

Rpt. 25

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

Ship's Name SS/MS "ESSO WANDSWORTH" Gross tons 4352 Date of Build 1943
Casualty notice sent to Owners --- Owners' Reply --- Owners ---

Details of classification

100A1	LMC 9,61
oil tanker-except Nos. 1,2 & 3 side tanks	BS M8,64
8,64	sp 8,63
ss Dr 6,57	ts p8,64
9,61	Ns8,63
Classed 6,57	CL

Details of casualty

This ship, which was damaged by collision near Ovens Buoy, Lower Hope Reach, has been settled as a Constructive Total Loss. Subsequently sold to T.W. Ward, Ltd., Grays, Essex, for breaking up.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 23rd September, 1965.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

22/9/65
ESSO WANDSWORTH. — Gravesend, Sept. 23.—At approximately 10 50 p.m. to-day, a collision occurred between tank steamer Esso Wandsworth, Thames Haven for Littlebrook Power Station, Dartford, and motor vessel MOERDYK, outwards from Royal Docks, London, for Havre (and Vancouver), in the vicinity of Ovens Buoy, Lower Hope Reach.
Gravesend, Sept. 24.
—At 10 47 p.m., Sept. 23, tank steamer Esso Wandsworth, 1,847 net registered tons, laden with fuel oil, was in collision with Dutch motor vessel MOERDYK off Ovens Buoy. The weather was foggy. The Esso Wandsworth was holed in port side No. 1 cargo tank from the ship's side to the centre line of the vessel. No. 1 cargo tank, ballast tank, pump-rooms and store-room were flooded. There is extensive damage to deck fittings and approximately 800 tons of fuel oil were lost in river. The vessel was beached upstream and inshore of Ovens Buoy, with tugs Sun XXV, Hibernia, Cervia and Crested Cock attending. Port of London Authority salvage officer is in attendance. The MOERDYK was holed in stem and has a split in starboard side at the waterline over approximately seven frame spaces from the stem and on the port side over the same distance approximately eight feet above the waterline. The vessel anchored off Alpha Jetty, Cliffe, for an inspection of the damage.
Southend, Sept. 24.—Motor vessel MOERDYK passed here at 4 p.m., to-day, bound down, under her own power.

22/10/65
ESSO WANDSWORTH.—London, Oct. 1.
—Tank steamer Esso Wandsworth is now at Tilbury Repair Jetty. (See issues of Sept. 27 and 29.)
22/10/65
ESSO WANDSWORTH.—London, Oct. 19.
— Tank steamer Esso Wandsworth has entered north-western dry dock, Tilbury. (See issue of Oct. 2.)
22/12/65
ESSO WANDSWORTH.—London, Dec. 9.
—Information has been received that tank steamer Esso Wandsworth, which was in collision with Dutch motor vessel MOERDYK in Lower Hope Reach, River Thames, on Sept. 23, has been declared a constructive total loss. (See issues of Sept. 29 and Oct. 20, also MOERDYK in issue of Oct. 28.)



Suggested record "DAMAGED BY COLLISION 9,65 - TO BE BROKEN UP"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 7 JAN 1966

Noted

Minute

Damaged by collision 9,65
To be broken up

1,000,12,61 (MADE AND PRINTED IN ENGLAND)

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