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# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Wreck Report No.

14177

No. 80871 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 143/54 Date of writing this report 6th December, 1954.

Ship's Name m.s. "TRESILLIAN" of London Tons Gross 7373 Net 5235

Built at Sunderland When 1944 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners P. & O. Steam Navigation Co.

Managers ---

Address 122, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

M.M.C.C.

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## Classification details

✱ 100A1	✱ LMC CS11,53
with freeboard	DBS5,54
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ssLiv.-11,53	ts N3,53 OL
Carrying Vegetable oil in wing tanks in mchy	space

Date of Casualty 30th November, 1954.

Details of Casualty

This ship capsized and sank in very heavy weather 25 miles off Ballycotton in lat. 51 14N.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

TRESILLIAN.—Land's End Radio, 30.—Following received from British motor vessel Tresillian, GCKP (Montreal for Avonmouth and Glasgow):  
At 5 25 a.m., G.M.T.: XXX (urgency signal), taken heavy list to port. Port lifeboats washed away. Please stand by, position lat. 51 14 N., long. 7 50 W.  
At 5 31 a.m., G.M.T.: List now 30 deg., will have to abandon if list gets worse.  
Following received from Niton Radio at 5 44 a.m., G.M.T.: Following received from motor vessel Tresillian: S O S. Tresillian in position lat. 51 14 N., long. 7 30 W., water in engine-room, list getting worse, all port side awash.  
Following received from motor vessel Liparus, MACT, at 6 23 a.m., G.M.T.: Have not picked up on radar. We are about five miles nothing in (unread) correct 10 miles from us.  
Following received from motor vessel Tresillian at 8 27 a.m., G.M.T., addressed to Liparus: Can you see our red flares?  
From Liparus: Yes, can see your flares O.K.  
From Tresillian at 6 29 a.m., G.M.T.: Are you able to see our off now.  
flares

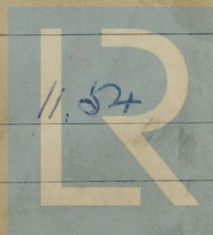
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At 8 07 a.m., G.M.T.: Think motor vessel Ardgen is bearing 333 deg. 8 1/2 miles from us as on radar. Think motor vessel Tresillian has now sunk.  
At 8 24 a.m., G.M.T.: One ship on radar bearing 315 deg. from us at 9 1/2 miles. Men on rafts and in lifeboat sighted. Now proceeding towards them.  
At 8 31 a.m.: Men all around us in lifejackets floating in water, also two rafts and one lifeboat. Are trying to pick them up now.  
At 9 2 a.m., G.M.T.: Our lifeboat is going round picking up men in water and one lifeboat from motor vessel Tresillian is abeam. Motor vessel Ardgen is 1 1/2 miles on port bow.  
At 9 12 a.m., G.M.T.: Tell motor vessel Ardgen to proceed to windward of our lifeboat.

Suggested Record "CAPSIZED & SANK 11.54"

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute



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Following received from motor vessel Parima at 9 14 a.m., G.M.T.: My position at 9 a.m., G.M.T., lat. 51 15 N., long. 8 W. Am proceeding towards you. Please advise if any survivors are missing and I will assist search.

Following received from Liparus at 9 15 a.m., G.M.T.: Lifeboat has not returned to ship so can't say regarding survivors. Please proceed towards us until QUM (distress traffic ended) is given.

Following received from motor vessel Ardglan:

At 9 56 a.m., G.M.T.: Ask motor tanker Liparus to keep clear, my main engines have broken down. Have picked up four survivors from motor vessel Tresillian.

At 10 7 a.m., G.M.T.: My engines completely broken down, will take about one hour to repair. Have picked up four survivors alive and three dead. After completion of repairs will proceed for Cobh.

Following received from motor tanker LIPARUS at 10 29 a.m., G.M.T.: Our motor boat so badly flooded she sank alongside. We are trying to get survivors and own crew back on board. No count of survivors yet.

Following received from motor tanker LIPARUS at 10 52 a.m., G.M.T.: Have picked up all sighted men, three dead left in water, some seriously injured. Proceeding to Cork at full speed for immediate medical attention. In all, 13 survivors. Assistance needed to search for possible further survivors.

Following received from motor vessel Floristan at 11 a.m., G.M.T.: Am proceeding to distress position.

Following received from motor vessel Ardglan at 11 7 a.m., G.M.T.: List of men picked up: Leighton, cadet; Griffiths, A.B.; Summers, second engineer; English, donkeyman-greaser, dead; Woolten, chief engineer, belongs Bristol; Hepburn, junior apprentice, belongs Edinburgh; Winters, master.

Following received from steamer Maskeliya, MRSQ, 11 8 a.m., G.M.T.: Am within two hours of Tresillian's original position, request information on possibility of other survivors.

Following received from motor tanker LIPARUS at 11 32 a.m.: Here list of survivors; George Porter, J.O.S.; Cadet T. Clark; Stanley Garaby, donkeyman; A. McKenzie, A.B.; J. Sweeney, assistant cook; B. Vasey, assistant steward; C. Hawden, 6th engineer; G. Hepburn, cadet; J. Clark, chief steward; J. Pay, catering boy; D. Roper, S.O.S.; G. Picton, A.B. C. Harrison, I.O.S., deceased, that is the man who died on board with oil swallowed.

Following received from British motor vessel Floristan at 11 59 a.m., G.M.T.: Will arrive at distress position in two hours. My position now lat. 51 10 N., long. 7 7 W., weather conditions heavy seas, SW. wind.

Following received from British steamer Maskeliya:

At 12 3 p.m., G.M.T.: Approaching motor vessel Ardglan and searching vicinity. Have seen many oil drums and light bulb and lifeboat buoyancy tanks.

At 1 5 p.m., G.M.T.: Have sighted 10 bodies, face down, in life-jackets.

Following received from motor vessel Ardglan at 1 10 p.m., G.M.T.: At 12 45 p.m., G.M.T., got my engines going and am proceeding for Milford Haven, due in about six or seven hours. Crew member says there were about 40 men on the Tresillian.

Cork, Nov. 30.—British motor vessel Tresillian capsized this morning 25 miles off Ballycotton. Understood serious loss of life. British motor vessel Ardglan picked up three bodies, including the master, and four survivors, and is proceeding Milford Haven. British motor tanker LIPARUS is due at Cobh at 5 p.m. with survivors.

Land's End Radio, Nov. 30.—Following received from British steamer Maskeliya at 2 4 p.m., G.M.T.: Twelve bodies in all sighted.

Land's End Radio, Nov. 30.—Following received from British motor vessel Floristan at 2 39 p.m., G.M.T.: Have investigated two empty lifeboats and seen many hatch covers in area of distress position, but no survivors. Am still searching.

Following received from British motor vessel Floristan at 3 37 p.m., G.M.T.: Will remain in search area until dark.

Land's End Radio, Nov. 30.—Following received from British motor vessel Ardglan at 3 41 p.m., G.M.T.: Position at 2 55 p.m., G.M.T., lat. 51 24 N., long. 6 45 W., estimated time of arrival at St. Ann's Head 9 30 p.m. Survivors resting comfortably. Vomiting casualty well recovered and feeling stronger, one casualty suffering from shock and injured foot.

Land's End Radio, Nov. 30.—Motor vessel Tresillian: Following received from British steamer Maskeliya at 4 28 p.m., G.M.T.: Regret no results other than previously reported. Aircraft are leaving search area, am proceeding Dungeness.

Following received from motor vessel Floristan at 4 28 p.m., G.M.T.: Have made thorough search. Found many hatch boards and wreckage and two empty steel lifeboats. Now proceeding on voyage.

London, Nov. 30.—The Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company reports that the motor vessel Tresillian was on her way to Avonmouth (and Glasgow) with a cargo of grain. She was carrying no passengers.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

TRESILLIAN. — London, Nov. 30. — Twelve survivors from motor vessel Tresillian were brought into Cobh harbour by the motor tanker Liparus tonight. They were brought ashore and sent to hospital. (See issue of Dec. 1.)  
London, Dec. 1.—Four survivors from motor vessel Tresillian were landed at Milford Haven late last night by motor vessel Ardglan.

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