938.

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been shelled by an armed auxiliary cruiser at 4 p.m. on the 2nd November, 1938, eight miles north of Cromer. At 4.25 p.m. she was on fire and at 7 p.m. she was derelict.

The steamer subsequently sank, and she has been located in 90 feet water, lying on her broadside nine miles north east of Cromer.

In reply to the casualty notice, the London Agents request that the matter be deferred until they receive instructions from the Spanish Government about the future of the vessel.

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## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SPANISH STEAMER ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE OFF CROMER  
Humber Wireless Station, Nov. 2. — Following received from British steamer Monkwood:—

At 3 55 p.m., G.M.T.: Armed auxiliary cruiser firing on Spanish steamer Carthagena (? CANTABRIA) for over one hour, the latter vessel appears to be considerably damaged. Armed cruiser was flying flag "Heave to or I fire." Cruiser still firing on Carthagena (? CANTABRIA); position 10 miles north of Cromer lighthouse. (Note.—Spanish steamer CANTABRIA left London on Nov. 1 for Immingham and Leningrad, in ballast.)

At 4 15 p.m., G.M.T.: Cruiser still firing on Carthagena (? CANTABRIA); will keep you informed.

At 4 25 p.m.: I have received a message from Belgian steamer Adolphe Urban, now passing Sheringham, and she reports that armed merchant vessel is alongside Carthagena (? CANTABRIA); is still afloat, but clouds of smoke and fire coming from her.

Following received from Belgian steamer Adolphe Urban at 4 36 p.m.: Carthagena's (? CANTABRIA'S) position about seven or eight miles north of Cromer, between Sheringham and Cromer.

Following received from British motor vessel Ronan at 6 48 p.m.: Passed Spanish steamer derelict 8 1/2 miles SW. 1/2 W. of Haisboro' Light-vessel. At 5 40 p.m. passed British steamer Pattersonian, bound London. She took 10 men from Spanish steamer. Armed auxiliary cruiser standing by, refuses to answer my morse signals.

Following received from British steamer Horsted at 7 3 p.m.: Carthagena (? CANTABRIA) eight miles ENE. of Cromer. No lights; steamer standing by, name unknown. Cromer lifeboat been to Carthagena (? CANTABRIA) and returning to shore. Horsted proceeding voyage.

London, Nov. 2.—The steamer Pattersonian arrived off Great Yarmouth at 9 40 p.m. and signalled to the Coastguard station that she had 11 men from the CANTABRIA on board and would like a lifeboat to be sent out. Some of the men are injured and the Pattersonian asked that ambulances be prepared to take them to hospital.

It is now learned that the shelled vessel is the CANTABRIA, of Santander, and she was shelled by the Spanish Insurgent motor vessel Nadir. Those taken off by the Cromer lifeboat were Manuel Arguelles, the master, his wife, and their two children, and the second steward.

The master of the vessel stated that the Nadir commenced to shell them at two o'clock and continued for three hours. There were 37 people on board, including three women and five children. The majority of them were taken off by the Nadir, the remainder by the Pattersonian. So far as he knew there were no casualties.—Exchange Telegraph Co.

Great Yarmouth, Nov. 2.—Now officially informed by Cromer that Spanish steamer Carthagena (? CANTABRIA) was attacked at 4 p.m. to-day by an armed vessel which opened fire and shelled her about eight miles north of Cromer Light-house. Carthagena (? CANTABRIA) is considered derelict. Understand steamer Pattersonian has taken off part of crew. Cromer lifeboat has master and wife and two children and one crew, now making for shore.—Lloyd's Agent.

Great Yarmouth, Nov. 3.—Trinity vessel Reculver reports having located derelict, presumed to be Spanish steamer CANTABRIA, Cromer Lighthouse bearing 231 deg. nine miles distant. Wreck is of a large vessel lying on her broadside in NE. and SW. direction with 90 ft. low water ordinary spring tides over her, with least depth of 33 ft. low water ordinary spring tides.—Lloyd's Agent.

DERELICTS AND WRECKAGE  
London, Nov. 9.—The wreck of the steamer CANTABRIA lies sunk nine miles to the NE. of Cromer, in lat. 53 1 10 N. long. 1 30 25 E.

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Date of Committee

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Committee's Minute

Sunk by gunfire 11.38



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