

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 15384

No. 25961 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 55/60 Date of writing this report 6th April, 19 60.

Ship's Name m.s. "PLASSY" R.M.C. of London Tons { Gross 563 Net 233

Built at Beverley When 1941 4 Casualty notice sent to Owner 30.3.60. Owner's reply 1.4.60.

Owners Limerick S.S. Co., Ltd.

Managers S.J.K. Roycroft.

Address Limerick, Irish Republic.

WRECK
SECTION
No. 726

Classification details

✠ 100A1	LMC CS4,56
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✠ Lloyd's RMC	

of Casualty 8th March, 1960.

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Stranded on Finnis Rock, Galway Bay and
broken up in heavy seas.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

PLASSY. — Land's End Radio, Mar. 8.
— Following received from Valentia
Radio:

At 5 42 a.m., G.M.T.: Mayday (dis-
tress signal), following received from
motor vessel Plassy, MRQD, (Liverpool
for Galway) at 5 35 a.m., G.M.T.:
Ashore on Finnis Rock, south-east of
Inisheer Island.

At 6 9 a.m., G.M.T.: Following
received from Niton Radio at 5 54 a.m.,
G.M.T.: Plassy in her original message
said that she was making water very
fast and abandoning ship.

Galway, Mar. 8. — Motor
vessel Plassy grounded south-east of
Inisheer about 5 a.m. to-day.

Valentia Radio, Mar. 8. —
Following received from motor vessel
Plassy at 6 33 a.m., G.M.T.: Now ashore
east side of Inisheer and require lifeboat
to stand by.

London, Mar. 8. — Lifeboats
put out early to-day to pick up the crew
of the motor vessel Plassy after she ran
aground on Finnis Rock, in Galway Bay.

— Exchange Telegraph Company.
London, Mar. 8. — The
owners of motor vessel Plassy report
that at 7 30 a.m. to-day a message was
received from the master reporting that
the vessel was ashore Aran Islands.
Engine-room was flooded, holds dry and
crew safe.

Galway, Mar. 8. — Motor
vessel Plassy is on Trawkeera Point,
Inisheer, which is rocky. Wind south-
east, force 8 (gale), heavy seas breaking
over her. Crew abandoned ship at
11 36 a.m., vessel cannot be approached;
weather forecast not good.

Valentia Radio, Mar. 8. —
Entire crew of motor vessel Plassy taken
ashore by breeches buoy at 11 37 a.m.,
G.M.T.

PLASSY. — Galway, Mar. 8. — It is under-
stood that motor vessel Plassy struck
some object at about 5 a.m. to-day,
her engines stopped and she went
ashore on Trawkeera Point. (See issue
of Mar. 9.)

Dublin, Mar. 9. — Motor
vessel Plassy, bound to Galway from
Fenit with a general cargo, went
aground in a strong gale on Finnis Rock,
near Inisheer Island, about 5 a.m. yes-
terday. After the vessel had grounded,
the crew launched the lifeboat and aban-
doned ship. Shortly afterwards, how-
ever, they noticed that the vessel had
refloated herself and went back on board
to try to keep her afloat and to
manoeuvre her away from the island.
Their efforts, however, were unsuccessful
and the strong winds and heavy seas
drove the vessel towards the rocks,
where she became fast. The crew of 11
was rescued by breeches buoy. Last
night the crew of the Plassy were still
on Inisheer Island, but the men will be
taken off to-day if the weather permits.
— "The Irish Times."

London, Mar. 10. — The
representative in London of the owners
of motor vessel Plassy reported to-day:
Owners' superintendent has been to the
vessel but could not get on board. The
weather is still bad. Vessel is being
driven farther inshore. Salvage Associa-
tion's special officer has arrived.

PLASSY. — Galway, Mar. 10. — Motor vessel
Plassy is aground on rocks at Trawkeera
Point, Inisheer Island, fully exposed
from south to south-west. Vessel rolling
and pounding violently at high tide
in ground swell, steady at low tide but
unapproachable under present condi-
tions. Position alters each tide but
present draught approximately 11 ft.
forward, 18 ft. aft at high water, com-
pared with 7 ft. and 12 ft. before
stranding. Hope to board and survey
vessel at low spring tide on Mar. 10,
but unless conditions improve casualty
will probably soon break up. Will
endeavour to-morrow to locate salvage
equipment for use, if required, although
prospects of successful refloating
extremely poor. One hundred and sixty
tons of general cargo. — Salvage Associa-
tion's Special Officer. (See issue of
Mar. 11.)

PLASSY. — Galway, Mar. 12. — Motor
vessel Plassy surveyed at low tide on
Mar. 12. Vessel single-bottomed in
No. 1 hold and engine-room and all
bottom plating heavily buckled, crushed
and torn open in places, with almost all
seams and rivets sprung and leaking.
Port side plating buckled up to sheer-
strake. Holds, engine-room and tank
tidal, accommodation flooded and all
insulation damaged by sea-water.
Prospects of refloating nil. Conditions
at present fair and vessel steady, but in
view of seriously damaged and weakened
condition doubtful whether casualty
will survive next bad weather. Owners
propose commence discharge of more
valuable and accessible cargo by hand
on Mar. 14, but this operation probably
very limited due to transport difficul-
ties. — Salvage Association's Special
Officer. (See issue of Mar. 12.)

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Suggested Record ✓ "WRECKED 3.60"

Date of Committee FRIDAY 22 APR 1960

Committee's Minute

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