

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 24<sup>th</sup> January 1935

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Stylianios Castanos"* of *Piraeus* Tons { Net 2649 Gross 4196

Built at *South Shields* When *1915* - *3* Casualty notice sent to Owner *x* Owner's reply *x*

Owner's Name *S. Castanos & Sons.*

Address *Athens, Greece.*

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Committee. { Last Minute

ualty *9<sup>th</sup> September 1934*

Particulars of Casualty

## Particulars of Classification.

+100 A1  
Shelter OK.  
w. fbd.  
+LMC 1.34

PLATING to be DRILLED when vessel is 24 years old, or at next special survey thereafter.

This vessel stranded on the 9<sup>th</sup> September about 20 miles west of Oran. She was refloated on the 16<sup>th</sup> September & moored in Oran harbour.

She proceeded to Algiers on the 25<sup>th</sup> September for examination in drydock.

The Salvage Association's Surveyor reported on the 10<sup>th</sup> October that the damage forward was very serious, necessitating the renewal of 130 feet of bottom, including all internals, tank margins &c. In view of the winter season it was considered impracticable to make the ship seaworthy, by temporary repairs, to continue her voyage, & the Authorities refused to allow her to lie afloat in the harbour unless tightened.

Lloyd's Agents at Algiers reported, on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, that it was agreed by the Owners & Salvage Association that as both temporary repairs & permanent repairs were too costly, the vessel should be sold.

The Algiers Surveyor stated, in a communication dated 13<sup>th</sup> November, that the steamer & cargo had been sold to the Salvors, & temporary repairs, mostly cementing, were in hand.

The same Surveyor further stated, in a letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, that the vessel was still afloat in the port of Algiers. As the Owners intentions were undecided, he was delaying the forwarding of his report. & the same has not yet come to hand.

Upon inquiry at Lloyd's per telephone it appears that the vessel has been accepted by the Underwriters as a constructive total loss & all claims paid.

According to information received by Lloyd's the vessel was bought by the Salvors (Soc. Algerienne de Sauvetage), who have now resold her to Italian purchasers for breaking up purposes.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS. — Oran, Sept. 9. — Greek steamer Stylianios Castanos, for Alexandria, cargo timber, aground Vesta Rock, about 20 miles west of Oran. Proceeding on board with surveyor. — Lloyd's Agent.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS. — Oran, Sept. 9. — Greek steamer Stylianios Castanos aground stem to bridge, plates bent and torn 2 ft. from stem on length of 12 ft. and breadth of 10 ft., approximately. Forepeak and No. 1 hold full of water, No. 2 hold dry. Weather fine and consider steamer's position not dangerous if weather persists. Tried pull steamer off with tugs without success. Consider necessary to discharge part of cargo immediately. Master signed "no cure no pay" contract arbitration London, with Societe Les Goelands, who are commencing discharge of deck cargo to-night. — Lloyd's Agent.

London, Sept. 10. — The following cables have been received from Gibraltar:

Dated Sept. 9: Salvage steamer Valkyrien proceeded to render assistance to Greek steamer Stylianios Castanos, aground west of Oran.

Dated Sept. 10: Salvage steamer Valkyrien returned to Gibraltar.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS. — Oran, Sept. 10. — Steamer Stylianios Castanos: French steamer Procida and French coasting steamers Maarif and Isly, now employed in transhipping deck cargo. If favourable weather continues possibly refloat Tuesday or Wednesday (Sept. 11 or 12). Consider work proceeding satisfactorily up to the present. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS. — London, Sept. 12. — The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from Lloyd's Agents at Oran on board steamer Stylianios Castanos, dated Sept. 11: Discharged complete deck cargo from forepart approximately 900 tons. Endeavoured pull steamer off this evening without success. Zagame now co-operating (under) existing contract. Weather keeping fine.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS. — Oran, Sept. 12. — Steamer Stylianios Castanos: Making another attempt to pull off to-night, in the meantime arrangements are being made for lightening further if attempt unsuccessful. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS. — Oran, Sept. 13. — Steamer Stylianios Castanos: Position unchanged. Coasting steamer Maarif left here this morning for discharge of deck cargo aft in order to permit further installation for pulling astern. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS. — London, Sept. 15. — The following radio has been received from the master of the steamer Stylianios Castanos via Oran Radio: Position of steamer very difficult, rough sea, strong west wind. Commenced jettison cargo.

Oran, Sept. 16. — Greek steamer Stylianios Castanos during heavy swell yesterday afternoon ultimately got off rocks and now refloated and in Oran harbour. Divers now visiting (? inspecting) damage.

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Suggested Record *x*

Date of Committee

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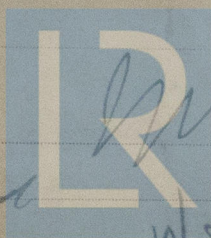
Committee's Minute

As Lloyd's: 25/1/35

Stranded - 9-34 - Refloated  
Now in port damaged

Character Assigned

100H1 Shelter OK w/fd



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**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Oran, Sept. 15.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Heavy sea last night interrupted discharge and position of the vessel now dangerous. No. 2 hold now full of water.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Oran, Sept. 15.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Position of vessel now very critical.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Oran, Sept. 16.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: During heavy swell yesterday afternoon steamer ultimately got off rocks and now refloated and in Oran harbour. Divers now examining damage.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Oran, Sept. 19.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos now moored in Oran harbour drawing 27 ft. forward, 17 ft. aft. Badly holed under No. 1, some damage under No. 2. Proposed diver try to plug No. 2 damage and discharge cargo from forward to gain even keel with object of taking vessel to a drydocking port. About 1500 tons of timber has been discharged and a quantity jettisoned.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Oran, Sept. 20.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Forward part of vessel to stokehold bulkhead floating on timber cargo, diver cannot effectively deal with bottom damage. No facilities for beaching. Propose contractors deliver vessel at Algiers for drydocking with cargo on board when temporary repair can be effected to permit discharge of cargo.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Oran, Sept. 21.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Salvage Association's Special Officer considers vessel safe to proceed to Algiers under own steam, accompanied by salvage tugs.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Oran, Sept. 23.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos is sailing (for Algiers) on Monday (Sept. 24), daylight, your officer and salvors accompanying on board.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Oran, Sept. 24.—Greek steamer Stylianos Castanos sailed for Algiers at 8 a.m.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Algiers, Sept. 25.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos arrived and moored safely. Awaiting arrival of owners' superintendent before lightening cargo to enter dry dock.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Algiers, Sept. 29.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Pumping dry dock to-night to fit bilge blocks. Hope to dock vessel on Monday (Oct. 1).—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Algiers, Oct. 1.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos dry-docked this morning; expect dry (this) evening.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Algiers, Oct. 2.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Bottom damage extensive, distorted from stokehold bulkhead forward over 120 ft., open and set up 3 ft. in four places affecting tank tops and floors. Permanent repairs would mean renewal of forward double bottom. Asking tenders for temporary repairs for steel plates or wood sufficient to enable vessel to proceed to destination.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Algiers, Oct. 3.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Expect tenders for temporary repair tomorrow. Difficult to tighten leakage for seaworthy certificate. Necessary to fit emergency pump stokehold bulkhead attend drainage. Opinion discharge of cargo and permanent repairs only effective remedy.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Algiers, Oct. 10.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Damage forward very serious necessitating renewal of 130 ft. of bottom, including all internals, tank margins, tank tops and bilge brackets, also considerable damage to main frames and ship's side. In view of winter season impracticable make ship seaworthy by temporary repairs to continue voyage. Authorities refuse to allow ship to lie afloat in harbour unless tightened.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—London, Nov. 30.—In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Algiers write under date of Nov. 26: After being drydocked the steamer Stylianos Castanos was examined by surveyors on behalf of the owners and the Salvage Association, who agreed that as both temporary and permanent repairs were too costly the vessel, as well as the cargo, should be sold, as lying in dry dock. Offers were accordingly called, and the steamer was finally purchased by the salvors. She still remains in dry dock, the cargo of timber having been discharged on to the dock side. The purchasers of the steamer are endeavouring to effect a temporary repair by cementing the bottom of Nos. 1 and 2 holds, presumably to enable the steamer to proceed to another port, either with or without the cargo. However, at the moment it is thought that nothing is definitely decided regarding the eventual disposal of the steamer, although it is understood that the timber cargo has been resold and will be shipped, either by the Stylianos Castanos or some other vessel, elsewhere.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—Algiers, Dec. 8.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos is now out of dry dock, temporary repairs being completed. No further information has been received regarding eventual disposal, but cargo of timber being shipped to Alexandria by Greek steamer Despina.

**STYLIANOS CASTANOS.**—London, Jan. 1.—The London agents of the steamer Despina state that the vessel is taking the cargo from the steamer Stylianos Castanos to Alexandria. She loaded at Algiers the part discharged there and left on Dec. 30 for Oran, arriving on Dec. 31, where she will complete.