

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 66/38

Date of writing this report 9th November, 1938

Name Steel S.S. "Gothic"

of Hull

Tons {Gross 2462
Net 1433

Year. MONTH. 1920 7

Casualty notice sent to Owner 4/11/38 Owner's reply 7/11/38

Gothic S.S. Co. Ltd.

87, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2

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Particulars of Classification.
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SS No 3-7,33
SS No 1-37
TSL 11,37CL

4th and 8th October, 1938.

This vessel is reported to have been
sunk amidships by a bomb during an air raid at
Barcelona on the 4th October, 1938.

The master cabled that she was burnt
amidships, the cabin and rooms being entirely
destroyed by fire. In addition the donkey boiler
and the main boilers and engines were wrecked
the vessel was leaking badly.

Lloyd's Agents stated she was in
danger of sinking, but this was avoided by repairs
carried out by divers.

In another raid on the 8th October
superstructure suffered damage.

In reply to the special casualty
enquiry, the Owners' Representatives, Messrs.
Wigham-Richardson & Co., Ltd., state in a letter
dated the 7th instant, that owing to conditions
prevailing at Barcelona it has not yet been
possible to obtain complete details of the damage,
temporary repairs, which are expected to take
12 to 15 days, have just been commenced, with
a view to towing the vessel to Marseilles for
repairs.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Barcelona, Oct. 4.—Two British vessels
in port at Barcelona were damaged by
bombs when 14 insurgent planes raided
the harbour area at 10.30 a.m. to-day.
They were the steamer THORPEBAY,
the poop of which was badly damaged by
a bomb, and the steamer GOTHIC, of
Hull, the bridge of which was slightly
damaged. No casualties, however, were
caused on board either vessel. The planes
returned to attack the port at noon.—
British United Press.

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Barcelona, Oct. 4.—Two British vessels
were hit when 14 Savoia-type planes
raided Barcelona at 10.25 this morning
and bombed the waterfront. The steamer
GOTHIC, of Hull, was struck amidships
and set on fire. The steamer THORPE-
BAY, of London, was hit astern and her
poop set on fire. There were no casual-
ties in either vessel. Captain Nisbett is
the master of the GOTHIC, and Captain
O'Neill, the master of the THORPEBAY.
—Reuter.

London, Oct. 5.—The following cables
have been received from the master of
the steamer GOTHIC, dated Barcelona,
Oct. 4:—

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During air raid this morning vessel
struck by bombs. All burnt out amid-
ships; crew safe.

Cabin and rooms entirely gutted by fire,
donkey boiler burst, main boilers and
engines wrecked, ship leaking badly, float-
ing pumps keeping water clear, starboard
side ship's plates gone 40 ft. to water's
edge, 2400 tons of coke on board.

Barcelona, Oct. 4.—The British steamers
GOTHIC and THORPEBAY were badly
damaged and set on fire this morning in
Barcelona Harbour, when 14 Savoia
bombers raided the waterfront. The fires
were extinguished by this afternoon, and
officers on board both vessels reported
there had been no casualties. One bomb
struck the GOTHIC directly amidships,
pierced the steel deck, and exploded in the
engine-room below. The machinery was
completely wrecked. An incendiary bomb
exploded in the deckhouse, destroying the
master's cabin and the bridge. Captain
Nisbett was ashore when the bombing took
place. The THORPEBAY was struck
astern by a bomb which wrecked the
vessel's steering gear and did some damage
to the engines. Both vessels were loaded
with coal.—"The Times" Correspondent.

Barcelona, Oct. 5.—During yesterday's
air raid British steamer GOTHIC was
seriously damaged by bombs and fire;
already extinguished. British steamer
THORPEBAY had minor damages by
bombs.—Lloyd's Agent.

Barcelona, Oct. 9.—The superstructure
of the Hull steamer GOTHIC was dam-
aged during the air raid on Barcelona just
before midnight last night. This is the
third time the GOTHIC has been struck
during the past week.—Reuter.

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London, Oct. 18.—According to infor-
mation received in London, the British
steamer GOTHIC was damaged during an
air raid at Barcelona on Sept. 16 last, the
shrapnel of the bombs making holes. The
GOTHIC was again damaged during an
air raid on Oct. 4, when she was directly
hit by bombs and was so heavily damaged
that she was in danger of sinking, but
this was avoided by some repairs which
were carried out by divers. (See issues
of Oct. 6 and 11.)

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