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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 4th October, 19 56.

Ship's Name s.s. "LONA"

of Helsingborg

Tons { Gross 2891
Net 1621

built at Pictou

When 1943

YEAR. MONTH.

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Casualty notice sent to Owner ---

Owner's reply ---

Owners Ese Bancks Rederi A/B

Managers ---

Address Jarnvagsgatan 3, Helsingborg, Sweden.

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Classification details

* 100A1	* LMC 1,56
6,56	BS 1,56
ssMmo 1,56	sp 1,56
	ts 7,54 CL

Date of Casualty 9th September, 1956.

Details of Casualty

Scuttled in dock at Hull to extinguish fire which enveloped ship and burned for two days . (Cargo of pit props).

The first attempt to raise her has been unsuccessful, and further efforts will be made at neap tides about October 10th.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

LONA.—Hull, Sept. 9.—A serious outbreak of fire occurred on board steamer Lona, from Canada with a full cargo of pit props, in King George Dock. Fire brigade in attendance but unable to get fire under control. Now endeavouring to sink ship in berth. Hope to commence discharge of deck cargo at 1 p.m. if possible.

London, Sept. 9.—Swe steamer Lona was on fire this morning in King George Dock at Hull. docked from Canada (Miramichi) night with a cargo of pit props. By to-day there was an explosion, and the time firemen reached the vessel was ablaze down below from end to end. She was listing heavily and it was feared she might turn over. After four hours was decided that she could not be saved and it was agreed between the master and dock officials that she should be scuttled. Dockers were put on board by cranes and the work of unloading the vessel's deck cargo of pit props was begun. The Lona was then listing almost 25 deg. and settling in the water. —Exchange Telegraph Company.

London, Sept. 9.—Late this afternoon steamer Lona righted herself without warning. About 20 dockers escaped injury when the pit props and ship's derricks were hurled about with the sudden movement of the vessel. Soon afterwards she settled down on an even keel alongside the quay. Although the fire is burning fiercely in the engine-room and after hold, dockers will work all night moving the cargo. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

NA.—Leeds, Sept. 10.—The fire in steamer Lona apparently started in the boiler-room and spread quickly to the engine-room. It then engulfed the bridge and the master's quarters. Conducted heat swept through the propeller shaft and soon the whole of the internal cargo was involved. —"The Yorkshire Post." (See issue of Sept. 10.)

Hull, Sept. 10.—Steamer Lona: Fire not yet under control; pumping continues. Discharge of deck cargo proceeding.

Hull, Sept. 10.—More than 30 hours after she was found on fire, the Swedish steamer Lona was still blazing fiercely in King George Dock, Hull. Volunteer dockers are working on charred decks to clear the cargo of pit props so firemen can get to seat of blaze below decks. The Lona arrived with cargo from Canada on Saturday (Sept. 8) and fire broke out following an explosion on Sunday. Thick smoke is still pouring from the vessel and the fire is expected to last two or three days. The Lona started to list towards the quayside this afternoon even though she was settled on dock bed on Sunday afternoon. Seven appliances and fireboat Clara Stark are being used to fight blaze. —LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent.

London, Sept. 10.—Pit props in the holds of the Swedish steamer Lona were still blazing to-day as she lay in the King George Dock at Hull, where she was scuttled yesterday. Fifteen to twenty firemen stood by throughout the night and by dawn the list towards the quay had slightly increased. The Lona was scuttled to prevent her blocking the King George Dock and the entrance to two dry docks by sinking on her side. She sank on an almost even keel. It had been hoped that last night's high tide would put out the blaze. Fire broke out soon after the vessel's arrival from Canada with 3300 tons of pit props filling her holds and piled high on deck. The crew of 27 left safely. The vessel's chief officer, Mr. Bo Swenson, denied that there had been an explosion on the ship, which is an oil-burner. Tons of oil escaping from tanks had fed the flames.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee TUESDAY - 9 OCT 1956

Committee's Minute

Damaged by fire 9.56

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LONA.—Hull, Sept. 11.—Steamer Lona: Fire was officially declared extinguished at 11 a.m. to-day. Discharging proceeding continually. (See issue of Sept. 11.)

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LONA. — Gothenburg, Sept. 11. — The owner of Swedish steamer Lona, which had fire at Hull, was in communication on Monday (Sept. 10) with the master, who stated that the vessel was then lying with rails in the water. The vessel will probably be regarded as a total loss. A greaser has stated that an oil pipe near the small boiler exploded and burning oil spurted out, whereupon fire broke out.—"Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Sept. 12.)

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LONA.—Hull, Sept. 13. — Steamer Lona: Discharge of pit props from vessel is proceeding slowly. All available props from after deck and holds have been discharged, but we imagine that there will be a considerable quantity remaining, which jammed under deck head and can only be recovered when vessel is floated. The after end of the vessel is mainly awash. Discharge of forward holds is being carried on day and night; prospects of completing p.m. to-morrow or Saturday (Sept. 15). Damaged props, oil fuel stained, charred and or burnt, are being segregated into rail wagons and will be piled separately in timber yard. Men in punts are engaged recovering props from the dock and from in between ship and quayside. These props, however, are mainly oil-stained, but have to be recovered on instructions from dock authorities. We are informed that Metal Industries' salvage vessel Salveda is proceeding to Hull to undertake salvage operations on the vessel.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 14.)

LL15/9/26

LONA. — Gothenburg, Sept. 13.—Salvage experts began the work of raising the fire-damaged Swedish steamer Lona at Hull on Monday (Sept. 17). The first operation will be to tighten the large hole made in the vessel's side to sink her to extinguish the fire.—"Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Sept. 15.)

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LONA. — Leeds, Sept. 28. — Preparations are now being made at King George Dock, Hull, for the raising of the Swedish steamer Lona. Yesterday a huge hatch cover was lowered on to the foredeck of the ship. It is expected that pumping operations will begin this week-end.—"The Yorkshire Post." (See issue of Sept. 21.)

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LONA. — Hull, Oct. 1.—The first attempt to raise Swedish steamer Lona has been unsuccessful and further efforts will be made at next neap tides in about nine days' time. About 300 standards of timber, third of original total cargo, are still on board and it is stated that there is leakage into ship from unknown source, which has not been overtaken yet. Salvage vessel Salveda is standing by.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Sept. 29.)

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