

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

Ship's Name: SS/MS "NORTHGATE" Gross tons 429 Date of Build 1-1941  
 Casualty notice sent to Owners 11.4.63. Owners' 16.4.63.  
 15.5.63. Reply 28.5.63. Owners Hull Gates Shipping Co., Ltd.

Details of classification

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Details of casualty

This ship sprang a leak and sank off Havre and has been declared a total loss.

The owners concur.

WRECK SECTION No. 809 B

Date of casualty 24th March, 1963.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

22/3/63  
 NORTHGATE. — Niton Radio, Mar. 24.— Following received from British motor vessel Northgate at 2 1 a.m., G.M.T., addressed all stations: Mayday (distress signal), sinking off Le Havre Light-vessel. Following received from Havre Radio at 2 13 a.m., G.M.T.: Pilot vessel leaving, due Le Havre Light-vessel in 15 minutes. Following received from British steamer Normannia at 2 28 a.m., G.M.T.: Will be there in 15 minutes, want flares from Northgate. Following received from tug Utrecht at 2 35 a.m., G.M.T.: We are proceeding to Northgate, estimated time of arrival 7 30 a.m. Following received from British steamer Falaise at 2 46 a.m., G.M.T.: We are in vicinity of Le Havre Light-vessel, also Normannia and Dutch coasters. Havre pilot vessel reports she is alongside Northgate. Following received from Normannia at 3 5 a.m., G.M.T.: Havre pilot vessel taking off crew of Northgate and contemplating taking vessel in tow, but this doubtful as engine-room flooded. Havre pilot vessel states no further assistance needed. Normannia proceeding on voyage. Following received from Falaise at 3 5 a.m., G.M.T.: Now proceeding on passage. Niton Radio, Mar. 24. — Following received from Havre Radio at 4 10 a.m., G.M.T.: Following received from Havre pilot vessel at 4 a.m., G.M.T.: Motor vessel Northgate sinking, position 3.5 miles south-west of Le Havre Light-vessel. All crew is on board Havre pilot vessel. Havre, Mar. 24.—Motor vessel Northgate sank off Havre early to-day after all members of the crew had been taken off by the port pilot vessel. The pilot vessel attempted to take the Northgate in tow, but the vessel sank shortly after 4 a.m., G.M.T. The crew

brought into Havre by the pilot and then taken on to Caen. Havre officials said they were all safe and The master and members of his crew were due later to board motor vessel Heathergate, a sistership of the Northgate.—Reuter.  
 Havre, Mar. 24.—Motor vessel Northgate sank early to-day while a French pilot vessel was trying to tow her into port. The crew of eight were all rescued.—British United Press.  
 Havre, Mar. 24. — Motor vessel Northgate sank 13 miles off Havre early to-day. The Northgate signalled she was having engine trouble early this morning and that she had sprung a leak in a rear compartment. She was bound for Caen (from Poole) with a cargo of minerals when the trouble occurred. — British United Press.

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 NORTHGATE.—Havre, Mar. 25. — Motor vessel Northgate: Have no indication as to circumstances of accident, crew having immediately returned to Caen yesterday. When she sank, she was in tow of Havre pilot vessel and an empty butane gas bottle was fixed to the end of the towrope, so that Havre Port Authorities were able to locate the wreck exactly to-day and place a wreck buoy. The wreck is 3.8 miles 240 deg. from Le Havre Light-vessel, about 12 1/2 miles to the west of Cap de la Heve; the depth is about 18 metres. The bottom must be sand and pebbles.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 26.)

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 NORTHGATE. — London, Mar. 25.—The owners of motor vessel Northgate report that the vessel arrived at Caen on the a.m. tide on Mar. 23 and left on the p.m. tide the same day for Flixborough with a cargo of iron ore. (Not as reported in issue of Mar. 25.)  
 Caen, Mar. 24. — The master of motor vessel Northgate, J. Colledge, of Leeds, has left Havre by ship for London. His crew were brought here where they boarded motor vessel Heathergate, a sistership of the Northgate, which sails to-morrow for Flixborough.—Reuter.  
 Cherbourg, Mar. 25. — British motor vessel Northgate, sailing from Caen to Flixborough with 520 tons of iron ore, sank approximately three miles from the light-vessel off Ouistreham; crew safe.

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Suggested record "FOUNDERED 3,63"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY -7 JUN 1963

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