

Wreck Report No. 14589

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 70350 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 11/57 Date of writing this report 7th March, 19 57.

Ship's Name s.s. "MINOCHER COWASJEE" of Karachi Tons { Gross 6638
Net 4156

Built at Hartlepool When 1921 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Managers East & West S.S. Co.

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Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC3,55
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Left Djakarta on January 12th for Cape Town.

Missing since January 25th when reporting by wireless in danger from hurricane in lat. 25 30S., long. 68E.

Posted missing at Lloyd's 6th March, 1957.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—Port Louis, Mauritius, Jan. 25.—Following broadcast received from steamer Minocher Cowasjee (Dairen for Cape Town) at 6 50 a.m., G.M.T., Jan. 24: Boat in danger, position lat. 25 30 S., long. 68 E.

London, Jan. 26.—In reply to inquiry Lloyd's Agents at Port Louis, Mauritius, cabled to-day: Steamer Minocher Cowasjee: No further information has been received.

Cape Town, Jan. 27.—Agents of steamer Minocher Cowasjee have no news of her whereabouts, but have cabled to-day fully replying to London representatives' inquiry. Wireless station at Slangkop reports no contact with vessel.

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—London, Jan. 28.—Efforts made by the owners of Pakistan steamer Minocher Cowasjee to contact the vessel have been unsuccessful. Broadcasts have, therefore, been made to vessels in the southern Indian Ocean asking for any news of her. So far no replies have been received. (See issue of Jan. 28)

London, Jan. 28.—The owners of steamer Minocher Cowasjee state that the vessel left Dairen on Dec. 21 for Antwerp/Hamburg range, via Djakarta, Cape Town and Las Palmas, with a cargo of soya beans. The vessel is due at Cape Town on Feb. 5.

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—Mombasa, Feb. 1.—Two Pakistan destroyers left here to-day at top speed to go to the assistance of steamer Minocher Cowasjee, reported to be in distress SW. (? SE.) of Mauritius. A signal to the Pakistan destroyer Tippu Sultan ordered her to leave Mombasa as quickly as possible, together with destroyer Tughril, to search for the Minocher Cowasjee.—Reuter. (See issue of Jan. 29.)

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—Port Louis, Mauritius, Jan. 28.—No further information concerning the whereabouts of steamer Minocher Cowasjee has been received. In reply to inquiry, the observatory here reports that there was a cyclone on Jan. 24 in the vicinity of lat. 25 30 S., long. 68 E. (See issues of Jan. 28 and Feb. 2.)

Port Louis, Mauritius, Jan. 29.—No further information concerning steamer Minocher Cowasjee has been received. The following weather report from the vessel was received at 2 15 a.m. on Jan. 24: Position lat. 26 10 S., long. 66 E., hurricane force, visibility nil, heavy rains, high seas.

London, Feb. 2.—A report received from the owners of steamer Minocher Cowasjee, dated London, Feb. 1, states: In spite of every effort to locate the whereabouts of steamer Minocher Cowasjee, so far we have failed. Efforts are being continued to maintain a very careful watch on her route and it is hoped that the vessel will report at Cape Town, according to her schedule, on Feb. 5 or 6.

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—London, Feb. 5.—The following message has been received from the owners of the steamer Minocher Cowasjee: Chartered Sabena DC-4 aircraft to search entire area lat. 25 S., to lat. 37 S., and long. 66 E. to long. 75 E., and work in close co-operation with Pakistan destroyers Tippu Sultan and Tughril. Air and sea extensive search will commence at daylight, Feb. 6. (See issue of Feb. 5.)

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—Karachi, Feb. 6.—Two Pakistan destroyers to-day began a radar search of a vast area south-east of Mauritius for the missing Pakistan steamer Minocher Cowasjee. The vessel was due at Cape Town to-day on a voyage from Dairen to northern Europe with a cargo of soya beans. A Royal Pakistan Navy spokesman said here to-day that the destroyers Tippu Sultan and Tughril had been ordered to make a radar search of a 72,000-square-mile sea area around 400 miles south-east of Mauritius. It is reported from Cape Town that the British motor vessel Innesmoor, which is en route from Australia to South Africa, and other vessels have been asked to keep a look out for wreckage.—Reuter. (See issue of Feb. 6.)

London, Feb. 6.—The owners of the steamer Minocher Cowasjee stated to-day that the air search for the vessel, previously reported due to commence at daylight, Feb. 6, has been delayed and will not now commence until to-morrow.



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MINOCHER COWASJEE.—London, Feb. 8.—The following message has been received from the owners of the steamer Minocher Cowasjee: Air search by Sabena commenced at daylight, Feb. 8. Pakistan Navy destroyers Tippu Sultan and Tughril had commenced sea search on Feb. 7. (See issue of Feb. 7.)

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MINOCHER COWASJEE. — Portishead Radio, Feb. 9.—Following received from British motor tanker Athelknight, timed 11 a.m., G.M.T., Feb. 9: Reference steamer Minocher Cowasjee, have steamed through two northern positions lat. 25 30 S., long. 68 E., and lat. 26 10 S., long. 66 E. overnight, radar watch maintained. Nothing to report, proceeding. (See issue of Feb. 7.)

LL11/2/57

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—London, Feb. 11.—The owners of steamer Minocher Cowasjee reported to-day: Pakistan naval destroyers and Sabena chartered aircraft searched area lat. 24 S. to lat. 27 30 S. and long. 64 E. to long. 71 E. on Feb. 8 and 9 without result. (See issue of Feb. 11.)

LL12/2/57

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—London, Feb. 13.—The owners of steamer Minocher Cowasjee reported to-day that Pakistan Navy and Sabena aircraft searched entire area last reported and surrounding area without success. Search called off in evening of Feb. 13. (See issue of Feb. 12.)

LL15/2/57

MINOCHER COWASJEE. — London, Feb. 18.—A message from the owners of the steamer Minocher Cowasjee, dated Feb. 15, states that, having organised an air and sea search for the vessel without any success, they have come to the conclusion that the vessel, her cargo and her personnel have become a total loss due to the vessel being caught in a hurricane. (See issue of Feb. 15.)

LL19/2/57

MINOCHER COWASJEE.—London, Mar. 6.—Steamer Minocher Cowasjee, of Karachi, official number 145884, 6638 tons gross, which sailed from Dairen on Dec. 21 for Cape Town and Antwerp/Hamburg range with a cargo of soya beans, sailed from Djakarta on Jan. 12 and reported by wireless on Jan. 24 in lat. 25 30 S., long. 68 E. "boat in danger," was to-day posted at Lloyd's as a Missing Vessel.

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