

WRECK

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No

Wreck Report No.

14970

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 64241 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 31/59

Date of writing this report 18th March, 19 59.

Ship's Name s.s. "HOLDERNESS" of Hull Tons { Gross 982
Net 486

Built at Wivenhoe When 1920 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners Holderness S.S. Co., Ltd.

Managers

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Classification details

BS *	MBS *11,55
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Date of Casualty 11th March, 1959.

Details of Casualty

Struck rocks and sank off Blyth in heavy
weather. There are no prospects of salvage.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

HOLDERNESS.—Cullercoats Radio, Mar. 11. — Following received from British steamer Holderness at 10 16 a.m., G.M.T.: Pan (urgency signal), on Pig and Whistle Rocks, off Blyth east pier. Request lifeboat to stand by. Please advise harbour-master at Blyth.

Blyth, Mar. 11. — Steamer Holderness, of Hull, Blyth for Londonderry, cargo coal, when proceeding to sea at 10 a.m. to-day, grounded on rocks outside east pier. Blyth lifeboat standing by.

London, Mar. 11. — Steamer Holderness went aground to-day on The Sow and The Pigs Rocks, outside Blyth harbour, a quarter of an hour after setting out with a cargo of coal. Blyth lifeboat took off four of the crew. Heavy seas are pounding the vessel, which is hard aground. The lifeboat and tug Northsider are standing by. The vessel is lying broadside on the rocks, with a heavy tide coming in.

Tynemouth, Mar. 11. — Blyth lifeboat has returned. Four of crew of steamer Holderness brought ashore in lifeboat. Remainder of crew rescued by breeches buoy.

London, Mar. 11. — The following message has been received from Hull, dated Mar. 11: Steamer Holderness: Rudder gone and vessel badly holed.

Blyth, Mar. 11. — Position of steamer Holderness has worsened. Vessel holed, rudder and stern frame gone. Heavy seas, vessel bumping badly, alongside east pier, Seaton Sea Rocks. All crew ashore, no casualties. Vessel bound to Londonderry, cargo 1082 tons of coal.

HOLD — Newcastle upon Tyne, Mar. 11. — Steamer Holderness is lying on seaward side of Blyth east pier, fully exposed to sea conditions, which rough, with fresh on-shore breeze at this afternoon's high tide. Propose to view situation at low tide to-morrow forenoon. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Mar. 12.)

London, Mar. 12. — Steamer Holderness broke her back last night. The vessel had been subject to continuous pounding by heavy seas, which battered her against the east pier foundations.

Blyth, Mar. 12. — Steamer Holderness is in a difficult position for salvage, and tugs cannot get near enough at present because of the shallow water. (Later) Vessel inspected at low tide this morning. Poop, engine-room aft and fore-castle only remain above water; all structure between has disappeared below water. Surveyors consider no prospects of salvage. It is understood that harbour authorities are serving notice requiring removal of wreck. Majority of coal cargo has washed out of vessel.

Blyth, Mar. 12. — Steamer Holderness: Inspected at low tide this morning. Vessel lying on star-board side to seaward side of east pier. Poop, engine-room aft and fore-castle only remain above water. All structure between has disappeared below water. Consider no prospects of salvage, also consider cost of repairs, if salvaged, would exceed insured value. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.



Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

"WRECKED 3,59"

FRIDAY 20 MAR 1959

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