

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9358

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Vessel's Name *Steel Twin M/S Campeador* of *Santander* Tonnage Wet 14412 Gross 7932

Built at *Bilbao* When 1932 - 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner Owner's reply

Owner's Name *Cia. Arrendataria del Monopolio de Petroleos S.A.*

Address *Apartado 318, Torija 9, Madrid, Spain*

Case previously before Date
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Date of Casualty *12th August, 1937* No later survey reported.

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported in the Shipping Papers to have been sunk by shell fire from an Italian Destroyer on the 12th August & lies 13 miles east of Kelibia in 100 metres of water.

Lloyd's Agent, Tunis, stated on the 25th August, that the vessel was totally lost.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

CAMPEADOR. Tunis, Aug. 12.—Sema-phore Kelibia signalled vessel on fire last night 20 miles E. of Kelibia.

Bizerta, Aug. 12.—Spanish tank motor vessel Campeador, cargo benzine, reported on fire three miles from Kelibia.

London, Aug. 12.—The following message has been received from the master of the British steamer Dido via Bizerta Wireless Station, dated Aug. 12, 6.39 a.m.: At 10.15 p.m., Aug. 11, picked up three of crew from Spanish tank motor vessel Campeador, of Santander. Campeador blazing furiously in position lat. 36 55 N., long. 11 15 E.

London, Aug. 12.—The following telegram has been received from the owners of the steamer CH. tonia, dated North Shields, Aug. 12: Steamer Chionia radios via Algiers. Picked up two survivors from Spanish tank motor vessel Campeador.

Tunis, Aug. 12.—Har-bour authorities report Spanish tank motor vessel Campeador sunk off the coast, 13 miles east of Kelibia. Thirty of the crew saved; twelve of the crew missing.

Tunis, Aug. 12.—The 30 survivors of the Spanish Government tank motor vessel CAMPEADOR, who have arrived at Tunis, accuse Italian destroyers of having sunk their vessel off Kelibia, about sixty miles east of Tunis, yesterday. The other 12 members of the crew, they state, were trapped in the engine-room and burned by blazing oil. The vessel, they add, was sunk with shells. The Spanish seamen relate that the Italian destroyer Saetta met the CAMPEADOR at 3 a.m. yesterday off Lampedusa Island, between Malta and the Tunisian coast; she followed the tanker's course, making circles round her. A second destroyer, of the same type as the first but flying no flag and with her name painted out, joined the Saetta during the afternoon about sixty miles from Kelibia. The second destroyer, say the Spaniards, followed them until it began to get dark. Then, as the destroyers did not show lights, the master of the tanker became uneasy. He headed for Kelibia, intending to seek refuge in that port, but the destroyers increased speed and headed him off. One of them fired a shell, which exploded in the engine-room, stopping the engines, and the vessel began to settle down by the stern. The crew began to lower their boats and before the boats reached the water two other shells struck the tanker. A fourth shell set fire to the oil, setting the whole vessel ablaze. The CAMPEADOR was still burning to-night, and a French cutter from the naval base at Bizerta was guarding her. The vessel was on her way to Spain from Constantza with a cargo of petrol.—British United Press.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Captain Felix Gary, one of the survivors of the Spanish Government tank motor vessel CAMPEADOR stated that the vessel was on her way from Constantza to Valencia with a cargo of 9500 tons of petrol.—Reuter.

Algiers, Aug. 9.—Greek steamer K. Tunis, Aug. 14.—Tank motor vessel CAMPEADOR lies sunk 13 miles east of Kelibia in a depth of about 100 metres. A few metres of her forepart emerge out of the water and constitutes a danger to navigation.

Tunis, Aug. 19.—Tank motor vessel CAMPEADOR is totally lost and was sunk in 100 metres of water east of Kelibia.—Lloyd's Agent.

Suggested Record

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