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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

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| Name: California | Prime Mover: Steam |
| Flag: UK | Transmission: Unknown |
| ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown | Power (kW): |
| Lloyd's Class: Unknown | # Propellers: 2 |
| Baltic Class: Unknown | Prop. Type: Unknown |
| Vessel Type: Passenger / Cargo | Service Speed: 16 |
| Owner: Anchor Line | Stern Form: |
| Registered Country: UK | Steel Grade: Unknown |
| Year of Manufacture: 1923 | Miscellaneous Vessel Notes: |
| Bow Shape: Unknown | Converted for the war effort and sunk as a troopship by aircraft in 1943. |
| Stem Angle: | |
| Dimensions (m): | Mass (tonnes): |
| Length: 168.5 | Gross: 16792 |
| Beam: 21.5 | Net: |
| Depth: | Dead: |

Collision Details

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| Date: 12-May-1926 | Air Temperature: |
| Visibility (nautical miles): | Water Temperature: |
| Visibility: Poor | Wind Speed: |
| Visibility - Fog: Fog | Wave Height: |
| Visibility - Snow: Unknown | Sea State: Unknown |
| Visibility - Light: Daylight | |
| Collision Speed: 6 | |
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Damage Details

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| Damage Sustained: No | Damage Report No. : |
| Scenario: Glancing Blow | Steel Failure Type: Unknown |
| Severity: No damage | 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:

Collided with a berg off the Grand Banks at noon while steaming slowly in fog and split it in two. IIP has two positions for the ship on that day in 44°15' N lat. at 48°30'W and 48°56'W.

Damage Description:

Slanting blow which shook the ship but was not damaged. Arrived Londonderry May 18.

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: ° ' " N

Iceberg Size: Unknown

Longitude: ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

Route Details

Geographic Area: Grand Banks

Origin: New York and Boston

Collision Latitude: 44 ° 15 ' " N

Destination: Londonderry

Collision Longitude: 048 ° 30 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Known

Cargo at Event:

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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