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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Corsican	<b>Prime Mover:</b> Steam
<b>Flag:</b> UK	<b>Transmission:</b> Unknown
<b>ASPPR Ice Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Power (kW):</b>
<b>Lloyd's Class:</b> Unknown	<b># Propellers:</b> 2
<b>Baltic Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Prop. Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Vessel Type:</b> Passenger	<b>Service Speed:</b> 16
<b>Owner:</b> Allen Line	<b>Stern Form:</b>
<b>Registered Country:</b> UK	<b>Steel Grade:</b> Unknown
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b> 1907	<b>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Built by Barclay, Curle & Co.Ltd, Glasgow.
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	1922 renamed "Marvale".
	1923 wrecked.
<b>Dimensions (m):</b>	<b>Mass (tonnes):</b>
<b>Length:</b> 152.5	<b>Gross:</b> 11419
<b>Beam:</b> 18.7	<b>Net:</b>
<b>Depth:</b>	<b>Dead:</b>

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 12-Aug-1912	<b>Air Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility (nautical miles):</b>	<b>Water Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility:</b> Poor	<b>Wind Speed:</b>
<b>Visibility - Fog:</b> Fog	<b>Wave Height:</b>
<b>Visibility - Snow:</b> Unknown	<b>Sea State:</b> Unknown
<b>Visibility - Light:</b> Daylight	
<b>Collision Speed:</b> 4	
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## Damage Details

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

### Cause of Damage:

Hit a low lying berg (still higher than the bows) in the Strait of Belle Isle (or 120 miles E of Belle Isle - The Times) while going very slowly at 4 pm in the afternoon. Engines reversed when berg sighted but not in enough time and just touched [image 3 reveals a bit more than just having "touched"] the iceberg.

### Damage Description:

Stem injured about 10 feet above waterline, not leaking, and continued on voyage. Some passenger reports say impact was appreciable and enough to almost knock anyone out of their bunks, and that there were several tons of ice on deck and 19 feet of water in the hold.

The Times: "As announced in the later editions of the Times of yesterday, the Allan liner Corsican struck an iceberg at 4pm on Monday (August 12, 1912). The vessel was at the time about 120 miles east of Belle Isle.

## Ice Details

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**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

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**Geographic Area:** Strait of Belle Isle and

**Origin:** Montreal

**Collision Latitude:** 52 ° 24 ' " N

**Destination:** Liverpool

**Collision Longitude:** 052 ° 15 ' " 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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