

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 74328 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 41/38

Date of writing this report 25th July 1938

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. Farnham* of *London*

Tons { Net 3022
Gross 4793

Built at *Stockton* When *1913* 3

Casualty notice sent to Owner *18/7/38* Owner's reply *22/7/38*

Owner's Name *Alpha S.S. Co. Ltd.*

Address *Beris Marks House, London, E.C.3.*

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.
+100A1 +LMC4,35
5,38 BS2,38
S.S. No.3-331
S.S. No.1-36 TS1,38CL

Date of Casualty *27th June, 1938.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been bombed and set on fire at Alicante on the 27th June, 1938. She was badly damaged amidships and was reported to be sinking. The fire was extinguished after three hours.

Efforts were made to tow her outside the harbour, but these proved unavailing as the vessel was touching the bottom. It is added that her back appears broken.

In reply to the casualty notice, the Owners request that the matter be left in abeyance for the present, as the Underwriters have not yet accepted Notice of Abandonment. They add they will keep this Office informed of any further developments.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

THE SITUATION IN SPAIN

Alicante, June 27. — British steamer FARNHAM was bombed at 9 a.m. to-day.
London, June 27. — British steamer FARNHAM has been bombed and set on fire in a raid on the port of Alicante. Several persons are reported to have been killed and injured on board.—Reuters.
Madrid, June 27. — Two Spanish stevedores were injured when the British steamer FARNHAM was bombed. The raid took place at 9.30 a.m. when the vessel was discharging her cargo of foodstuffs. She was badly holed amidships below the waterline and is sinking fast. Work is still going on unloading her cargo as she sinks. — British United Press.
Alicante, June 27. — Three British sailors were killed when the British steamer FARNHAM was bombed. — British United Press.
Madrid, June 27. — British steamer FARNHAM is expected to sink although the fire has been extinguished. — Reuter.
Madrid, June 27. — The fire on board the British steamer FARNHAM at Alicante has been extinguished and the ship has been taken into dock to prevent her sinking. The vessel is now out of danger and the remainder of her cargo is being discharged without difficulty. — British United Press.

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Madrid, June 27. — British steamer FARNHAM, which was bombed at Alicante to-day, sank this afternoon at 3.30. — Exchange Telegraph Company.
Alicante, June 28. — Steamer FARNHAM: Trying to fix damages soonest possible, hitherto difficult. — Lloyd's Agent.

LL 29/6

London, June 29. — The owners of the steamer FARNHAM have received the following messages from the master:—
Dated Alicante, June 27, 5 p.m.: Vessel badly damaged amidships, being towed outside harbour, sinking slowly. No casualties.
Dated Alicante, June 28, 8 p.m.: Unable to tow vessel outside harbour as taken bottom. Back appears broken, on fire three hours amidships. Trying arrange steamer Laleham take crew, remaining here myself pending your instructions. Non-intervention officer missing, feared dead. (See issues of June 28 and 29.)

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Alicante, June 30. — British steamer LALEHAM left Alicante this morning for Gibraltar with the crew of the British steamer FARNHAM, which was bombed and sunk. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee TUE 26 JUL 1938

Committee's Minute

Bombed & Sunk 6.30



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