

# REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIRS &c.

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9307

No. 85089 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 12/37 Date of writing this report 31st March 1937  
 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Terneuzen" of London Tons (Net) 1478  
 (Gross) 2472  
 at Greenock When 1922 - 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner 17/3/37 Owner's reply 23/3/37  
 Name Lensen Shipping Ltd. (C. A. Jensen, Mgr.)  
 Address 9, Cannonmole Street, London, E.C. 3.

Previously before Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.
	Last Minute	SS R.C. N. 23-1033
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		MS 10.33
		BS 11.35

Casualty 27th January, 1937.

Particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have driven aground during a gale about 4 miles south-east of the entrance to Setubal harbour on the 27th January.

Bad weather prevented salvage operations from being undertaken until the latter part of February, but attempts to refloat have so far failed.

The Salvage Association's Special Officer reported on the 27th February that the vessel still remained embedded in the sand, several feet short of floating draught, but the Contractors were making strenuous efforts to improve the position by removing sand.

In reply to a special casualty letter, the Owners furnish a copy of a report, dated 16th March, received from the Captain of the vessel, from which it appears that salvage operations are continuing, but "there is now" "little hope of the ship being refloated before" "the April spring tides, & possibly not then"

29th April 1937.

In reply to inquiry by telephone today, the Owners stated they were awaiting further news from the Salvage Association regarding the prospects of salvage.

On inquiry of the Salvage Association, it was ascertained that in their opinion the vessel could not be refloated on a profitable basis, & they were recommending her acceptance by the Underwriters as a total loss.

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Deferred Time

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

TERNEUZEN.—Lisbon, Jan. 27.—British steamer Terneuzen is aground on the bar at Setubal, situation desperate, believed no hope. Impossible send aid owing to steam and fog.—Reuter.  
 London, Jan. 27.—British steamer Terneuzen: A member of the firm of the owners, the Lensen Shipping Company, stated: The Terneuzen left Pflushing on Jan. 15 for Setubal. She was in ballast, and was going to load a cargo at Setubal for Rotterdam. The last message we received from her was on Friday (Jan. 22) when she was 175 miles north of Finisterre. Her master, Captain Turnbull, of Newport, stated then that he expected to reach Setubal on Monday (Jan. 25). We know the vessel has been experiencing very rough weather.

London, Jan. 27.—The owners of the steamer Terneuzen have received the following wireless message from the master: Wind and sea have increased, vessel broadside on to beach and pounding heavily; fear breaking up.  
 Lisbon, Jan. 27.—British steamer Terneuzen aground near Setubal. Master reports in no immediate danger.

TERNEUZEN.—Lisbon, Jan. 27.— The steamer Terneuzen is, so far as is known to-night, still aground off Setubal. S O S messages were sent out and the harbour administrations at Lisbon and Setubal immediately ordered a tug to proceed to her assistance. The tug could not leave, however, owing to the stormy conditions prevailing. The weather abated this evening but when the tug again went out she was fog-bound and had to abandon again her effort to reach the Terneuzen.—British United Press.

London, Jan. 28.— The owners of the steamer Terneuzen have received the following messages:  
 From their agents at Setubal, dispatched at 2 50 p.m. on Jan. 27: Owing to south-west gale Terneuzen ashore 124 degrees four miles from entrance bar. Master informs no immediate danger. Have informed authorities. Doing all necessary.  
 From the master, dispatched at 5 p.m. on Jan. 27: Vessel high and dry but safe for present. Will require assistance to refloat.

London, Jan. 28.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Jan. 28: British steamer Terneuzen, ashore Setubal: Ascertaining prospects of salvage. Salvage steamer Rescue available at Gibraltar when weather improves.

Lisbon, Jan. 28.— Steamer Terneuzen: Wireless from master states good prospect of refloating with prompt assistance though pounding at high water. Gibraltar telegraphs arranging to send salvage steamer. Weather very bad here, bar impassable at present for local tugs to assist.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

TERNEUZEN.—Lisbon, Jan. 28.— Steamer Terneuzen, which was driven aground at the entrance to Setubal harbour by the gale yesterday, is reported safe on dry sands. It is expected that she will be refloated at the next high tide.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 29.—The following cables have been received from Gibraltar:—  
 Dated Jan. 28, 6 10 p.m.: Gale abating, very hopeful dispatch salvage steamer Rescue to Setubal to-morrow morning to assist steamer Terneuzen.  
 Dated Jan. 29, 10 20 a.m.: Salvage steamer Rescue sailed for Setubal.

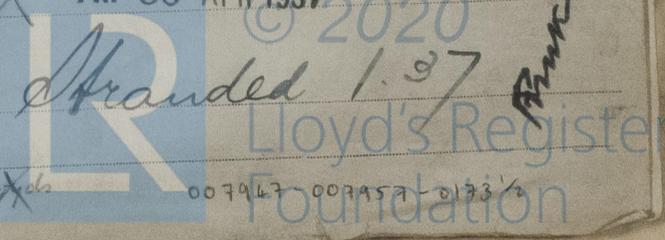
London, Jan. 29.— The owners of the steamer Terneuzen have received the following message from their Agent at Setubal: Master states has examined hull at low water, no apparent damage visible, fear unable to use main steam during salvage operations owing to boilers and engines being slightly displaced. In continuous touch with Lloyd's Agent. No danger, crew standing by ship.

Lisbon, Jan. 29.—The Lisbon Port Authorities have sent a tug to assist in the refloating of the British steamer Terneuzen.—British United Press.

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**TENNESSEE.**—Copenhagen, Feb. 2.—Norwegian motor vessel Tennessee, from Gulf of Mexico, cargo general goods, in entering port touched the ground outside the harbour.

3/2/37

**TERNEUZEN.**—Setubal, Feb. 2.—Steamer Terneuzen stranded high and dry on sandy peninsular about four miles SE. of entrance to Setubal Harbour broadside to shore. Screen bulkhead between engine and boilers buckled, several steam pipes and tank connections necked, engine unworkable until pipes repaired also several starboard side plates way No. 3 hold indented by force of sea. Consider vessel can be refloated by laying out heavy ground tackle but movements will only be possible during very high tides. Salvage steamer Rescue inspected to-day, awaiting instructions from Gibraltar before deciding contract as operations may occupy some time.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Feb. 8.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Feb. 8: Steamer Terneuzen: Bad weather still prevents operations.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—Lisbon, Feb. 12.—We understand that the salvage steamer Rescue hopes to make an attempt to refloat the steamer Terneuzen about the middle of next month, and is now obtaining additional heavy wires and other tackle from England.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Feb. 22.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Feb. 22: Steamer Terneuzen: Salvage steamer Rescue reports two tackles laid out, first 990 fathoms other 750 attached to two four-ton blocks of concrete. Present position sand banked up outside, forward seven feet aft eight.

23/2

**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Feb. 24.—Steamer Terneuzen: The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Feb. 24: Salvage steamer Rescue reports tackle hove taut, now concentrating on digging deep trench. Present tides falling short owing to prevalent northerly winds.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—Setubal, Feb. 25.—Steamer Terneuzen: Contractors have laid out two heavy sets of ground tackle seaward, both over 900 fathoms of 5-in. wire, each attached to four tons of concrete blocks. Owing to present prevailing fine weather tides too flat to give immediate results. Labourers now employed in removing silted sand round vessel. We require change of wind and south-westerly conditions together with movement on sea to get full advantage at spring tide rise.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—Setubal, Feb. 27.—Steamer Terneuzen: These spring tides have been accompanied by smooth conditions not helpful. Vessel remains embedded in sand, several feet short of floating draught. Contractors making strenuous efforts to improve position before March tides by removing sand.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—Setubal, Feb. 26.—Steamer Terneuzen: The fine weather conditions prevailing this spring rise are not helpful—smooth sea has silted sand around the vessel to 8 ft. height in places. We require a fresh south-westerly wind to accompany the spring rise to be effectual. A movement in the sea would tend to scour the beach and put some life into the vessel. The contractors have laid out two sets of ground tackle secured seaward by concrete blocks, which we think will be more effective than anchors in this sand. A gang of labourers is employed trenching the sand from alongside in the hope of getting the vessel lower down to the sea levels. The contractors have put two small pumps on board for emergency purposes.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Mar. 5.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Mar. 4, with reference to steamer Terneuzen: Salvage steamer Rescue returned Setubal from Lisbon Tuesday night (Mar. 2) after bunkering, reports trenching progressing satisfactorily. Yesterday south-west gale, tides rose appreciably.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—Setubal, Mar. 5.—Steamer Terneuzen: Position and conditions unchanged. Contractors continue trenching alongside endeavouring free vessel from sandy bed and lower her to tide levels, arranging additional weight pumping water into cargo holds as and when possible to facilitate operations.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Mar. 8.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Mar. 8: Steamer Terneuzen: Salvage steamer Rescue reports trenching progressing favourably, sand very compressed under vessel, scouring with 4 in. pump also pumping water into forward holds; bow has sunk about 6 in., outside bank 10 ft. amidships and eight both ends.

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**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Mar. 10.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Mar. 10: Steamer Terneuzen: Salvage steamer Rescue reports trenches nearly completed, removed approximately 7000 tons sand, every tide silts up small amount. Prospect depends entirely on having heavy sea spring tides; at present calm weather.

11/3/37

**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Mar. 15.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Mar. 14: British steamer Terneuzen: Yesterday with favourable conditions operations unsuccessful. To-day fine weather, vessel still requires 3 ft. more water under bow, shows no movement. Vessel must be lowered deeper. Fear no prospect refloat present tides.

16/3

Setubal, Mar. 15.—Steamer Terneuzen: Attempts refloat this week-end have proved disappointing. In spite of stormy weather accompanying spring tides favourable for operations, no movement of vessel has been possible. Continuing efforts to-day, but fear now fine weather conditions not helpful.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**TERNEUZEN.**—Setubal, Mar. 15.—Steamer Terneuzen: Position unchanged with to-day's tide, vessel remains embedded in sand too many feet above floating draught and unaffected by ordinary tide. We must endeavour to lower vessel to tide levels by weighting vessel and possibly erecting barrage at foot of sand dunes to arrest constant silting.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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London, Mar. 16.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Mar. 16: Steamer Terneuzen: Yesterday's attempt failed, weather calm.

**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Mar. 23.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Mar. 23: Steamer Terneuzen: Salvage steamer Rescue reports lowering vessel slow work, sand inside causing considerable trouble owing to continual silting. Low tides, no water pump well for scouring. Preparing to fill up decks with sand for weighting, cannot be ready week-end tides.

24/3

**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Mar. 30.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Mar. 29: Steamer Terneuzen: Salvage steamer Rescue reports barrier nearing completion.

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Present springs very low, calm weather. Water forward holds 1200 tons, after 600 tons, pumping three hours each high water still vessel shows no signs of lowering. Will be able to resume scouring with water from holds.

**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Apr. 5.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Apr. 3: British steamer Terneuzen: Salvage steamer Rescue reports present position approximately 4000 tons water and sand on board, using two 4-inch pumps scouring, no movement yet. Last tides left 10 ft. bank outside.

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Setubal, Apr. 5.—Steamer Terneuzen: Visited to-day with owners' surveyor. Position remains unchanged. Suggested contractor retains additional weight, roughly 3000 tons, on board, and continues trenching and scouring operations over next spring tides until vessel settles to tide levels. Weighting only effective when sea softens sand under vessel. Buoyancy essential to gain movement.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**TERNEUZEN.**—London, Apr. 14.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Apr. 14: Steamer Terneuzen: Decided abandon operations view failure last tides attempts.

15/4

**TERNEUZEN.**—Setubal, Apr. 19.—Steamer Terneuzen: Contractors have dismantled their gear, including ground tackle, about 50 tons bunkers landed otherwise position unchanged. Vessel remains embedded in 6 ft. sand. Local salvors not interested refloat, but offer purchase to cut up. From experience of unsuccessful trenching operations made by late contractors convinced only remote hope refloat on economic basis await abnormal tides. Such conditions may be long delayed.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

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