

Wreck Report No. 16018

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 42703 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 13/62 No. Date of writing this report 21st February, 1962.

Ship's Name m.s. "B.P. DRIVER" of London Tons { Gross 303 Net 188

Built at Northwich When 1957 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner 14.2.62. Owner's reply 15.2.62.

Owners Shell Mex &amp; B.P. Ltd.

Managers ---

Address Shell-Mex House, Strand, W.C.2.

 WRECK  
SECTION  
No 675

## Classification details

+100A1	+LMC 2,61
oil tanker Bristol Channel service, limiting port seawards Swansea	
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Date of Casualty 31st January, 1962.

Details of Casualty

This ship stranded on rocks off Nash Point, Bristol and has been declared a total loss.

The owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

**B.P. DRIVER.** — Ilfracombe Radio, Jan. 31. — Following received from British motor tanker B.P. Driver at 8 35 p.m., G.M.T.: Ashore on rocks off Nash Point, below Nash Light, bumping about on rocks, require vessel to stand by. Motor tanker Regent Jane has informed us she can be with us within one hour.

Following received from motor tanker Shell Roadbuilder at 8 50 p.m., G.M.T.: Leaving Swansea Pier Head now, can be with B.P. Driver in about two hours.

Barry Island, Jan. 31. — Barry Dock lifeboat launching to motor tanker B.P. Driver, ashore off Nash Point, Bristol Channel. Wind westerly fresh, cloudy, squally, rain, visibility moderate, sea moderate.

Cardiff, Feb. 1. — Motor tanker B.P. Driver grounded at 8 p.m. yesterday off Nash Point.

Ilfracombe Radio, Jan. 31. — Barry Dock lifeboat launched to assist motor tanker B.P. Driver. Motor tankers Shell Roadbuilder and Regent Jane still proceeding.

Following received from sand suction dredger Bowline at 9 20 p.m., G.M.T.: B.P. Driver has closed her radio and crew are abandoning vessel, climbing over the bow onto the shore.

Following received from Nash Point Lighthouse: All crew members off B.P. Driver.

London, Jan. 31. — It was low water when the motor tanker B.P. Driver ran aground, said a spokesman for Barry Dock lifeboat, and the crew did not find too much difficulty in reaching the shore. The spokesman understood that B.P. Driver had been badly holed.

Barry Island, Feb. 1. — All members of crew of motor tanker B.P. Driver safely ashore. Members of Coastguard Life-saving Apparatus Company guarding vessel, aground under Nash Lighthouse. Barry Dock lifeboat returned to station.

Cardiff, Feb. 1. — Tug Tregarth arrived Nash Point 2 a.m., Feb. 1, and offered assistance to motor tanker B.P. Driver. Vessel ashore, heavy seas breaking overall, abandoned, no lights showing. Unable to make line fast without assistance from B.P. Driver and tug returned Barry.

Cardiff, Feb. 1. — Motor tanker B.P. Driver: Owners report bottom badly damaged, vessel on level keel, beam to shore. Appears unlikely refloating attempt will be made for several days. No cargo, all crew safe.

**B.P. DRIVER.** — Cardiff, Feb. 2. — Motor tanker B.P. Driver was swept nearer the cliffs by heavy seas yesterday and it is now feared the vessel may have to be abandoned altogether. More damage was caused to the tanker yesterday as huge waves pounded the vessel, which is already badly holed below the waterline. If the battering continues, the ship, about 50 yards from the shore, may have to be broken up and salvaged piecemeal. A spokesman for Shell-Mex & B.P. Ltd., said last night that insurance assessors would decide whether the ship should be salvaged or scrapped. During the day, the tanker was swept about 150 yards across the rocks. — "Western Mail." (See issue of Feb. 2.)

**B.P. DRIVER.** — Cardiff, Feb. 3. — Understood motor tanker B.P. Driver will probably be abandoned and put up for sale. (See issue of Feb. 3.)



Suggested Record

"WRECKED 1,62"

Date of Committee

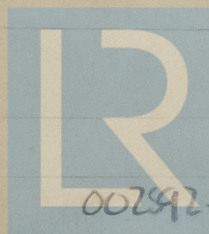
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Committee's Minute

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