

WRECK
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No. 595

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No.

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Date of writing this report 15th December, 19 55.

Ship's Name m.s. "CITY OF GHENT"

of Dublin

Tons { Gross 616
Net 252

Built at Lubeck

When 1953

MONTH

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Casualty notice sent to Owner 1.12.55.

Owner's reply 9.12.55.

Owners Coastal Shipping Ltd.

Managers Palgrave Murphy (Shipowners) Ltd.

Address 17, Eden Quay, Dublin, Irish Republic.

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Classification details

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of Casualty 15th November, 1955.

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Stranded, refloated and subsequently sank
3 miles from Lizard Light.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

CITY OF GHENT.—Land's End Radio, Nov. 15.—Following received from Irish motor vessel City of Ghent (Dublin for Fowey): At 8.27 p.m., G.M.T., Mayday (distress signal), have been ashore 3.8 miles 52 deg. from Lizard Light. Now heading south, making water, slight starboard list. Would like lifeboat to stand by.

At 8.37 p.m., G.M.T.: Mayday (distress signal), still making water, 15 deg. list, increasing slightly. My position now Lizard Light 73 deg., 3.2 miles.

At 8.45 p.m., G.M.T.: 1st now 25 deg. Am putting boat in water as precautionary measure.

Following received from motor tanker Anteriority at 8.46 p.m., G.M.T.: Position 95 deg. true, 13 miles from Lizard Light, which is position 101 miles 109 deg. true, from position given. Am proceeding to motor vessel City of Ghent; estimated time of arrival 9.30 p.m., G.M.T.

Following received from City of Ghent at 9 p.m., G.M.T., addressed Anteriority: List is worse, 30 deg. I have a lifeboat in the water. I find it hard to get into the wireless room against list. Have you a portable pump on board?

Following from Anteriority: Master says he may try with main pumps.

Following received from City of Ghent at 9.17 p.m., G.M.T., addressed Anteriority: Listing 35 to 40 deg. I do not see the Aldis lamp.

From Anteriority to City of Ghent: Can see you right ahead and have Aldis lamp trained right on you.

From City of Ghent to Anteriority: Going pretty quickly, list 40 deg. now. I will meet you in the boats.

From Anteriority to City of Ghent: I will meet you in the boats.

Following received from Anteriority at 9.15 p.m., G.M.T.: Am three miles from given position. Seems City of Ghent must have been mistaken in her position. Can you contact aircraft? I will shine Aldis lamp in the air.

St. Just, Nov. 15.—Cadgwith lifeboat has been launched to assistance of motor vessel City of Ghent, which grounded, and is holed three miles 73 deg. from Lizard Light.

Land's End Radio, Nov. 15.—Following received from motor vessel Sandringham Queen at 9.43 p.m., G.M.T.: All crew of City of Ghent on board Cadgwith lifeboat, which is circling the City of Ghent.

Following received from Anteriority: At 9.48 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from Cadgwith lifeboat: All crew of City of Ghent on board. Am circling City of Ghent. She is now going over.

At 9.55 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from Cadgwith lifeboat: City of Ghent has gone down. Am proceeding to station.

Following received from Anteriority at 9.56 p.m., G.M.T.: Am now proceeding on voyage.

St. Just, Nov. 15.—Motor vessel City of Ghent has sunk and all her crew of 17 have been landed safely at Cadgwith by Cadgwith lifeboat.

CITY OF GHENT.—Penzance, Nov. 16.—British motor vessel Anteriority, from London, with cement, entered Penzance at 4.30 p.m. to-day, towing a wooden lifeboat, description of which corresponds with lifeboat lost from wrecked motor vessel City of Ghent. (See issue of Nov. 17.)

CITY OF GHENT.—Penzance, Nov. 19.—British motor fishing vessel United Friends entered Newlyn this morning carrying 16 wooden hatch boards picked up in vicinity of sunken motor vessel City of Ghent. (See issue of Nov. 18.)

Suggested Record "STRANDED & SANK 11.55"

Report of Committee FRIDAY 16 DEC 1955

Committee's Minute

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