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BEVERLEY BARGE SAVES 13 IN DRAMATIC RESCUE

A MOTORBARGE, the Thomas H., owned by Richard Hodgson and Sons, Beverley, rescued 13 men from drowning in the Ouse at Goole last night, when the s.s. Colwith Force of Whitehaven, grounded on the river bank and overturned.

The vessel, outward bound for Plymouth with 965 tons of deep-mined coal, left Ocean Lock at Goole about 6pm, but was unable to make headway against a strong tide, and was swept across the river. She grounded on the East Riding bank, took a list to port, and gradually heeled over on her side.

The cries of the crew were heard by people on Goole docks, and the Thomas H. went to the rescue. "We found the men clinging to the side of the vessel amidships," the captain of the barge, Skipper A. Whitehead, of Stainforth, near Doncaster, told the Hull Daily Mail. "I went in as close as possible and they jumped on the deck of my barge. It was very dark at the time and all the lights on the ship had gone out."

KEEL VISIBLE

One of the seamen said, "When the ship grounded, we blew for tugs. She soon began to heel over and fill with water and the crew rushed on deck. As she continued to overturn, we kicked off our boots in case we had to swim for it and scrambled on to the starboard side.

"We were shouting for help for about 20 minutes before the barge arrived, and by the time the last man was taken off, the ship's keel was showing."

Another seaman paid high tribute to Skipper Whitehead for his rescue work.

"He showed fine seamanship in the way he navigated his barge in the strong-running tide," said the man.

The seamen were landed on Ocean Lock quay and taken to Goole YMCA for hot drinks. All had lost their belongings, and most of them were wearing lifejackets.

The Colwith Force is of 805 tons gross, and is owned by W. S. Kennough and Co., Liverpool.

HULL MATE

Mate of the barge was John Henry Dawson, 43, Egton-st., Hull. The barge was travelling light to Moat House Wharf, Wakefield, to load open-cast coal

At high water today, only the bows of the Colwith Force were visible. The steamers Alt and Yorkbrook, also outward bound last night, had to put back to port and sailed today.

PREVIOUS WRECK

During the night, members of the Goole section of the West Riding Fire Service took out trailer pumps on a lighter, but found it was impossible to carry out any operations.

The Colwith Force sank almost at the spot where the s.s. Kodumaa grounded in 1942 and became a total wreck.

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