

WRECK SECTION 13498
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 54497 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 67/50 Date of writing this report 4th October, 1950
Vessel's Name M.S. 'Cameo' of Glasgow Tons Gross 946 Net 504
Built at Glasgow When 1937 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 28.9.50 Owner's reply 30.9.50
Owner's Name William Robertson Shipowners Ltd.
(William Robertson, Mgr.)
Address 45 West Nile Street, Glasgow, C.I.

Case previously before [Date] Particulars of Classification.
Classing Committee. [Last Minute] 100A1 + LMC 146
4.50 + LMC(M) 1247
TS 4.49 CL
SS. TRN - 5.49 OIL ENGINES

Date of Casualty 10th September, 1950.

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This ship stranded 7½ miles North of Arklow
Bank Light - vessel on the 10th September, 1950.
Attempts to refloat were unsuccessful and after
a week she was flooded throughout and almost
submerged.
It is believed her back is broken, and
salvage is considered hopeless.
The Owners concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Land's End Radio, Sept. 10. -
Received from British trawler
at 5.50 a.m., G.M.T.: Sighted
round north end of Arklow Bank,
first about 9 a.m.
Following received from British motor
vessel 'Cameo' (Port Talbot) at
5 p.m., G.M.T.: Am ashore north
Arklow Bank; quite comfortable,
no assistance and hope to get
tide.
64-ton British motorship
ran aground
north end of
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istance and
next tide.
DUBLIN. - Port Talbot Radio, Sept. 10. -
Following received from British motor
vessel 'Cameo' (Port Talbot) for Dublin
with coal at 5.5 p.m., G.M.T.: Ashore
7½ miles N. of Arklow Bank light-vessel,
requesting immediately. (See issue of
Sept. 11.)
Sealark Radio, Sept. 11. -
Following received from British motor
vessel 'Cameo' at 3.22 a.m., G.M.T.:
Please contact Lloyd's and inform them
tugs urgently required owing to de-
terioration of weather. Ship stranded
on Arklow Bank.
Dublin, Sept. 11. - Motor vessel
'Cameo' is ashore 1 mile north of
swash, Arklow Bank. Dublin tug is in
attendance but weather is at present too
rough to tow her. Tug may have to
return to Dublin for port use.
Arklow, Sept. 11. - Motor
vessel 'Cameo' grounded inside Arklow
bank half mile north of swash opening
yesterday morning. Two hundred
fathoms of wire and kedge ran out
yesterday, took 17 tug in contact this
morning but no move yet. Position has
worsened materially and only hope is
to lighten cargo.
Liverpool, Sept. 11. - On
instructions from the owners of the
motor vessel 'Cameo', salvage vessel
'Ranger' has been dispatched on "no
cure no pay" terms and efforts are
being made to reach the 'Cameo' by
to-night's tide at 9 p.m. - Liverpool &
Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage
Association.
CAMEO. - Liverpool, Sept. 12. - Motor
vessel 'Cameo': Salvage vessel 'Ranger'
reported at 7 a.m. to-day making
attempt connect and tow 'Cameo' at high
water this morning. Weather fresh to
strong south-west wind. - Liverpool &
Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage
Association. (See issue of Sept. 12.)

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Suggested Record Wrecked 9.50
Date of Committee FRI. 6 OCT 1950
Committee's Minute Wrecked 9.50
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CAMEO.—Liverpool, Sept. 12.—Motor vessel Cameo: Our officer reports: Unable to board owing to heavy swell running both sides of vessel, but succeeded in passing 1½-in. manila messenger, followed by 3½-in. towing wire. Vessel's draught before stranding 16 ft. aft, but at high water this morning only nine feet alongside and salvage vessel Ranger unable to close nearer than 600 feet, where water shoals to three fathoms. Master of Cameo reports unable to provide power for heaving to ground tackle as three feet of water in engine-room but under control. Will transfer pumps, purchases and cargo grabs from Ranger by general purpose launch as soon as sea conditions permit and will endeavour meantime to connect towing wire to Ranger's towing hawser and heave Cameo through sand, but consider lightening essential though impossible under present weather conditions.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 13.)

Seaforth Radio, Sept. 12.—Following received from British salvage vessel Ranger at 7 33 p.m., G.M.T.: Please advise Wicklow lifeboat to go to motor vessel Cameo, crew wish to abandon vessel.

Liverpool, Sept. 13.—Motor vessel Cameo: Our officer reported last night: Wind fresh SW., heavy swell running fore and aft, master reports engine-room flooded and vessel pounding aft. Attempting to evacuate crew by Ranger's motor boat but unable to lie alongside and have signalled Wicklow lifeboat.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

Arklow, Sept. 13.—Motor vessel Cameo: Engine-room flooded; crew removed last night. Salvage vessel Ranger standing by awaiting suitable weather, position difficult but not hopeless.

London, Sept. 13.—Wicklow lifeboat early to-day brought 11 men ashore from the motor vessel Cameo.

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CAMEO.—Liverpool, Sept. 13.—Motor vessel Cameo: We have received a wireless message from our officer, timed 2 25 p.m., reporting a whole southerly gale. The situation of the Cameo will be examined when the weather moderates.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 14.)

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CAMEO.—Liverpool, Sept. 16.—Motor vessel Cameo: At low water yesterday, our officer approached within 30 ft. and reported vessel settled deeper by the stern, buckled amidships and three inch fracture in starboard bulwarks, hatches washed away, vessel flooded throughout, and of opinion back broken. Consider salvage hopeless and instructing our officer to return to Liverpool.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 16.)

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A surveyor, who on Saturday inspected the British motorship *Cameo*, aground on the Arklow Bank, reports that the vessel is flooded throughout. It is believed that her back is broken and salvage is considered hopeless.

CAMEO.—Liverpool, Sept. 14.—Motor vessel Cameo: Our officer reported at 3 p.m. to-day: Severe south-westerly gales are still persisting and unable to approach wreck.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 15.)

Liverpool, Sept. 15.—Motor vessel Cameo: Our officer reports: Wind abated temporarily and salvage vessel Ranger is lying off casualty but owing to heavy swell unable to board. Only parts of vessel now visible are fore-castle head, boat deck, funnel, bridge and mast. Fore end of lower bridge damaged and No. 2 derrick carried away. Vessel upright and 1 ft. of water over No. 2 hatch but unable to confirm if hatches are still in position. In view of unfavourable weather forecasts, withdrawing Ranger for time being, but salvage officer remaining until detailed examination possible.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

Arklow, Sept. 15.—Salvage vessel recalled to Liverpool; salvage officer remaining here. Prospects of salvaging motor vessel Cameo are poor.

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Several attempts have been made during the past few days to refloat the British motorship *Cameo*, which grounded on Sunday last on the Arklow Bank. The vessel is now nearly submerged. The salvage vessel *Ranger* has been temporarily withdrawn owing to weather conditions.



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