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Ship's Name SS/MS "HELGA SMITH" R.N.C. Gross tons 2089 Build 7-1945  
Casualty notice sent to Owners 8.5.63. Owners' Reply 13.5.63. Owners Polydora Shipping Co.

+100A1	+LMC CS12,61
with freeboard	
Str. nav. ice	BS d 1,63
1,63	sp NA
s.s. 5,62	ts 7,62 CL
+Lloyd's RMC	

This ship sprang leak and sank  
in lat. 46 28N., long. 51 35W. and  
has been declared a total loss.  
The owners concur.

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## SECTION

SMITH. — Cape Race Radio.  
22. — Following received from  
a motor vessel Helga Smith, SYR.  
(Montreal for Kristiansand S) at 12 09  
p.m. G.M.T., Apr. 22. At 10 p.m.,  
G.M.T., Apr. 21, in position lat. 46 10  
N., long. 51 10 W., heavy leakage located  
on board side engine-room. Proceeding  
towards Cape Race under speed 10 knots.  
Request assistance.

~ 24/4/63

— New York, Apr. 22. The crew of Greek motor vessel Helga Smith, 2,089 tons gross, have been picked up by a United States Coast Guard cutter after abandoning their sinking ship 40 miles east of Cape Race, Newfoundland, a Coast Guard spokesman here said last night. The Coast Guard here said that at 7:15 p.m. local time, the Helga Smith reported she was leaking severely and needed aid. Five minutes later, she sent out an SOS call. Coast Guard cutter Campbell then went to her aid and a Coast Guard plane was sent from Argonia, N.F. The Helga Smith later reported the crew abandoning ship. The Campbell reported about an hour later that all had been picked up from the lifeboats. The Coast Guard in New York later said the Helga Smith carried a crew of 26. The Campbell was standing by the abandoned ship and a salvage tug was on her way from Halifax.—Reuter.

—New York, Apr. 22.—Motor vessel Helga Smith reported sinking, leak in engine-room and taking on water, 60 miles south-east of Cape Race on Apr. 21. Cutter Campbell arrived on scene, removed 26 persons on board Helga Smith and standing by to await arrival of salvage tug Foundation Vigilant.

—New York, Apr. 22.—Coast Guard cutter Campbell reported she had picked up the crew of motor vessel Helga Smith at 11 6 p.m., local time (Apr. 21).—British United Press.

22. — The United States Coast Guard cutter Campbell to-day was standing by the abandoned motor vessel Helga Smith. Salvage tug Foundation Vigilant was en route from Halifax to take her in tow if she remained afloat. An Argentine Naval Base spokesman said the vessel began to ship water at the rate of one ton an hour after a crack in the hull caused a leak. Pumps could not stop the flow of water and the vessel was abandoned. One of the crew was on board when the cutter was called to the scene. The vessel was 14 feet long and 4 feet wide. The Coast Guard cutter Campbell was standing by the abandoned motor vessel Helga Smith.

Proceeding  
Motor vessel in poor condition  
sighted in St. John's Bay, about 40  
miles east of Cape Race, now reported  
taken in tow by salvage tug Foundation  
Vigilant, Apr. 22, and expected to  
reach St. John's, N.F., in morning of  
Apr. 23. Crew also due here then or  
United States Coast Guard cutter  
Campbell.

Motor vessel *Helga Smith* sank at 2 23 p.m., G.M.T., Apr. 23, in lat. 47° 8' 18" N., long. 52° 36' 12" W.

long. 52 36 12 W.  
— Motor vessel Hecja Smith sank to-day off Cape Broyle, about 40 miles south of here. The vessel was being used here by salvage tug Foundation Vigilant. —  
— Reuter.

— Greek motor vessel Helga Smith reported sank in about 40 fathoms of water at 10 20 a.m., A.S.T., Apr. 23, in position 101 miles 78 deg. true, from Cape Broyle. Crew will be landed at Argentina by Coast Guard cutter Campbell.

Apr. 23. — Tug Foundation Vigilant  
reports that Greek motor vessel Helga  
with, SYRL, sank at 2 20 p.m., G.M.T.  
Apr. 23, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles ENE. of Cape Broyle-  
newfoundland.

HELGA SMITH. — Washington, D.C., Apr. 22. — Motor vessel Helga Smith abandoned and sinking in lat. 46 28 N., long. 51 35 W., at 4 6 a.m., G.M.T., Apr. 22. White lifeboat and rubber liferaft adrift. Coast Guard cutter standing by. (See later report in issue of Apr. 24.)

The crew of sunken motor vessel *Harriet Smith* arrived at Argentia a.m., April 25, on board Coast Guard cutter *Campbell*.

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