

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 12th January, 1949

Vessel's Name *S.S. "Hopestar"* of *Newcastle*

Tons Gross 5267 Net 3192

Built at *Wallsend* When *1936* 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner *5.1.49*

Owner's reply *7.1.49*

Owner's Name *Wallsend Shipping Co. Ltd. (Stott, Mann & Fleming Ltd. Mgrs.)*

Address *4, Mosley Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1*

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1 with fwd 10.48
+LMC 4.46 BS (m.s.) 10.48
+NB (centre) 47
ss New-446 TS 3.47 CL

Date of Casualty

Overdue

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel left the Tyne on 2nd November last for Philadelphia, in ballast.

She radioed on the 14th November, when about 300 miles southeast of Halifax, that she had heavy weather damage in way of the deep tank.

She has not been heard of since and was posted as a Missing Vessel at Lloyd's on the 31st ultimo.

The Owners concur.

RETAIN

MIN BOX 1013

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

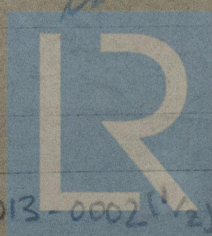
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Committee's Minute

Missing since 11.48

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STAR New York Nov. 23. According to the United States coast and service the steamer Hopestar for Philadelphia reported on Nov. 14 that she was 900 east of New York and had heavy weather damage. The vessel radioed that she would make a call at Cape Henlopen and expected to arrive off the point on Nov. 17. British

LL 24.11.48

OVERDUE VESSEL

HOPESTAR. Portland Radio, Nov. 24. Following received from Summit, Panama Radio at 3.40 a.m. (G.M.T.): Following received from Norfolk Radio: Steamer Hopestar, Newcastle-upon-Tyne for Philadelphia, overdue and missing and strong possibility that vessel foundered (unread) Nov. 14 near position lat. 41 N., long. 57 W. Extensive search in progress for possible survivors. Estimated drift since Nov. 14 has been to east-southeastward; request all ships keep sharp look out for survivors or wreckage.

London, Nov. 23. Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters in Halifax reported steamer Hopestar, as being lost 400 miles southeast of Halifax. She was stated to be six days overdue on a voyage from Newcastle to Philadelphia. The U.S. Coastguard service, which sent out a search plane from Argentina, N., said that poor weather is holding up the search. Should the weather clear, several R.C.A.F. planes will take off from Greenwood airport, about 50 miles from Halifax, to look for the vessel. British United Press.

New York, Nov. 23. Coastguards believe steamer Hopestar foundered on Nov. 14 in vicinity position lat. 43 N., long. 57 W. At search under way, extensive search to-morrow. Last message received Nov. 14 reports vessel had heavy weather damage in way of deep tank. London, Nov. 24. The following report was received from the owners of the steamer Hopestar, dated Nov. 23. Steamer Hopestar left the Tyne at 10 p.m. on Nov. 2 for Philadelphia in ballast. Vessel radioed on Nov. 14 that she had experienced heavy weather and sustained damage in way of deep tank. Now five days overdue. Argentine search plane coastguard informed.

St. John's, N.L., Nov. 24. A United States Coastguard PBY aircraft resumed search for the missing steamer Hopestar. The aircraft had abandoned the search owing to inclement weather yesterday, after flying 450 miles from the United States base at Argentia. Reuter.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24. Last word from steamer Hopestar on Nov. 14. Coastguard called attendance on Nov. 23. Aircraft search continues to date. Lloyd's.

LL 26/11

HOPESTAR.—New York, Nov. 26.—United States Coastguard and Air Force planes continued the search to-day for the British steamer Hopestar and her crew of 37. The search was expected to be abandoned last night, but Coastguard Headquarters here said that bad weather prevented a full sweep of the area where the vessel is believed to have gone down. Planes from Bermuda, Halifax and Argentia, N.F., to-day will comb the area about 600 miles east of New York.—Reuter. (See issue of Nov. 26.)

LL 27.11.48

HOPESTAR.—Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—Active search for steamer Hopestar terminates at darkness on Nov. 26. All vessels have been instructed to report any wreckage to Coastguard authorities at New York. (See issue of Nov. 27.)

" 29/11

New York, Nov. 26.—Aircraft have taken off for a final search of a 10,000 square miles area east of Newfoundland for the British steamer Hopestar. American and Canadian aircraft are taking part in the search, which is centred on a position about 400 miles south-east of Halifax.—British United Press.

New York, Nov. 26.—Coastguard authorities abandoned organised search for steamer Hopestar to-day.

HOPESTAR.—London, Dec. 7.—In reply to inquiry, the owners of steamer Hopestar write from Newcastle-upon-Tyne under date of Dec. 6: We have no further information regarding the loss of the Hopestar. (See issue of Nov. 29.)

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HOPESTAR.—London, Dec. 29.—With reference to the report emanating from British United Press, dated New York, Nov. 23, published under "Marine Casualties" in issue of Nov. 24, that the steamer Hopestar reported by wireless at 8 p.m. on Nov. 14, the news agency now ask that their report be disregarded entirely, as the last authentic message from the vessel is that addressed to the ship's agents in Philadelphia.

" 30/12

The owners of the vessel state that the following are the details of the last known message from the vessel. It was sent through Amagansett Radio via Mackay, and timed 1 a.m., Nov. 14, which would be Greenwich Mean Time, and was received at Philadelphia at 10 27 p.m., Nov. 13, American time. The text is as follows: Sobelman, Philadelphia: ETA (expected time of arrival) Cape Henlopen, 10 30 p.m., Nov. 17, heavy weather damage in way of deep tank, request Lloyd's and repairs on arrival.—Master. (See issue of Dec. 8.)

MISSING VESSEL

" 1.1.49

HOPESTAR.—London, Dec. 31.—Steamer Hopestar, of Newcastle, official number 161593, 5267 tons gross, master Duffon, which left the Tyne on Nov. 2 for Philadelphia, in ballast, and was reported by wireless in approximately lat. 42 N., long. 57 W., at 1 a.m., G.M.T., on Nov. 14, was to-day posted at Lloyd's as a Missing Vessel.

"HOPESTAR" POSTED AS MISSING

" 1.1.49

On N. Atlantic Ballast Voyage

The Committee of Lloyd's yesterday posted as Missing the British steamer Hopestar, owned by the Wallsend Shipping Company, Ltd. (Stott, Mann & Fleming, Ltd., managers), Newcastle. The vessel, in ballast, left the River Tyne on Nov. 2 last for Philadelphia. The last message to be received from her was timed 1 a.m. (G.M.T.), Nov. 14. The Hopestar then wirelessed that she had heavy weather damage in way of deep tank and gave her expected time of arrival at Cape Henlopen as 10 30 p.m. on Nov. 17. An active search by aircraft and a United States Coastguard cutter yielded no results.

The Hopestar, which was stated to have had a crew of 37, was a vessel of 5267 tons gross, built on the Tyne in 1936. She is the second vessel making a North Atlantic ballast passage to be posted Missing in 1948, the Samkey, which left London for Cuba in ballast on Jan. 21, 1948, being posted on Mar. 21, 1948.



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