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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 00550 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 27/56 Date of writing this report 14th May, 1956.

Ship's Name m.s. "AKKA" of Stockholm Tons { Gross 5409

Built at Gothenburg When 1942 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner 30.4.56. Owner's reply 9.5.56.

Owners Trafikaktieb. Grängsberg Oxelösund

Managers Erland Waldenstrom

Address Gustaf Adolfs Torg 18, Stockholm, Sweden.

RETAIN

Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC CS6,52
with freeboard	BS d10,55
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ssGot6,52	ts 9,53 CL

Date of Casualty 9th April, 1956.

Details of Casualty

Sank after striking The Gantocks in the Firth of Clyde.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

AKKA.—Portpatrick Radio, Apr. 9.—Following received from Swedish motor vessel Akka:

At 9 30 p.m., G.M.T.: On ground Gantock Lighthouse, sinking.

At 9 35 p.m., G.M.T.: Please send lifeboat.

Following received from British motor vessel Royal Scotsman at 10 43 p.m., G.M.T.: Master states it will be midnight before we are at The Gantocks.

Glasgow, Apr. 9.—Swedish motor vessel Akka, aground on The Gantocks, is reported to be sinking and abandoned. Troon lifeboat and tugs are proceeding to her.

London, Apr. 9.—Swedish motor vessel Akka sank in the Firth of Clyde near Dunoon, Argyllshire, to-night. A police spokesman at Dunoon said that every available boat from Gourock, Greenock, and Dunoon was helping in the rescue operations. The ship sank in the darkness in comparative calm. The first survivors were landed at Dunoon just before 11 p.m. and taken to Dunoon Cottage Hospital. Later, boats put into Gourock with survivors.

London, Apr. 9.—Motor vessel Akka, Oxelosund for Glasgow with iron ore, struck The Gantock rocks. As she tried to proceed into Dunoon harbour, her siren wailing, she sank with a loud explosion. Twenty-six survivors and three bodies have been brought ashore. The vessel sank very quickly, only a few minutes after her master had asked for assistance. She was chartered by the Swedish Iron Ore Company. One of the last survivors ashore was Captain Sundin. Other survivors included Christopher Schleiter, second officer Harry Olsen and wireless operator Per Aag. Four survivors are seriously ill. The three dead are chief officer Knut Nelen, deck boy Jan Carlsen, and motorman Gustavsson. It is now known that four members of the crew are missing.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Glasgow, Apr. 10.—Motor vessel Akka sank inside Gantocks. Only mast showing above water. Three men drowned, four still missing.

AKKA.—Manchester, Apr. 11.—Police at Dunoon, Argyllshire, stated yesterday that it had been established there were 27 survivors, three dead, and three seamen missing from the Swedish motor vessel Akka, which sank in less than six minutes after striking The Gantocks rocks, off Dunoon, in the Firth of Clyde, on Monday night (Apr. 9). She appeared to have been gashed through both her hull and fuel tanks.—The Manchester Guardian. (See issue of Apr. 11.)

Glasgow, Apr. 11.—Motor vessel Akka now being examined by Metal Industries' divers, but possibility of salvage cannot be determined until divers' examination completed. No knowledge of origin of Press report indicating salvage possible without undue difficulty. Vessel lying in approximately 12 fathoms of water, upper part of mast showing at high water.

AKKA.—Glasgow, Apr. 27.—Motor vessel Akka: Diving survey carried out by Metal Industries, Ltd. Report sent to owners and underwriters: awaiting their decision. (See issue of Apr. 12.)

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