

WRECK SECTION No. 678

Wreck Report No. 16003

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 11296 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 4/62 Date of writing this report 31st January, 1962. Ship's Name m.s. "FORDFIELD" of Liverpool Tons Gross 561 Net 267 Built at Waterhuizen When 1954 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner 24.1.62. Owner's reply 29.1.62. Owners Zillah Shipping Co., Ltd. Managers W.A. Savage Ltd. Address Reliance House, Water Street, Liverpool 3.

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Classification details

Table with classification details: +100A1 10,61 ss 12,59 +LMC CS11,59 ts 11,59 OG

Date of Casualty 11th January, 1962.

Details of Casualty

This ship foundered in the English Channel, in lat. 50 31N., long. 0 34W., in heavy weather, and is a total loss.

The owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

FORDFIELD. - Niton Radio, Jan. 11. - Following received from British motor vessel Fordfield: At 8 49 a.m., G.M.T.: Have very heavy list, position 10 miles SE. Owers Light-vessel. At 8 58 a.m., G.M.T.: Think she is going over, will get in raft before she goes. Following received from British motor vessel Baltic Swift at 8 58 a.m., G.M.T.: Estimated time of arrival at Fordfield 10 a.m. Following received from motor vessel Perla Dan at 9 1 a.m.: We are now on distress position. Following received from British motor vessel Lancing at 9 5 a.m., G.M.T.: Thirteen miles distant, cannot give estimated time of arrival. Following received from motor vessel Salsette at 9 6 a.m.: Eleven miles west; proceeding. Following received from motor vessel Belvedere at 9 7 a.m.: Five miles distant; proceeding. Following received from motor vessel Osborne Queen at 9 7 a.m.: Five miles distant; proceeding. Following received from motor vessel Schiedyk at 9 10 a.m.: Two miles south of Owers. - Liverpool, Jan. 11. - Motor vessel Fordfield was on voyage from Neath River to Amsterdam with a cargo of coal. - London, Jan. 11. - Selsey lifeboat was launched to-day to the assistance of the crew of British motor vessel Fordfield. A helicopter joined in the search for survivors. - Exchange Telegraph Company. - Niton Radio, Jan. 11. - Following received from motor vessel Perla Dan: At 9 23 a.m., G.M.T.: Position lat. 50 31 N., long. 0 34 W. Have picked up one man from motor vessel Fordfield and are now going to the raft. At 9 58 a.m., G.M.T.: Have picked up the men from the raft. All the crew of Fordfield, nine men, now on board Perla Dan. Fordfield has sunk in position lat. 50 31 N., long. 0 34 W. Distress traffic ended. At 10 14 a.m., G.M.T.: We are going to Port Talbot, taking crew of Fordfield. - Selsey, Jan. 11. - Selsey lifeboat was launched to proceed to the assistance of British motor vessel Fordfield, 10 miles south-east of Owers Light-vessel, at 9 48 a.m., Jan. 11. Selsey lifeboat has since returned to station. - Liverpool, Jan. 11. - Motor vessel Fordfield, 561 tons gross, capsized and sank during winds of force 11 (violent storm) in the English Channel 10 miles south-east of Owers Light-vessel. - LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. FORDFIELD. - Brixham, Jan. 12. - Motor vessel Perla Dan entered Tor Bay this afternoon for shelter and to land seamen from motor vessel Fordfield. (See issue of Jan. 12.) FORDFIELD. - Niton Radio, Jan. 13. - Following received from Dutch motor vessel Westkust at 6 18 p.m., G.M.T.: Found empty lifeboat off "steamer Purfleet" (? motor vessel Fordfield) in position six miles east of Royal Sovereign Light-vessel. Vessel was in trouble a few days ago. Have lifeboat on board and am bound Pasajes. (See issue of Jan. 13.) Niton Radio, Jan. 14. - Following received from Dutch motor vessel Westkust at 9 40 a.m. G.M.T.: Regarding my message timed 6 18 p.m., Jan. 13, lifeboat picked up is from motor vessel Fordfield, not "steamer Purfleet."

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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FRIDAY - 9 FEB 1962

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