

Wreck Report No.

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 28158 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 75/57

Date of writing this report 14th November, 19 57.

Ship's Name s.s. "SHILLONG" REF MCHY

of London

Tons { Gross 8934
Net 4816

Built at Newcastle When 1949 3

Casualty notice sent to Owner 8.11.57. Owner's reply 11.11.57.

Owners P. & O. Steam Nav. Co.

Managers

Address 112, Leadenhall Street, E.C.3.

Classification details

with fbd Carrying oil FP above	BS M1,56
150° F. or veg. oil or latex	d1,57
in No. 3 hold port & starboard	
wing tanks & wood oil in FPT	ts 2,55 CL
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22nd October, 1957.

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Sunk by collision 190 miles S. of Suez.

The owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ONG. — Aden, Oct. 23. — Following reported by Aden Radio:

At 9 30 p.m., G.M.T., Oct. 22: Following received from Koseir Radio: Steamer Shillong, GBQX, (Hamburg and London for Tsingtao) at 9 p.m. in sinking condition, position lat. 28 13 50 N., long. 33 17 E., please give immediate assistance.

At 10 20 p.m., G.M.T., Oct. 22: Following received from motor tanker Skotland and relayed to Aden Radio by motor tanker Vestfoss: S.O.S. from Skotland to Alexandria Radio: Crew from sinking ship is on board Skotland, accounting is moving on now.

At 10 30 p.m., G.M.T., Oct. 22: Following received from Skotland: Following wreck in position lat. 28 15 6 N., long. 33 14 E., no light on wreck; dangerous to shipping.

At 10 45 p.m., G.M.T., Oct. 22: Following received from Skotland and relayed to Aden Radio by Vestfoss: Total crew rescued except three persons probably killed, picked up. Lifeboat on deck and locate wreck for further information to shipping.

London, Oct. 23. — The following cable has been received from Port Said, dated Oct. 23: Steamer Shillong, for Aden, reported foundered due to collision with motor tanker PURFINA CONGO, (Mena al Ahmadi) for Suez (and Genoa), at 2 a.m., Oct. 23, approximately 190 miles south of Suez. Eighty-four crew and six passengers reported safe, arriving Suez by motor tanker Skotland, a.m., Oct. 23. Two casualties to crew unconfirmed. PURFINA CONGO reports stern and windlass torn off, proceeding Suez in tow by unknown vessel.

Aden, Oct. 23. — Following reported by motor tanker Skotland at 11 15 p.m., G.M.T., Oct. 22: Wreck of steamer Shillong in position lat. 28 15 6 N., long. 33 14 E.; dangerous to shipping. Empty lifeboat and liferaft set adrift, and at 11 25 p.m., G.M.T., one Asian seaman missing, last seen alive on board, possibly in lifebuoy. All ships please keep sharp look out. — Master Shillong.

London, Oct. 23. — The Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company report the loss of their steamer Shillong in the Gulf of Suez. She left London on Oct. 7 carrying general cargo for the Far East and was in collision with the Belgian motor tanker PURFINA CONGO. This occurred in position lat. 28 15 6 N., long. 33 14 E., at 10 15 p.m., local time, on Oct. 22. The Shillong was carrying six passengers and a crew of 87, 26 of whom are European and 61 of whom are Asian. Two members of the crew are missing, one Asian seaman is reported to have been picked up by the PURFINA CONGO. The remaining officers and crew and all six passengers are reported by the master of the Shillong, Captain E. J. Spurling, to have been taken on board the Danish motor tanker Skotland. The Skotland was bound for Suez and it is understood that she arrived in Suez at 7 a.m., G.M.T., to-day. The last port of call of the Shillong, before passing through the Suez Canal, was Genoa, which she left on Thursday, Oct. 17, carrying 11,700 tons of general cargo for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Manila, Hongkong, Japan and China.

London, Oct. 23. — The following cable has been received from Port Said, dated Oct. 23: The following reported verbally at Suez by the Spurling, of steamer Shillong: Position of vessel off Ras Gharib, lat. 28 15 6 N., long. 33 16 E. Collision occurred at 10 15 p.m., local time Oct. 22. Vessel hit by motor tanker PURFINA CONGO amidships port side, doing considerable damage to ship's hull; ship shocked heavily. All got in lifeboats, except chief steward, J. French, and apprentice Palmar, presumed killed by impact. Fireman F. Khushia died from injuries sustained in getting in boat, body now on board motor tanker Skotland. Eighty-four crew and six passengers, including three ladies, all well. Master states all behaved marvellously. After abandonment ship turned down.

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SECTION

No. 747

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Suggested Record

"SUNK BY COLLISION 10,57"
FRIDAY 15 NOV 1957

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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