

WRECK SECTION
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Wreck Report No. 14413

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 06799 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 13/56 No. 597 Date of writing this report 1st March, 19 56.

Ship's Name s.s. "CORCHESTER" of London Tons { Gross 2374 Net 1335

Built at Sunderland When 1927 4 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners Wm. Cory & Son, Ltd.

Managers ---

Address Cory Buildings, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3.

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Classification details

* 100A1	* LMC9,52
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Date of Casualty 19th February, 1956.

Details of Casualty

M.M.
2,042.

Sunk by collision two miles off Haisbro' lightship in lat. 52 56N., long. 1 35E.
The Owners concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

CORCHESTER.—Humber Radio, Feb. 19.—Following received from British steamer CITY OF SYDNEY (Middlesbrough for Swansea) at 7 35 a.m., G.M.T.: Collision with steamer two miles west of Haisbro' Light-vessel. Other vessel sinking.

—Cromer, Feb. 19.—Cromer No. 1 lifeboat launched at 8 a.m. to vessel sinking two miles west of Haisbro' Light-vessel.

—Humber Radio, Feb. 19.—Following received from British steamer CITY OF SYDNEY at 8 15 a.m., G.M.T.: Our lifeboat now searching for men in water, a few other

coasters now coming on scene, one boat full of men taken on board a sister ship of steamer Corchester (from London).

Following received from British steamer Cormull at 9 3 a.m., G.M.T.: Fourteen survivors picked up from steamer Corchester, one hanging on to ship, six still missing.

Following received from steamer Gwynwood at 9 21 a.m., G.M.T.: Cromer lifeboat just been alongside wreck so presumably no survivors left on wreck. Lifeboat now proceeding to steamer CITY OF SYDNEY, which reports by Aldis she does not have any survivors. Position of wreck is lat. 52 57 20 N., long. 1 33 E., still afloat, stern up.

Following received from Coastguard at Cromer at 10 55 a.m., G.M.T.: Cromer No. 1 lifeboat has searched area of collision, appears no possibility of further survivors.

Following received from British steamer Pompey Power at 11 32 a.m., G.M.T.: The wreck has just sunk, having drifted three-quarters of a mile SE. from previous position.

Following received from British steamer Slemish at 11 54 a.m., G.M.T.: Steamer Corchester has sunk in position lat. 52 56 N., long. 1 35 E.

—Cromer, Feb. 19.—Cromer No. 1 lifeboat arrived at Gorleston at 1 p.m. to land one body from British steamer Corchester, sunk in collision with British steamer CITY OF SYDNEY two miles off Haisbro' Light-vessel. Thirteen survivors proceeding to London in steamer Cormull, seven missing. No report of damage to CITY OF SYDNEY received at Cromer.

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Suggested Record "SUNK BY COLLISION 2,56"

Date of Committee FRIDAY -2 MAR 1956

Committee's Minute Sunk by collision 2,56

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