

m.s. "FAMAGUSTA", No. 87059 in Supplement.

Classification Contemplated
Built in 1943 at Glasgow

Lloyd's List 20.3.47

FAMAGUSTA.—Land's End Radio, Mar. 19.—Following received from British steamer Empire Plover:
At 1 2 a.m., G.M.T.: My position 8 p.m., G.M.T., Mar. 18, lat. 45 51 N., long. 10 2 W., diverted to assist MCDY, motor vessel Famagusta (London for Famagusta), in distress 85 miles SE.
At 3 41 a.m., G.M.T.: We are just in sight of her now.
At 3 42 a.m., G.M.T.: Following received from British motor vessel Famagusta at 6 57 p.m., G.M.T., Mar. 18: XXX (urgency signal), vessel listing very badly, position lat. 45 15 N., long. 8 W. Will any ships near please stand by.
At 9 53 a.m., G.M.T.: Escorting motor vessel Famagusta, MCDY, to Corunna; position at 7 15 a.m., G.M.T., lat. 44 40 N., long. 9 10 W., speed three knots.
At 10 45 a.m., G.M.T.: Contact made at 3 a.m. to-day with motor vessel Famagusta, situation of which appears grim. Have called all ships southbound, no reply received. Weather appalling. Must of necessity meanwhile stand by and escort Famagusta, heading for Corunna.

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FAMAGUSTA.—Land's End Radio, Mar. 20.—Following received from British steamer Empire Plover at 6 14 a.m., G.M.T.: Motor vessel Famagusta abandoned at 3 p.m. on Mar 19; five persons missing despite search extending over six hours. (See issue of Mar. 20.)
Land's End Radio, Mar. 20.—Following received from British steamer Empire Plover at 12 54 p.m., G.M.T.: Motor vessel Famagusta abandoned in lat. 44 27 N., long. 9 7 W., at 3 p.m. on Mar. 19. Last seen with bows under and sinking, length of vessel 185 ft.
London, Mar. 20.—The motor vessel Famagusta, a converted landing craft, which was yesterday reported to be proceeding towards Corunna at three knots, was abandoned by her crew and passengers yesterday afternoon. It is feared that a number of people are missing. The Famagusta, which had radioed for help when she listed badly, after fighting her way through storms in the Bay of Biscay, was carrying a cargo of lorries. On board were the owner, Mr. W. V. Cecil-Lowe and his wife, who were going to Cyprus. The Famagusta was carrying a crew of 16 and the master, P. Gardner, of Great Yarmouth. The owner's agents of the Famagusta stated that five people from the Famagusta were missing, despite a six-hour search by the steamer Empire Plover. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil-Lowe; Mr. Hunter (travelling with the couple); a Maltese cook, Nicolai Brincat; and able-seaman T. Abbott. On the steamer Empire Plover, heading for home, are: Mr. A. J. Robinson, of Coventry, another of the party going to Cyprus, and 10 other members of the crew, comprising the master, chief officer, second officer, chief engineer and second engineer, radio officer, two able-seamen and two engine-room greasers. A message from the Empire Plover received in London stated that the Famagusta has been abandoned in the Bay of Biscay. The message said that G. R. Kelly, one of the crew of the Empire Plover, had lost his life in an attempt to save others.

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FAMAGUSTA. — Falmouth, Mar. 21. — Steamer Empire Plover, River Plate for Mersey, put in here to-day to land eleven survivors of motor vessel Famagusta, reported abandoned off Spanish coast. (See issue of Mar. 21.)

FAMAGUSTA.—London, W., Apr. 12.—Motor vessel Famagusta, London for Famagusta, cargo eight lorries, developed leaks through foredeck while in the Bay of Biscay on Mar. 19 and water filled the store hold. The electrical pump in the hold was put out of action and the engine-room pump was unable to cope with the water. A port list developed and the port engine stopped. Other leaks which could not be controlled developed and the vessel became a total loss. (See issue of Mar. 22.)

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