

Wreck Report No. WRECK SECTION NO. 752

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 17954 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 32/62 Date of writing this report 28th March, 19 62.
 Ship's Name m.s. "KINGSGATE" of Hull Tons { Gross 545
 { Net 278
 Built at Walsend When 1949 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 21.3.62. Owner's reply 22.3.62.
 Owners Hull Gates Shipping Co., Ltd.
 Managers Craggs & Jenkin Ltd.
 Address 10, Scale Lane, Hull.

Classification details

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Date of Casualty 17th February, 1962.

Details of Casualty

This ship stranded on Holy Island and sustained damage. She has now been refloated and is lying in Berwick Harbour before being towed around to the Tyne for examination and repairs.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

KINGSGATE. — Stonehaven Radio, Feb. 17. — Following received from British motor vessel Kingsgate, MTKL:
 At 8 58 p.m., G.M.T., addressed Mayday (distress signal): Vessel aground and pounding heavily north of Farne Islands.
 At 9 11 p.m., G.M.T.: Ashore north of Holy Island but not sure of exact position.
 Holy Island, Feb. 17.
 —Holy Island lifeboat launched at 9 22 p.m. to assistance of vessel ashore on north shore of Holy Island. Life-saving Apparatus also proceeded.
 Stonehaven Radio, Feb. 17. — Following received from British motor vessel Shetland Trader at 9 40 p.m., G.M.T.: Motor vessel Kingsgate position Wingate Reef, just north of Emanuel Point.
 Following received from Kingsgate at 9 42 p.m., G.M.T.: Can see Shetland Trader. Our holds filling rapidly with water.
 Following received from Fifeness Coastguard at 9 48 p.m., G.M.T.: Position of vessel ashore, bearing 310 deg. from Holy Island look-out position, is north side of Holy Island. Life-saving Apparatus is proceeding.
 Berwick-upon-Tweed, Feb. 17. — Berwick lifeboat launched and proceeded to assist British motor vessel Kingsgate, aground on Goswick sand, Berwick Bay, at 10 p.m.
 Stonehaven Radio, Feb. 17. — Following received from Holy Island lifeboat at 10 13 p.m., G.M.T.: About one mile from motor vessel Kingsgate.
 Following received from Berwick lifeboat at 11 9 p.m., G.M.T.: We are with the Holy Island lifeboat, both one mile from Kingsgate.
 Following received from Kingsgate at 11 32 p.m., G.M.T.: All the crew safely ashore. Master and chief engineer remaining on board until high water. You can cancel Mayday broadcast.
 Holy Island, Feb. 18.
 —Eight crew brought ashore from motor vessel Kingsgate, six by breeches buoy and two by hand. Vessel believed holed No. 1, listing about 15 deg. to starboard, seaward side.
 Berwick-upon-Tweed, Feb. 18. — Berwick lifeboat returned after service to motor vessel Kingsgate.
 Holy Island, Feb. 18.
 —Motor vessel Kingsgate: Holy Island lifeboat returned to moorings at 3 55 a.m.
 London, Feb. 18. — Motor vessel Kingsgate, which grounded on Goswick sandbank last night, was on voyage from Montrose to Sunderland, in ballast.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

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Suggested Record "IN PORT DAMAGED" (Class retained)

Date of Committee FRIDAY 30 MAR 1962

Committee's Minute

In port damaged



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KINGSGATE. — North Shields, Feb. 18. — Tug George V left the Tyne on Feb. 17 to assist motor vessel Kingsgate, aground. (See issue of Feb. 19.)

London, Feb. 18. — When the tide fell, the master and some of the crew of motor vessel Kingsgate returned on board. A tug from South Shields stood by to get a line on board the vessel to attempt refloating.

South Shields, Feb. 19. — A bid to refloat motor vessel Kingsgate is not expected to be made until later in the week. Mr. S. F. Craggs, a director of Hull Gates Shipping Co., Ltd., the owners of the vessel, said to-day that the vessel was taking a certain amount of water and arrangements were being made to locate and repair leaks and pump out water. It was likely to be two or three days before a refloating attempt could be made. Meanwhile, only the master, mate and chief engineer of the eight-man crew are continuing to stand by, the remainder having been sent home. — LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent.

Berwick, Feb. 19. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: Attended on board yesterday evening and found vessel lying on Goswick Sands, heading west; one anchor out and hold partly flooded. Attendance at 10 a.m. to-day revealed slight amount of water in hold, approximately 10 tons of sand, and tank top ceiling broken adrift. One hole about 9 in. long discovered on starboard side at turn of bilge in way of No. 21 frame hole from forepeak bulkhead. Plugged hole with wooden wedges. Fire brigade providing one pump for pumping this evening. Intend attempting to stop leakage this evening. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (Note. — Salvage Association's Salvage Officer is due Berwick p.m., Feb. 19.)

KINGSGATE. — London, Feb. 19. — A start was made to-night to repair the damage to motor vessel Kingsgate. Firemen put pumps on board and started pumping when the tide fell. The sea and wind have driven the Kingsgate farther onto the sandbank, where she is now embedded to a depth of about 6 ft. (See issue of Feb. 20.)

KINGSGATE. — London, Feb. 21. — The owners of motor vessel Kingsgate advise that salvage attempts by tug George V on 2 a.m. tide, Feb. 21, were unsuccessful. The Kingsgate is now firmly embedded and full of ballast. A further attempt is being made on next tide to-day. (See issue of Feb. 21.)

Berwick, Feb. 21. — Motor vessel Kingsgate, position: Nos. 1 and 2 double bottom tanks, port and starboard, holed, extent not ascertainable, forepeak leaking, afterpeak tight. Attempted refloating on p.m. tide of Tuesday (Feb. 20), using tide, but unsuccessful. Further attempts on this morning's tide using tug George V also unsuccessful, two wires parted. Vessel's bow moved a total of 25 ft. seawards and is heading approximately north-west magnetic. Ship's bower anchor and kedg laid to seaward. Bulldozer arranged to shift sandbank on starboard (seaward) side and further attempts this afternoon. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents.

KINGSGATE. — Berwick, Feb. 22. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: No refloating attempt made yesterday afternoon owing to non-arrival of tug. Despite ground tackle, vessel driven 50 ft. up beach by heavy swell. Arrangements for further attempts to-day's p.m. tide. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Feb. 22.)

Holy Island, Feb. 22. — Attempt to refloat motor vessel Kingsgate not successful.

KINGSGATE. — South Shields, Feb. 22. — Tyne tug Impetus is to attempt to refloat motor vessel Kingsgate, aground on Holy Island. She has taken the place of tug George V, which made an unsuccessful attempt to free the vessel yesterday and has since returned to the Tyne. The Impetus has taken over because of her lighter draught, which will enable her to go much closer inshore to the grounded vessel and get a better pull. Because of the nature of the coastline at that point, the George V had to operate on a long tow, which was parted during yesterday's refloating attempt. It is hoped preparations will be complete to enable the Impetus to make a bid to refloat the Kingsgate on the high tide early this evening. — "Shields Gazette and Shipping Telegraph." (See later report in issue of Feb. 23.)

Berwick, Feb. 23. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: Refloating attempted using tug Impetus p.m. tide, Thursday, Feb. 22. Vessel's bows shifted over arc of 30 deg. to seaward in sub-predication tide. Arrangements made to resume towing a.m. this morning, but this was cancelled after Lloyd's surveyor had inspected vessel at owners' superintendent's request. Recommend immediate employment of salvage contractors. Tides now taking off and vessel secured in position with anchor and watchmen on board. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents.

South Shields, Feb. 23. — Following another unsuccessful attempt last night to refloat motor vessel Kingsgate, further bids have been called off until the next spring tides in about ten days. The decision to suspend refloating operations is the result of the vessel showing signs of further leaks, which will require repair. Last night's refloating attempt was made by Tyne tug Impetus, which has now returned to Tyne. — LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent.

KINGSGATE. — South Shields, Feb. 23. — A spokesman for Hull Gates Shipping Co., Ltd., Hull, said to-day that representatives of Dutch salvage contractors were due to inspect the company's motor vessel Kingsgate, aground on Holy Island, with a view to refloating attempts being renewed on spring tides next week. The owners' spokesman said he did not think the Kingsgate had sustained any more damage in recent easterly gales and heavy seas. The vessel was well embedded on a sandbank and there was insufficient depth of water at present low tides to buffet her. — LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Feb. 24.)

KINGSGATE. — London, Mar. 1. — The London agents of L. Smit & Co., Rotterdam, report that their principals advise that salvage of motor vessel Kingsgate has been accepted on Lloyd's Open Form. (See issue of Feb. 28.)

KINGSGATE. — Berwick, Mar. 7. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: Salvage vessel Bruinvisch arrived a.m., Mar. 6. Ground tackle relaid and additional anchor carried out. Anticipate heaving seaward this afternoon. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Mar. 2.)

KINGSGATE. — Glasgow, Mar. 8. — Dutch salvage experts from Rotterdam failed yesterday to refloat motor vessel Kingsgate. — "The Glasgow Herald." (See issue of Mar. 8.)

Leeds, Mar. 8. — Dutch salvage experts from Rotterdam started a new attempt yesterday to refloat motor vessel Kingsgate. A southeasterly gale will seriously handicap to-day's attempt when the tide reaches its maximum of 21 ft. Since she ran aground, the Kingsgate has been swept a farther 90 yards onto the sands. — "The Yorkshire Post."

Berwick, Mar. 8. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: Bow now swung to seaward, heading approximately north. Vessel lying fairly quietly at high water. Relaying anchors and placing additional heavy anchor to seaward to-day. Weather too rough for refloating. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents.

Holy Island, Mar. 8. — Attempt to refloat motor vessel Kingsgate unsuccessful.

KINGSGATE. — Berwick, Mar. 9. — Motor vessel Kingsgate now heading to sea at 25 deg. Intend heaving on ground tackle p.m. to-day. Vessel did not sustain damage during gale of Thursday (Mar. 8). — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Mar. 9.)

KINGSGATE. — Berwick, Mar. 10. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: Hove on ground tackle p.m. tide on Friday (Mar. 9) and shifted 120 ft. to seawards. No advance made during morning tide but intend further attempts this evening. — Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Mar. 9.)

KINGSGATE. — Berwick, Mar. 11. — Motor vessel Kingsgate moved 40 ft. to seaward on yesterday afternoon's tide. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Mar. 12.)

Berwick, Mar. 12. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: Poor tidal rise precluded any resumption of moving seaward yesterday. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents.

KINGSGATE. — Berwick, Mar. 13. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: No change in position. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Mar. 13.)

KINGSGATE. — Berwick, Mar. 20. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: Trenching by bulldozer continues between tides day and night. Hove on ground tackle at this afternoon's high water; vessel lively but no advance noted. Unable to continue operations to-night owing to defect in bulldozer. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Mar. 14.)

Berwick, Mar. 21. — Motor vessel Kingsgate: Bulldozer repaired and worked for 2½ hours p.m., Mar. 20, before tide suspended operation. Hove on ground tackle at high water a.m., Mar. 21, and vessel moved 65 ft. seawards. Continuing operation as tide permits. Tug ordered for p.m. tide on Mar. 22. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents.

KINGSGATE. — Berwick, Mar. 21. — Motor vessel Kingsgate moved 230 ft. seawards on this afternoon's tide. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Mar. 22.)

Berwick, Mar. 22. — Motor vessel Kingsgate refloated at 3 10 a.m. and now berthed in Tweed Dock. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents.

Rotterdam, Mar. 22. — Motor vessel Kingsgate refloated at 3 10 a.m., Mar. 22, by salvage vessel Bruinvisch and beach gear and later towed into Berwick. — L. Smit & Co.

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