

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Ship's Name s.s. "HEIMDAL" of Gothenburg Tons { Gross 4499
Net 2707

Built at Glasgow When 1928 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 4.3.57. Owner's reply ---

Owners Nya Angfartygs A/B Heimdal

Managers Rudolf Hellberg

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SECTION
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Classification details

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Date of Casualty 4th March, 1957.

Details of Casualty

Broken in two after stranding on rocks at Stangskar Point, Landsort, during fog.

~~No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the Owners on 4th March, 1957.~~

The Owners have concurred. 15/4/57

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

HEIMDAL. — Stockholm, Mar. 4. — Swedish steamer Heimdal (Tyne for Oxelosund) aground Bredgrund, south of Landsort. Two salvage tugs proceeding.

HEIMDAL. — Stockholm, Mar. 5. — Steamer Heimdal, which went aground on Mar. 4, sprang a leak, the engines stopped and the electric current was cut off. At the time of grounding there was fog and a hard wind was blowing. Seventeen of the crew of 28 immediately left the vessel. Salvage tug Themis is now alongside the Heimdal but salvage work is expected to take a long time as five cargo holds and the engine-room are full of water. The Heimdal has a cargo of cars and tractors. (See issue of Mar. 5.)

Gothenburg, Mar. 5. — A report from Stockholm states that Swedish steamer Heimdal grounded at Stangskar Point, Landsort, during fog and snow on Monday morning (Mar. 4) and sprang a leak. She has a cargo of 150 cars, some tractors and some general cargo. The Heimdal is aground on stones and rocks from amidships forward and it is reported that five of her holds and the engine-room are filled with water. Seventeen of the crew were taken off by a pilot vessel but later returned to the Heimdal. Salvage vessels Atlas and Poseidon have commenced pumping and three lighters have been sent to take the cargo of the Heimdal. — "Goteborgs Handels-och Sjöfarts-Tidning."

HEIMDAL. — Gothenburg, Mar. 6. — A report from Stockholm states that the situation of steamer Heimdal is very serious and salvors are working at speed to save the vessel's cargo. Five lighters and two tugs are taking the cargo to Södertelje. Damage to the vessel is very heavy and divers are attempting to effect tightening, the work being rendered difficult as the Heimdal is completely aground. The weather has been good for the last few days but a change for the worst is forecast. Salvage vessels Thetis, Atlas and Poseidon were sent by Neptunbolaget. — "Goteborgs Handels-och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Mar. 8.)

HEIMDAL. — Helsingborg, Mar. 7. — A report from Stockholm states that rough seas and southerly wind are rendering difficult the salvage of steamer Heimdal. A fourth salvage vessel, the Titan, left Karlskrona on Thursday (Mar. 7) and was expected at the scene of the grounding yesterday afternoon. Discharging operations are completed with the exception of 50 cars and 20 tractors in the flooded holds. Attempts to tighten and pump dry have been unsuccessful and it may be necessary to discharge these remaining 70 vehicles with diver assistance. — "Helsingborgs Dagblad." (See issue of Mar. 9.)

HEIMDAL. — Helsingborg, Mar. 10. — A report from Stockholm states that the position of steamer Heimdal was unchanged yesterday. The southerly wind and heavy seas hinder salvage work and divers are unable to go down. All attempts to pump the vessel dry are useless while the heavy damage to the hull cannot be repaired. — "Helsingborgs Dagblad." (See issue of Mar. 13.)

Gothenburg, Mar. 11. — A report from Stockholm states that the position of steamer Heimdal yesterday evening was still serious but the outlook appeared more favourable than on Saturday evening (Mar. 9). The strong south-westerly wind and sea swell rendered impossible the diving for repair of bottom damage, but other operations for refloating the vessel are in progress. — "Goteborgs Handels-och Sjöfarts-Tidning."

HEIMDAL. — Helsingborg, Mar. 13. — A report from Stockholm states that the position of steamer Heimdal had improved yesterday morning. Sea and wind had diminished, a light west-north-westerly breeze is blowing. Neptunbolaget hope to undertake diving during the course of the day for repair of the vessel's bottom damage. — "Helsingborgs Dagblad." (See issue of Mar. 14.)

HEIMDAL. — Stockholm, Mar. 19. — Steamer Heimdal has now broken in two near No. 3 hatch and is in imminent danger of sinking. Salvage company trying to save stern part. (See issue of Mar. 16.)

HEIMDAL. — Helsingborg, Mar. 22. — A report from Stockholm states that the after part of steamer Heimdal broke away during a snowstorm in the night of Mar. 20-21 and sank to deck level. As soon as weather permits, Neptunbolaget will investigate the possibilities of tightening and salving the after part. — "Helsingborgs Dagblad." (See issue of Mar. 20.)

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

WRECKED 3,57
TUESDAY 16 APR 1957

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