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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Bahia Blanca	Prime Mover: Steam
Flag: Germany	Transmission: Unknown
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown	Power (kW):
Lloyd's Class: Unknown	# Propellers:
Baltic Class: Unknown	Prop. Type: Unknown
Vessel Type: Freighter	Service Speed: 12
Owner: Hamburg South America Line	Stern Form:
Registered Country: UK	Steel Grade: Unknown
Year of Manufacture: 1918	

Bow Shape: Unknown
Stem Angle:

<u>Dimensions (m):</u>		<u>Mass (tonnes):</u>	
Length:	137	Gross:	8558
Beam:	17.47	Net:	
Depth:		Dead:	

Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:

Built as "Celtic Prince"
1926 sold and renamed "Schonfels".
Sold and renamed 1938.

Collision Details

Date: 10-Jan-1940	
Visibility (nautical miles):	Air Temperature:
Visibility: Unknown	Water Temperature:
Visibility - Fog: Unknown	Wind Speed:
Visibility - Snow: Unknown	Wave Height:
Visibility - Light: Unknown	Sea State: Unknown

Collision Speed:

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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Unknown	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Sinking	Size - Length (m):
Location: Unknown	Size - Height (m):
Code: Unknown	Damage Below WL (m):
Length of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Height (m):
Cost of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Length (m):
Cost to Repair:	
No. Lives Lost:	
No. Injuries:	Cause of Deaths/Injuries: Unknown
Cargo Loss: Unknown	
Pollution: Unknown	Pollution Potential: Unknown

Cause of Damage:

Hit an iceberg in Denmark Strait from Buenos Aires, or Rio de Janeiro to Germany 60 miles off Iceland.

Damage Description:

Sank next day. 62 crew members were rescued by Icelandic trawler Hafsteinn and brought to Reykjavik. One unconfirmed report stated that after striking the iceberg the ship was sunk next day by the RN cruiser Newcastle. Another report states that HMS Glasgow was shadowing her. Crew was later arrested when island was occupied by the British and sent to camps in Britain and Canada.

Ice Details

Ice Briefing Received: Unknown

Iceberg Population:

IIP Iceberg Number:

Sea Ice Concentration:

Position of Nearest Known Iceberg:

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Iceberg Shape: Unknown

Latitude: 0 ° ' " N

Iceberg Size: Unknown

Longitude: 0 ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

Route Details

Geographic Area: South Greenland Wate

Origin: Buenos Aires or Rio de Janeiro

Collision Latitude: 67 ° 00 ' " N

Destination: Germany

Collision Longitude: 023 ° 00 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Estimated

Cargo at Event:

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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