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# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 4th July, 1938

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Thorpehall"* of *London* Tons { Net 744 Gross 1251

Built at *Sunderland* When *1910* 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner *28/6/38* Owner's reply *X*

Owner's Name *Westcliff Shipping Co., Ltd. (G.O. Tull, Mgr.)*

Address *13, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.*

Case previously before  
Classing Committee. } Date  
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.  
+100A1  
Shelter dk  
with fbd 1,37  
S.S. 2nd No 3-535

+LMC  
MS 335  
BS 10,37  
TS 11,37CL

of Casualty *25th May 1938.*

of particulars of Casualty *This vessel is reported to have been attacked by aircraft while lying at anchor about one mile off Valencia on the 25th May. Two bombs crashed through No. 3 hold; the vessel developed a heavy list and subsequently sank.*

*No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 28th ultimo.*

*Upon inquiry of Lloyd's, it has been ascertained that the Underwriters have accepted this case as a total loss.*

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Valencia, May 25.—British steamer THORPEHALL sunk one mile off Valencia port while at anchor. Crew landed here; one man injured.—Lloyd's Agent.

Madrid, May 25.—British steamer THORPEHALL was sunk by two bombs dropped from a seaplane about a mile from Valencia this morning.—British United Press.

Madrid, May 25.—Both bombs are reported to have made direct hits on the steamer THORPEHALL. One officer and one member of the crew were wounded.—British United Press.

Valencia, May 25.—The British cargo steamer THORPEHALL, which was anchored a mile and a half off the entrance to Valencia harbour, has been sunk by two of four bombs dropped by seaplanes coming from Majorca. One officer and one man were wounded. The remainder were saved. The THORPEHALL left Marseilles for Valencia on Saturday (May 21), and was carrying a general cargo.—Reuter.

Barcelona, May 25.—Five of the crew were seriously wounded when the steamer THORPEHALL was bombed and sunk by an insurgent warplane from Majorca outside Valencia Harbour at 4.50 this morning. They are being treated in the provincial hospital. Several other members of the crew were slightly injured. They have been transferred to another vessel. Two out of four bombs dropped by the plane hit the THORPEHALL, which is reported to have been loaded with 3000 tons of wheat.—Reuter.

London, May 26.—Waiting off Valencia harbour ready to discharge her cargo of wheat, the British steamer THORPEHALL was early yesterday morning bombed and sunk by an insurgent plane. Five of the crew were wounded. They are John Kingston, Frederick Kesson, the cook, a lascar, Rakin Ulla, from Cardiff, a Portuguese and a Spaniard. Two bombs crashed through No. 3 hold. The THORPEHALL immediately developed a heavy list and the master gave orders to abandon ship. Boats were lowered and the crew took off.—"News Chronicle."

Barcelona, May 26.—A statement issued by the National Defence Ministry states that during yesterday's insurgent air raid on Valencia, when the British steamer THORPEHALL was sunk, the first officer and an Irish Non-Intervention observer were seriously wounded.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

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Suggested Record *Sunk by aircraft 5, 38*

Date of Committee *TUE 5 JUL 1938*

Committee's Minute *Sunk by aircraft 5, 38*

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