

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
 YEAR. MONTH. Net 1433
 Date of construction 1920 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner 4/11/38 Owner's reply 7/11/38
 Name of vessel Gothic S.S. Co. Ltd.

Address 87, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2

Particulars of Classification.
Date <u>4th and 8th October, 1938.</u>
Last Minute <u>TS11,37CL</u>
<u>SS No 3-7,33</u>
<u>SS No 1-37</u>

This vessel is reported to have been struck 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, the main boilers and engines were wrecked and the vessel was leaking badly.

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

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

In reply to the special casualty report, the Owners' Representatives, Messrs. Gammage-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, and 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 final disposition.

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 THORPEBAY, of London, was hit astern and her poop set on fire. There were no casualties in either vessel. Captain Nisbett is the master of the GOTHIC, and Captain O'Neill, the master of the THORPEBAY.—Reuter.

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

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

Cabin and rooms entirely gutted by fire, donkey boiler burst, main boilers and engines wrecked, ship leaking badly, floating 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 damaged 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 information 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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