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Wreck Report No. 14708

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 21677 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 91/57 Date of writing this report 23rd January, 1958.

Ship's Name s.s. "NARVA" of Glasgow Tons (Gross 2044 Net 1088)

Built at Gavle When 1943 Casualty notice sent to Owner 6.1.58 Owner's reply ---

Owners Scottish Nav. Co., Ltd.

Managers Glen & Co., Ltd.

165, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

NARVA.—Stonehaven Radio, Dec. 22.— Following received from British steamer Narva (Hudiksvall for Grangemouth) at 2 29 a.m., G.M.T.: S.O.S, position lat. 57 28 N., long. 3 E., sinking, require immediate assistance.

Following received from Norwegian steamer Leda at 2 40 a.m., G.M.T.: We can see ship in distress three miles off, am proceeding to him. We can see him using morse lamp.

Following received from British motor tanker British Isles at 2 58 a.m., G.M.T.: Proceeding to steamer Narva position, estimated time of arrival three hours.

Following received from Norwegian steamer Leda: At 3 7 a.m., G.M.T.: In distress position, searching, can see another ship here.

At 3 26 a.m., G.M.T.: We can see steamer Narva, we are launching lifeboat now.

At 3 27 a.m., G.M.T.: From Dutch motor vessel Stad Utrecht, 100 miles off distress position: Received 2 20 a.m. from steamer Narva: Can't you see lifeboat, they are abandoning ship.

At 3 43 a.m., G.M.T.: We have launched lifeboat, steamer Narva is sending S O S signals.

At 5 30 a.m., G.M.T.: Lifeboat is back, says we have lost contact with steamer Narva, presume ship sunk, we are still searching, will all ships in vicinity please keep sharp look-out for survivors.

Following received from Norwegian steamer Bruin at 5 49 a.m., G.M.T., addressed steamer Leda: Our position now lat. 57 6 N., long. 2 58 E., heading for you, got your bearing.

Following received from steamer Leda at 6 12 a.m., G.M.T.: Aeroplanes can be of assistance. The mate in Leda's lifeboat said impression that all crew of steamer Narva not on board, may have left in lifeboat. Weather now WSW., force 6 (strong), good visibility.

Following received from Farsund Radio at 6 16 a.m., G.M.T.: Rescue plane can be ready in two to three hours from Sola, Stavanger.

Following received from Lyngby Radio at 7 5 a.m., G.M.T.: If necessary a Danish Catalina soon can be ready to leave Karup, in Jutland, to drop rescue appliances. Please number of crew of steamer Narva and weather.

Following received from German motor vessel Praunheim at 7 10 a.m., G.M.T.: Proceeding to distress position, can reach in about two hours.

Following received from steamer Leda at 7 53 a.m., G.M.T.: Steamer Bruin now in our position and taking over search. Leda proceeding to Stavanger.

Following received from Farsund Radio at 8 26 a.m., G.M.T.: A Catalina has just left Sola, near Stavanger, for searching.

Following received from Lyngby Radio at 8 30 a.m., G.M.T.: Our Catalina left 7 50 a.m., G.M.T. will be searching in distress area about 10 a.m., G.M.T.

Following received from British steamer Bravo at 8 34 a.m., G.M.T.: Fifty miles NE. of position, proceeding.

Following received from British trawler Cape Crozier at 10 14 a.m., G.M.T.: We are approximately in position lat. 57 28 N., long. 3 E., cannot see anybody but am keeping radar watch and will communicate when we have had a look around.

Following received from Norwegian steamer Bruin at 10 24 a.m., G.M.T.: Have seen no aircraft, believed heard one to the south.

Following received from steamer Bravo at 10 27 a.m., G.M.T.: Twenty-seven miles NE. of position, aircraft passed over us at 10 14 a.m., G.M.T.

Following received from Norwegian steamer Bruin at 10 55 a.m., G.M.T.: Now contacted aircraft in position.

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No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the Owners on 6th January, 1958.

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Stavanger, Dec. 22.—Farsund Radio reports steamer Narva reported sunk, several vessels and planes searching for survivors.

London, Dec. 22. — Mr. Stanley B. Burt, a director of Glen & Co., the managers, said at Glasgow to-day: The steamer Narva sank early to-day. We have received no reports yet of her crew of 28. The Narva was on her way to Aberdeen with a cargo of pulp after calling at about six Swedish ports. Search area is about 120 miles south-west of Stavanger. Shipping asked to keep a look-out. Five aircraft, three Coastal Command Shackletons and two Catalinas, one Danish, one Norwegian, are taking part in search.

Oslo, Dec. 22.—Arne Leknesund, chief mate of the steamer Leda, told Reuters by radio-telephone that the Leda was only three miles away from the steamer Narva when the latter sent out her distress signals. "Leda at once changed course to go to the assistance of the British ship," he said. "A lifeboat was lowered carrying the first mate, the second mate and six members of the crew. The lifeboat went alongside the Narva in strong winds and members of the British crew were sighted on deck. Our men hailed them to jump, but none of them did so. At 4 30 a.m., local time, the Narva was seen to have developed a heavy list to starboard and parts of her bows were under water. At 6 40 a.m., local time, the Narva ceased to register on the Leda's radar screen and at the same time disappeared from the view of the lifeboat."—Reuter.

London, Dec. 22.—The managers of the steamer Narva, Glen & Co., Glasgow, said this afternoon there was still no news of the fate of the Narva's crew of 28. The search was continuing. The Narva, on voyage from Sweden to Aberdeen with a cargo of woodpulp, was going to the aid of the motor vessel Bosworth, which was in difficulty. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

Stonehaven Radio, Dec. 22.—Following received from Dutch motor vessel Hoogland at 1 12 p.m., G.M.T.: We have altered course at 1 p.m., G.M.T., approximate position 174 deg. 38 miles from distress position, speed approximately 10 knots, expected time of arrival about 5 p.m.

Following received from Lloyd's Agents at Aberdeen at 1 22 p.m., G.M.T.: Steamer Narva was fitted with RFD life rafts, which could easily be blown clear of the distress position by the strong winds.

Following received from steamer Bruin at 2 50 p.m., G.M.T.: Am heading for that position.

Following received from motor vessel Stad Utrecht at 2 53 p.m., G.M.T.: Think we are in right position, aircraft circling around us. Found oil and packages of paper in water; investigating.

Following received from motor vessel Praunheim at 2 57 p.m., G.M.T.: We are heading to this position.

Following received from motor vessel Hoogland at 3 6 p.m., G.M.T.: We are roughly 10 miles south of that position and proceeding to the position.

Following received from motor vessel Stad Utrecht:

At 3 32 p.m., G.M.T., Found two little burning buoys on water; investigating.

At 3 34 p.m., G.M.T.: Just found cap-sized motor lifeboat.

Following received from trawler Cape Crozier at 4 5 p.m., G.M.T.: Going to search for further two hours then proceeding on voyage.

London, Dec. 22. — An Admiralty spokesman said that a Norwegian Catalina had reported an oil slick and deck cargo and a red and yellow raft a little to the south of the previously known position of the steamer Narva. Efforts were being made to direct a tanker to the raft.

Stonehaven Radio, Dec. 22.—Following received from German motor vessel Praunheim at 4 56 p.m., G.M.T.: We reached distress position (of steamer Narva) at 10 15 a.m., G.M.T., lat. 57 28 N., long. 3 E. In that position we have seen a patch of oil, later in the day we passed two pieces of wood and then we have seen nothing else. At 4 40 p.m., G.M.T., passed light drifting in the water in position lat. 57 10 N., long. 2 50 E., had good look round but seen nothing. We are proceeding on our voyage as getting short of bunkers.

Following received from steamer Bravo at 5 1 p.m., G.M.T.: Have searched and seen nothing, now proceeding to Hull.

Following received from Dutch motor vessel Stad Utrecht at 5 7 p.m., G.M.T.: Searched distress area but found nothing more. Now proceeding on passage to Amsterdam.

NARVA. — London, Dec. 22. — Eleven ships which have been searching for survivors of the steamer Narva are discontinuing the search. The motor vessel Hoogland reported sighting flares just after 9 p.m., G.M.T., but these may have been dropped by Shackleton aircraft. — Exchange Telegraph Company. (See issue of Dec. 23.)

Stonehaven Radio, Dec. 22.—Following received from Norwegian steamer Bruin at 7 47 p.m., G.M.T.:

Position at 7 40 p.m., G.M.T., lat. 57 7 N., long. 2 46 E., proceeding on voyage to Grangemouth.

Following received from Dutch motor vessel Hoogland at 9 9 p.m., G.M.T., addressed coastguard at Aberdeen: Our position lat. 57 4 N., long. 2 E., we saw flares at 7 30 p.m., but nothing else since, and not in contact with aircraft.

Stonehaven Radio, Dec. 23.

—Following received from Swedish ore/oil motor vessel Vasara at 8 2 a.m., G.M.T.: With sharp look-out on board for survivors from steamer Narva, passed from position lat. 57 7 N., long. 4 E., to position lat. 58 38 N., long. 4 9 E., between 1 a.m., G.M.T., and 7 a.m., G.M.T., to-day. Nothing sighted from missing Narva; moderate visibility.

Glasgow, Dec. 23. — Four Shackletons of R.A.F. Coastal Command, two from Ballykelly, Northern Ireland, and two from Kinloss, Scotland, resumed the search at dawn to-day for survivors of the steamer Narva. The weather in the North Sea where the ship sank during bad weather yesterday was still bad early to-day. It is also reported from Oslo that search by air and sea continues to-day. — Reuter.

NARVA.—London, Dec. 24.—Hope of finding any survivors of the sunken steamer Narva has now been abandoned. The air and sea search of the North Sea for the crew of 28 was called off to-night. An Air Ministry spokesman said the Shackleton Coastal Command aircraft that were searching the area have returned to their bases and it is not planned to send out any more. — Exchange Telegraph Company. (See issue of Dec. 24.)

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