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# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 35441 (S) in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 20/54 Date of writing this report 27th May, 19 54.

Ship's Name s.s. "KENTBROOK" of London Tons { Gross 873 Net 435

Built at Bideford When 1923 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner 20.5.54. Owner's reply 21.5.54

Owners Williamstown Shipping Co., Ltd.

Managers Camben Longstaff & Co., Ltd.

Address 24, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.

M.M.C.C.

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### Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC10,50
6,53	BS1,53
ssAnt.-5,46(Dr.)	
ssHul.-10,50	ts 6,53 CL

Date of Casualty 4th February, 1954.

Details of Casualty

This ship stranded four miles S. of Aldeburgh. Repeated attempts to tow her off have proved unsuccessful, and the ship has been declared a total loss (per Lloyd's 19th May, 1954). The Owners concur.

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

North Foreland Radio, ...  
 ... received from British ...  
 ... (Ipswich for Goole) ...  
 ... M.T.: Mayday, I am ...  
 ... north of Orfordness ...  
 ... bumping very heavily ...  
 ... assistance.  
 ... received from British ...  
 ... (dale at 8 23 p.m., G.M.T.: ...  
 ... miles south of Orfordness ...  
 ...  
 ... received from tank steamer ...  
 ... Knight at 8 25 p.m., G.M.T.: ...  
 ... 7 1/2 miles 103 deg. from ...  
 ... thwold Light, draught 29 ft., ...  
 ... eding north.  
 ... Following received from British cable ...  
 ... vessel Alert at 8 27 p.m., G.M.T., ...  
 ... addressed steamer Kentbrook: Am 10 ...  
 ... miles away and proceeding towards you.  
 ... Following received from steamer ...  
 ... Cordale at 8 28 p.m., G.M.T.: Master ...  
 ... says not proceeding to Kentbrook, ship ...  
 ... unmanageable in shallow water and bad ...  
 ... weather.  
 ... Following received from British ...  
 ... steamer Cardiganbrook at 8 33 p.m., ...  
 ... G.M.T.: Am 12 miles from steamer ...  
 ... Kentbrook, will be there in one hour; ...  
 ... will stand off.  
 ... Following received from British ...  
 ... steamer Lambtonian at 8 37 p.m., ...  
 ... G.M.T.: Am six miles north-east, ...  
 ... proceeding to stand by Kentbrook.  
 ... Following received from Kentbrook ...  
 ... at 8 44 p.m., G.M.T.: I can see beach, ...  
 ... am only about 100 yards from beach.  
 ... Following received from British ...  
 ... steamer Lambtonian at 8 53 p.m., ...  
 ... G.M.T.: Consider steamer Kentbrook ...  
 ... too close inshore for me to be of any ...  
 ... assistance whatever.  
 ... Following received from Kentbrook at ...  
 ... p.m., G.M.T., addressed cable vessel ...  
 ... (rt: Martello tower bears N. by E. 2 1/2 ...  
 ...  
 ... Following received from British cable ...  
 ... Alert:

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INDICATED WITHIN ...  
 ... of the steamer Kentbrook but ...  
 ... not get close enough to pass a line; ...  
 ... standing by.  
 ... At 10 49 p.m., G.M.T.: Am anchor- ...  
 ... ing in vicinity of steamer Kentbrook till ...  
 ... daylight.  
 ... London, Feb. 4.—  
 ... The Aldeburgh lifeboat and the cable ...  
 ... vessel Alert are to-night both standing ...  
 ... by steamer Kentbrook, which ran ...  
 ... aground with engine trouble be- ...  
 ... tween Aldeburgh and Orfordness.  
 ... Rocket life-saving apparatus was taken ...  
 ... to the spot and at 10 30 p.m. the second ...  
 ... engineer was taken ashore. The last ...  
 ... message received from the master stat- ...  
 ... that the anchor was slipping badly. — ...  
 ... Exchange Telegraph Company.  
 ... Walton-on-the-Naze,  
 ... Feb. 5.—Aldeburgh lifeboat has re- ...  
 ... turned. Aldeburgh life-saving company ...  
 ... still standing by steamer Kentbrook.  
 ... Lowestoft, Feb. 5.—  
 ... Steamer Kentbrook, in ballast, grounded ...  
 ... last night and now lies high and dry at ...  
 ... low water, heading from north to south ...  
 ... four miles south of Aldeburgh. Under- ...  
 ... stood vessel made water in No. 1 hold ...  
 ... and some damage visible on port side on ...  
 ... side of bridge. Dutch tug standing ...  
 ... No attempt made to refloat vessel ...  
 ... At night and, from coastguard report, ...  
 ... some repairs necessary before attempt ...  
 ... could be made. Master, mate and boat- ...  
 ... swain remaining on board. Owners' repre- ...  
 ... sentative due to-night. Wind easterly, ...  
 ... moderate to fresh.

KENTBROOK. — Aldeburgh, Feb. 6.—  
 ... Steamer Kentbrook is lying evenly on ...  
 ... shingle and sand, heading north; bottom ...  
 ... damage due to pounding but apparently ...  
 ... small leakage. Consider prospects fair ...  
 ... if weather holds. Recommended owners' ...  
 ... superintendent recall crew and raise ...  
 ... steam to hold pumping trial. Prepara- ...  
 ... tions for hauling off in hand.—Salvage ...  
 ... Association's Special Officer. (See issue ...  
 ... of Feb. 5.)  
 ... Aldeburgh, Feb. 6.—  
 ... Steamer Kentbrook: In conjunction ...  
 ... with owners and Salvage Association's ...  
 ... special officer provisionally arranged for ...  
 ... services of tug Richard Lee Barber on ...  
 ... Lloyd's Open Form. Hope to raise steam ...  
 ... to-day and lay ground tackle to-morrow ...  
 ... morning. If conditions permit may ...  
 ... attempt to refloat on Sunday (Feb. 7) ...  
 ... day tide.—Lloyd's Agents, Lowestoft, ...  
 ... per Salvage Association.

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Date of Committee

TUESDAY 1 JUN 1954

Committee's Minute

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**KENTBROOK.**—Orford, Feb. 7.—Steamer Kentbrook: Unable to attempt refloating to-day owing to weather but will try again on Monday (Feb. 8). No change in condition of vessel.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 8.)

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London, Feb. 7.—The master, mate and boatswain of steamer Kentbrook have remained on board and were joined to-day by other members of the crew.

**KENTBROOK.**—Orford, Feb. 8.—Steamer Kentbrook: Attempt on Monday afternoon (Feb. 8) to tow off with tug unsuccessful owing to poor tide. Attempting again to-night. No further damage to vessel.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 9.)

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**KENTBROOK.**—Aldeburgh, Feb. 10.—Steamer Kentbrook: Tuesday's (Feb. 9) and to-day's attempts to refloat with tug failed, due to poor tide. Now raising steam in preparation for hauling off at next springs. No further damage.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 10.)

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**KENTBROOK.**—Orford, Feb. 17.—Steamer Kentbrook: On Tuesday (Feb. 16) heavy gear was rigged for hauling off and tug connected but poor tide made attempts futile; trying again Wednesday night. Condition of ship unchanged.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 11.)

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**KENTBROOK.**—Lowestoft, Feb. 20.—Steamer Kentbrook: Attempts to refloat on Thursday (Feb. 18) and Friday impossible owing to poor tides. Consider blown tide necessary for refloating. All ready for hauling off when tides suitable, which probably next springs. Condition of vessel unchanged.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 19.)

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**KENTBROOK.**—Hull, Mar. 10.—Steamer Kentbrook: Refloating operations during past spring tides unsuccessful. Failure largely due to bank of shingle to seaward of the vessel. Lowestoft dredgers will not work outside harbour. Owners' superintendent and I consider refloating possible utilising heavier hauling off gear. Am informed to-day that suitable five-ton anchors and 4 in. wire are available at Felixstowe.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 23.)

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