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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Ship's Name s.s. "RODERIGO" of Hull Tons { Gross 810 Net 289

Built at Beverley When 1950 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners Hellyer Bros, Ltd.

Managers ---

Address St. Andrew's Dock, Hull.

M.M.C.C.

2,322.

Classification details

✱ 100A1	✱ IMC3,54
Stm Trawler	
10,54	ts 9,52 CL
ssHul.-3,54	
Fitted for oil fuel 9,50 F.P. above 150°F.	

Date of Casualty 26th January, 1955.

Details of Casualty

This trawler left Hull for the Iceland fishing grounds on January 12th. She wirelessly in distress 90 miles NE of North Cape, Iceland, during a freezing hurricane and snowstorm on 26th January, and has not been heard of since. Posted "Missing" at Lloyd's 16th February.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

RODERIGO, London, Jan. 26.—British trawler Imperialist reported this afternoon: At 5 p.m. received distress call from trawler Roderigo, addressed all ships: Position given 90 miles north-east of North Cape, listing heavily to starboard and going over, unable to abandon ship, weather north-east, force 11 to 12 (storm to hurricane), freezing hard. Roderigo sent distress signals continuously for seven minutes then ceased at words "going over." No further signals heard. Trawlers Imperialist, Butus, Macbeth and Esquimaux, anchored Ritvik, intend searching immediately any moderation in weather.

LORELLA, Reykjavik, Jan. 26.—Hull trawler Lorella and RODERIGO are reported to have gone down with all hands north of North Cape, Iceland, rescue forces said to-night. Life-saving associations said a wide search had been made for the trawlers but it was feared they had been lost. Heavy snows, whipped by strong winds, had hampered the search. The Lorella, with a crew of 20, sent out an SOS that she was listing badly. Then there was silence. The RODERIGO also reported being in trouble in the same area, after going to search for the Lorella.—Reuter. (See issue of Jan. 27.)

London, Jan. 27.—Trawler Imperialist reported early this morning: Situation at midnight, G.M.T.: Air Sea Rescue plane searched area until 7.10 p.m., G.M.T., yesterday and reported no trace of trawler RODERIGO on his radar and returned to base. Trawler Lancella steamed to 50 miles north-east of Ritvik but had to turn back at 11.30 p.m., G.M.T., yesterday, finding weather impossible with wind north-east, force 10 (whole gale), visibility zero and icing up severely. No further signals heard from RODERIGO since her distress call. Weather forecast whole north-east gale.

British trawler Imperialist reported this morning: At 2 a.m. trawler Reighton Wyke, approximate position 35 miles north-east of North Cape, returning from attempted search. Three search aircraft reported by Isafjord Radio to be leaving Keflavik at 9.30 a.m. to-day, estimated time of arrival in search area 10.45 a.m.

Reykjavik, Jan. 27.—Intelligence report that British trawlers Lorella and RODERIGO capsized and were totally lost with all hands yesterday during hurricane about 50 miles north-east of Cape Horn, west coast of Iceland.

London, Jan. 27.—The owners of the trawler Lorella received a message at 3 p.m. yesterday from trawler Lancella stating that she was going to the assistance of the Lorella, in distress. At 4.15 p.m. the owners received a further message from the Lancella stating that the last message from the Lorella was at 2.30 p.m. stating she was heeled full over in approximate position north-east of North Cape, Iceland. No further wireless contact now. At midnight a message was received stating that it was impossible to continue search, ships freezing up. No further news of Lorella. Lorella and RODERIGO were in approximately same position, indication RODERIGO lost.

London, Jan. 27.—Aircraft searching over the North Cape, Iceland, area have reported that they can find no trace of the trawlers Lorella and RODERIGO. Officials of the owners of the two vessels said to-day that a strong gale, which had been blowing in the area throughout the night, was still blowing this morning. Conditions faced by the rescue ships were appalling. There has been no further news.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Suggested Record "MISSING SINCE 1,55"

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LORELLA. — Reykjavik, Jan. 28. — Trawler Lorella: Last SOS from vessel heard by Isafjordur Radio about 1 30 p.m. on Jan. 26 reading: "Heeling right over, immediate assistance imperative," whereafter the connection broke and since nothing has been heard of or from vessel. Trawler RODERIGO: Last SOS broadcasting heard by Isafjordur Radio about 5 30 p.m. on Jan. 26, wherein immediate assistance is required as the vessel is capsizing, whereafter all became silent and since nothing has been heard of or from vessel. According to a statement published by local newspapers, Lifesaving Company searching expeditions have been made and continue by vessels and aeroplanes but owing to bad weather as yet in vain and in spite of efforts calls from Isafjordur Radio without reply. (See issue of Jan. 28.)

London, Jan. 30. — The search for the missing Hull trawlers Lorella and RODERIGO was called off to-day after the finding of a lifesaving raft from the RODERIGO. No other wreckage or bodies of the 40 missing fishermen from the two ships have been found. This was announced to-day by the shipowners and the insurers who, although reluctant to say that the two ships have been lost with all hands, admit that the chances of any of the men being found alive are remote. The sea and air search for the two ships has been going on continuously since last Wednesday (Jan. 26) after the Lorella radioed that she was listing badly and in danger of overturning. Soon afterwards the RODERIGO, which was going to the aid of the Lorella, radioed for help stating that she was turning over and that it was impossible for the crew to abandon ship. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

RODERIGO.—London, Feb. 7.—In reply to inquiry, the owners of steam trawler Roderigo write from Hull under date of Feb. 5: The Roderigo left Hull on Jan. 12 for Icelandic fishing grounds, with a crew of 20. Despite extensive search since her distress call on Jan. 26, nothing has been seen of the vessel or crew beyond the finding of an empty inflatable raft, identified as belonging to the vessel. (See issue of Jan. 31.)

RODERIGO.—London, Feb. 16.—Steam trawler Roderigo, of Hull, official number 133449, 810 tons gross, which sailed from Hull for the Icelandic fishing grounds on Jan. 12, and reported by wireless, in distress, off North Cape, Iceland, on Jan. 26, was to-day posted at Lloyd's as a Missing Vessel.

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