

WRECK SECTION

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Wreck Report No.

14353

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

537 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 85/55 Date of writing this report 3rd October, 1955.

Name s.s. "OVERTON" of Liverpool Tons { Gross 426 Net 185

S. Shields When 1911 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 21.9.55. Owner's reply 29.9.55.

Thorn Line Ltd.

S. William Coe & Co., Ltd.

709, Tower Building, Liverpool 3.

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Classification details

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Date of Casualty 7th September, 1955.

Details of Casualty

A total loss on rocks off The Maidens Lighthouse, County Antrim.
The owners have concurred.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

OVERTON.—Portpatrick Radio, Sept. 7.—Steamer Overton (Liverpool for Coleraine) is ashore at Maidens, County Antrim, and lifeboat is alongside and coastguard at Orlock is working with her but there is no distress.
Following received from Overton at 8 20 a.m., G.M.T.: Donaghadee lifeboat standing by. Have got our men in our own boat to be picked up by lifeboat. Am standing by to see what happens.

—Belfast, Sept. 7.—Steamer Overton reported aground Maidens, near Larne. She is making water but in no immediate danger. She will endeavour to get off under her own power at next high tide.

—London, Sept. 7.—Steamer Overton went aground on rocks off The Maidens Lighthouse, three miles from Larne, in fog to-day, and was badly holed. She is carrying a cargo of feeding stuffs. Donaghadee lifeboat stood by. Apart from the master and first officer, who are still on board, the crew has been taken ashore. The local agent of the owners of the Overton state that the vessel is angled fairly steeply and her stern deck is awash.

—Portpatrick Radio, Sept. 7.—Following received from Donaghadee lifeboat at 2 46 p.m., G.M.T.: Have taken off the crew of steamer Overton and left the master, mate and engineer. Am taking crew to Larne and returning to the Overton.

—London, Sept. 7.—The lifeboat crew has reported that the master of steamer Overton, Captain B. Richardson, of Liverpool, and the chief engineer, remained on board the Overton because they thought they would be able to work the pumps. More than 9 ft. of water has risen in one of the ship's holds.

—Belfast, Sept. 7.—Attempt to refloat steamer Overton on this afternoon's high tide failed. Vessel grounded on Saddle Rock, off Larne, this morning in thick mist while on passage to Larne with feeding stuff. Weather remains calm. (Later) Ship reported hard aground and in danger of breaking up. All on board now taken off by Donaghadee lifeboat.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent.

—Portpatrick Radio, Sept. 7.—Following received from Donaghadee lifeboat: We have taken all the crew off the steamer Overton, including master, engineer and mate, as she has a decided list to port. We are now proceeding with all the crew to Donaghadee harbour.

OVERTON.—Belfast, Sep 7.—It is understood that steamer Overton has been abandoned. Crew has been taken ashore by Donaghadee lifeboat. Salvage Association's representative is arriving at Larne to-day. (See issue of Sept. 8.)

—Liverpool, Sept. 8.—Steamer Overton: Our officer reports: At low water to-day vessel awash on port side from stern to the bridge and on starboard side from stern to fore-end of engine-room and after boat deck and engine-room casing submerged. Hatch boards washed off No. 2 hatch and part cargo washed out. Owing to exposed position and strong 4 to 5 knots tide, diving work impossible and we consider prospects of salvage hopeless.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

OVERTON.—Larne, Sept. 8.—Steamer Overton is likely to be regarded as a total loss, a spokesman for the ship's agents at Larne stated to-day. The ship's crew of 10, including the master, Captain B. Richardson, of Liverpool, were taken off the vessel by Donaghadee lifeboat and brought to Donaghadee last night. The Overton was carrying a cargo of about 350 tons of feeding stuffs from Liverpool to Larne and Coleraine.—The Irish News Agency. (See issue of Sept. 9.)

OVERTON.—Larne, Sept. 21.—The back of steamer Overton was reported to be splitting to-day and the afterpart of the vessel was well down in the water. A spokesman for the ship's agents, Norman Canning & Co., Larne, stated to-day: "The fate of the vessel is still not determined." It is generally believed in Larne that the vessel must now be abandoned as a total loss.—The Irish News Agency. (See issue of Sept. 13.)

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Suggested Record "WRECKED 9,55"

Date of Committee FRIDAY 7 OCT 1955

Committee's Minute *Wrecked 9.55 DCB*

