

WRECK SECTION REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK SECTION No. 578

SECTION 13407

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No. 06569 R.B. Wreck Book, p. 82/49 Date of writing this report 19th January 1950

Vessel's Name *S.S. "Cydonia"* of *N. Shields* Tons Gross 3595 Net 2161

Built at *Sunderland* When *1927* Casualty notice sent to Owner Owner's reply

Owner's Name *Flag Line, Ltd. (Joseph Robinson & Sons, Ltd., Mgrs.)*

Address *1, Howard Street, North Shields*

Case previously before Classing Committee. Date Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
<i>+100A1</i>	<i>+LMC1,48</i>
<i>8,49</i>	<i>BS1,49</i>
<i>ss. BRN-11,46</i>	<i>TSN 8,49CL</i>

CYDONIA. — Fishguard, Oct. 21. — Coast-guard reports steamer Cydonia (Workington for Barry) in trouble 37 miles NW. of Fishguard. Lifeboat called out.

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Vessels Mined

The British steamer *Cydonia* (3595 tons gross), Workington for Barry, in ballast, struck a mine in Cardigan Bay, about 32½ miles north of Strumble Head, on Friday afternoon. She was towed to Milford Haven by the tug *Englishman* and beached with engine-room, stokehold and afterhold flooded. The crew, with the exception of one man who was drowned in the engine-room, were rescued by the motorship *Mary Jensen* and the steamer *St. Clears*. The Dutch motorship *Casana* (258 tons gross), which left Copenhagen on Saturday morning for Odense, struck a mine when between the Danish islands of Funen and Samsø and sank.

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21st October, 1949

This steamer struck a floating mine in Cardigan Bay on the 21st October, 1949.

She was towed to Milford Haven and beached with the engine room, stokehold and afterhold flooded.

A large hole, 12 ft. to 15 ft. square had been blown in way of the engine room, causing damage to after engine room bulkhead. Engine room and No. 3 hold both filled with the rising tide and there was considerable leakage into No. 4 hold. Damage to machinery was extensive.

The vessel has been declared a total loss, repairs having proved to be impracticable.

VIA. — Seaforth Radio, Oct. 21. — Following received from British steamer *Cydonia* (Workington for Barry, in ballast) at 3 53 p.m., G.M.T.: SOS. (Message between Tuskar and Smalls. See "Yler" Marine Casualties" in issue of Oct. 22.)

Following received from steamer *St. Clears* at 4 38 p.m., G.M.T.: Addressed steamer *Cydonia*: Proceeding to your assistance, approximately 10 miles (distant), bearing 150 deg. Please keep advised. Position at 4 30 p.m., G.M.T., lat. 52° 6' N., long. 5° 38' 30" W., course 300 deg., speed 8.5 knots.

Following received from motor vessel *Mary Jensen* at 5 15 p.m., G.M.T.: Am standing by steamer *Cydonia* to take crew off.

Following received from Land's End Radio at 5 30 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from motor vessel *Mary Jensen*: Chief officer (of *Cydonia*) on board ship badly holed in engine-room, full of water. One man lost, several survivors picked up.

Following received from British steamer *St. Clears* at 5 39 p.m., G.M.T.: Now alongside distressed vessel and launching boats to help.

Following received from motor vessel *Mary Jensen* at 6 15 p.m., G.M.T.: From chief officer of *Cydonia*: Can you send tugs to lat. 52° 23' N., long. 5° 46' W. Twenty-one left on board.

Fishguard, Oct. 21. — Fishguard lifeboat was launched 6 29 p.m. to assistance of British steamer *Cydonia* which struck a mine 32½ miles N. of Strumble Head.

Suggested Record *Condemned after striking floating mine 10,49*

Date of Committee *FRI. 20 JAN 1950*

Committee's Minute *Condemned after striking floating mine 10.49*

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Seaforth Radio, Oct. 21.—
Following received from steamer
Cydonia at 7 3 p.m.: Now attempting
to leave vessel.

Following received from British
steamer ST. CLEARS at 7 48 p.m.,
G.M.T.: Have taken off 23 of crew of
steamer Cydonia, including master.
Cydonia mined in engine-room and
sinking fast. Warning to all ships, ST.
CLEARS' lifeboat broken adrift, no
occupants, all survivors safely on board.

London, Oct. 21.—There
is a jagged hole in the port side of
steamer Cydonia, the engine-room and
after hold are flooded, and the engines
out of action. One man was drowned
in the engine-room.

Burnham Radio, Oct. 22.
—Following received from British tug
Englishman at midnight, G.M.T.
(Oct. 21): Tug Englishman now has the
derelict steamer Cydonia in tow, last
reported sinking in position lat. 52 15
N., long. 5 36 W. No lights on board
steamer, shipping keep clear; now bound
for Milford Haven.

Hull, Oct. 22.—Tug
Englishman wirelessed: Have picked up
steamer Cydonia in approximate posi-
tion lat. 52 8 N., long. 5 20 W., aban-
doned, with engine-room flooded. Un-
able to make further examination owing
to bad weather. Connected with vessel
at midnight, making for Milford Haven.
(Later) Tug Englishman, towing steamer
Cydonia, position at 8 a.m., 270 degrees
16 miles from St. Ann's Head, reports
prospects doubtful. (Signed—United
Towing Company, Ltd.)

Milford Haven, Oct. 22.—
Steamer Cydonia arrived in tow of tug
Englishman after being damaged by
striking a mine in Cardigan Bay yester-
day. The vessel is only just waterborne
and it is intended to beach her this
evening.

Hull, Oct. 22.—Tug English-
man, towing steamer Cydonia, arrived
at Milford Haven at 1 30 p.m. to-day.
(Signed—United Towing Company,
Ltd.)

Hull, Oct. 22.—Master of
tug Englishman reports: Steamer
Cydonia beached in sheltered and safe
position in Angle Bay, Milford Haven,
at 6 30 p.m. to-day. Anchor and four
shackles of cable laid out. Engine-room,
stokehold and after hold flooded, after
deck awash, when beached draught
30 ft., forehold dry. Tug remaining in
attendance. Our salvage officer due to
arrive to-morrow. (Signed—United Tow-
ing Company, Ltd.)

Barry Island, Oct. 22.—
Information received at 2 10 p.m. from
Mumbles Head Coastguard Station,
states: Motor vessel Mary Jensen
arrived off Mumbles at 10 40 a.m. to-day
to land 14 survivors from steamer
Cydonia at Swansea p.m. to-day.

Fishguard, Oct. 22.—Fish-
guard lifeboat returned to base at 12 5
a.m. from assistance to steamer
Cydonia. Thirty-seven of crew picked
up, 23 by British steamer St. Clears
and 14 by motor vessel Mary Jensen;
one casualty.

London, Oct. 22.—Twenty-
three survivors of the crew of the
steamer Cydonia were landed at Liver-
pool this afternoon by steamer St. Clears.
—Exchange Telegraph Company.

CYDONIA.—London, Oct. 31.—In reply
to inquiry, Lloyd's Agent at Milford
Haven writes under date of Oct. 29:
Steamer Cydonia: After her arrival here,
in tow, it was hoped that the vessel
could be kept afloat until high water
that evening. It became evident that
she was likely to sink, however, and
tug Englishman stood by and kept her
in position until high water. She now
lies on a soft mud berth in Angle Bay,
extensively damaged. A large hole some
12 ft. to 15 ft. square has been blown
in way of engine-room, causing damage
to after engine-room bulkhead. Engine-
room and No. 3 hold both fill with the
rising tide and there is a considerable
leak into No. 4 hold. Damage to machi-
nery in the engine-room is extensive.
Temporary repairs have been arranged
with a view to placing the vessel in dry
dock for full survey. (See issue of
Oct. 24.)

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CYDONIA.—London, Nov. 8.—The
owners of the steamer Cydonia report
that vessel was moved to repairers' yard
on Nov. 2. (See issue of Nov. 5.)
Milford Haven, Nov. 8.—
Steamer Cydonia drydocked at Pem-
broke Dock last night.

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MINE CASUALTIES
CYDONIA.—South Shields, Dec. 29.—
At the annual meeting of the Stag Line,
Ltd., N. Shields, yesterday, it was stated
that their steamer Cydonia has been
declared a total loss. The vessel was
badly damaged in the engine-room when
she struck a mine in Cardigan Bay on
Oct. 21, and a survey carried out since
then in dry dock at Pembroke has
revealed that repairs would not be prac-
ticable. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.
(See issue of Nov. 9.)

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