

# TERESE DELMAS

IMO No: 8124371 CONTAINER 1983 / 31041 GT

## COMPANY:

Delmas Armement,  
France

## YARD INFORMATION:

Chantiers de l'Atlantique  
St. Nazaire (France) D28

## DEMOLITION:



Hamburg 8/8/1992 © S. Wiedner

## BASIC DATA:

GT: 31041  
DWT: 32709  
TEU: 1417  
Reefer: 180  
LOA: 189.01  
Bmd: 32.21  
Draft: 11.40  
Engine: 1 x oil Sulzer  
Power: 10150 kW  
Speed: 17.0 kn  
Cranes: 4 x 40 t, 2 x 10 t

## OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

BLACK EAGLE since 01/10/2008  
A1C WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER since 01/12/2001  
Flag Date of record Source  
United States of America since 01/01/2002  
Registered owner Date of record Source  
BLACK EAGLE SHIPPING LLC during 05/2012  
TUSKEEGEE SHIPHOLDING since 07/01/2002  
Ship manager Date of record Source  
SEALIFT INC during 05/2012  
RED RIVER SHIPPING CORP during 01/2002  
MIDOCEAN IOM LTD since 27/08/2001

## EX-NAMES:

TERESE DELMAS	1983-01	
A1C WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER	2001-08	Tuskegee Shipholding Co. LLC, USA
BLACK EAGLE	2008-12	Tuskegee Shipholding Co. LLC, USA
BLACK EAGLE	2012-	Black Eagle Shipping LLC, USA

## GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

1995: **The debt-burdened Delmas sold 11 of its container vessels for FRF 800m (USD 147m) to a group of French banks keeping only a small stake in each vessel.** The vessels have been taken back on bareboat charter for periods of six or eight years, and Delmas holds an option to buy the vessels back during the charter period, as well as a fixed-price purchase agreement at the end of the period. The vessels sold to the banks are:

- **1984-built, 1,600-TEU container** vessels **TERESE DELMAS**, VERONIQUE DELMAS and URSULA DELMAS;
- 1982-built, 1,000-TEU container vessels NATALIE DELMAS, PATRICIA DELMAS, RENEE DELMAS and SUZANNE DELMAS;
- four 1978-built, 920-TEU multi-purpose container vessels of the Direct class.

([www.tradewindsnews.com/weekly/150564/delmas-sells-13-vessels](http://www.tradewindsnews.com/weekly/150564/delmas-sells-13-vessels) - 05 January 1995)

2001: **The MV A1C WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER** is 621 feet long and 105 feet wide and carries a crew of 23 civilian mariners. The civilian-crewed, **621-foot container ship is owned by RR & VO L.L.C. and operated by Red River Shipping Corp. of Rockville, Md.**, the operator of the BUFFALO SOLDIER, under a five-year charter to Military Sealift Command (MSC). **The ship will preposition ammunition and supplies in Diego Garcia**, as did the BUFFALO SOLDIER. **The company acquired the 621-foot geared containership, originally the THERESE DELMAS, from French owners to fill the new charter.** The BUFFALO SOLDIER has since returned to the US. The ship can carry about 885 container equivalents, 720 under deck and 135 in compartments above deck. Both cargo areas will be air-conditioned and dehumidified to protect the cargo of ammunition it carries. The A1C WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER has five cranes on the deck that allow the ship to on- and off-load ammunition without shoreside cranes. This feature gives A1C WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER the flexibility to off-load in undeveloped ports. The chartered ship, operated for the Navy's Military Sealift Command, will be used to preposition Air Force ammunition at sea near potential war or contingency sites, adding greatly to the U.S. military's combat readiness. **The A1C WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER operates from the Diego Garcia area in the Indian Ocean.** In Diego Garcia, the A1C WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER prepositions ordnance for the Air Force as part of Military Sealift Command's Afloat Prepositioning Force, which is comprised of merchant and military vessels crewed by contract civilian seafarers and provides the U.S. armed services with rapid deployment of vehicles, ammunition, weapons and other supplies to areas of conflict around the world. (<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/systems/ship/tak-4638.htm>)

**THERESE DELMAS was sold by the Delmas Line in 2002 and became the prepositioning ship A1C WILLIAM H PITSENBARGER (T-AK 4638) as part of the US Military Sealift Command container fleet. Currently sailing as the BLACK EAGLE, the ship is now listed as owned by the Tuskegee Shipholding company and operated by the Red River Shipping company.** BLACK EAGLE is diesel powered with a single shaft and is 189m in length with a beam of 32.3m. She has a speed of 17.5 knots and in the MSC fleet carried a 23-man civilian crew. ([http://ports.co.za/news/article\\_2008\\_12\\_1\\_5234.html](http://ports.co.za/news/article_2008_12_1_5234.html))

2015: **Sealift Inc is a private shipping company established in 1975. It owns** a fleet of six US -flagged geared container ships, consisting of the

- 3,739 teu LTC JOHN UD PAGE,
- 2,141 teu FISHER (ex Crowley's SEA FOX ex USL's AMERICAN HAWAII),
- 1,922 teu CAPT. STEVEN L. BENNETT (ex ABC Container Line's TNT EXPRESS),
- 1,730 teu CAPT. DAVID I LYON (B-170 - ex POSITANO / CALA POSITANO),
- **1,693 teu BLACK EAGLE (ex THERESE DELMAS)**
- 703 teu MOHEGAN (Orskov 700 type / ex HELGAFELL).

**Sealift is a leading contractor for US Government Food Aid Cargoes and entertains particularly close ties with the US Military Administration.**

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