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No. 586

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 15283 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 9/50

Date of writing this report 15th March, 1950

Vessel's Name

M.S. "Killurin"

of London

Tons

Gross 565
Net 294

Built at Wellington Quay When 1946

YEAR.

MONTH.

Casualty notice sent to Owner 6.3.50

Owner's reply

Owner's Name

Henry J. Wilson

Address Commercial Quay, Wexford, Irish Republic

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

100A1	ELMC 146
849	TSN 9.49 09
	OIL ENGINES

Date of Casualty

7th February, 1950

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This motorship sank after striking Sillette Reef, Jersey, on the 7th February, 1950.

She settled in twenty-five feet of water at high tide, but ten days later there was no sign of her.

On the 7th March it was reported that only a small section of plating was visible through the heavy swell and it was thought that the vessel had broken up with no possibility of salvage.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 6th instant.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

KILLURIN. — Niton Radio, Feb. 7. — Following received from Jersey Harbour Radio:

At 5.42 a.m., G.M.T.: We have been informed by pilot cutter that at 5.15 a.m. motor vessel Killurin struck reef of rock just south of St. Aubin Bay. We are launching a lifeboat and can deal with locally, not in area where normal shipping can get. No distress signals were made and no need for general call.

At 7.22 a.m., G.M.T.: Seven members of crew of nine (of motor vessel Killurin) saved, four from wreck and three from upturned lifeboat, still two to be accounted for. Lifeboat and cutter searching area. No details of wreck but from information imagine will be total loss.

At 9.20 a.m., G.M.T.: The lifeboat has returned to port. There were seven survivors, one man has been picked up drowned, one man is missing. The motor vessel Killurin has slid off the rock into deep water.

Jersey, Feb. 7. — British motor vessel Killurin struck Sillette Reef about 6 a.m. to-day three-quarters of a mile from Noirmont Point, while inward bound from Grimsby with 500 tons of basic slag. Vessel foundered; one sailor drowned and one missing.

London, Feb. 7. — It is announced that six of the nine members of the crew of the motor vessel Killurin are now in hospital. The Jersey lifeboat picked up one man from the rigging of the ship, the decks of which were awash, and three from an upturned lifeboat and the fishing vessel Lucky Bird, which was two miles south of the wreck, picked up three men after their lifeboat had overturned. One of them has since died. The Jersey lifeboat later picked up the body of another man and is searching for the one member of the crew who is still missing. The master is among the dead. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

Jersey, Feb. 7. — Motor vessel Killurin struck approximately 20 minutes after low water on west end of Sillette Reef, eight cables 168 deg. from Noirmont Point. Vessel is covered at two hours flood. Exceptionally heavy west swell and hatch covers, &c., drifted to south and east of island. Vessel is awash at low water and in approximately 25 ft. of water at high. Captain Kirwan and boatswain Murphy dead and cook steward W. Baines still missing. Remaining six crew well.

British Motorship Strikes Channel Isles Reef

When approaching Jersey harbour yesterday morning the British motorship Killurin (565 tons gross), from Grimsby, struck Sillette Reef, near Noirmont Point. She later slid off the rock and is now submerged. The master and one member of the crew are dead and one of the crew is missing.

KILLURIN. — Jersey, Feb. 8. — Motor vessel Killurin is seen on Sillette Reef, eight cables 168 deg. from Noirmont Point. She is presently breaking up under heavy pounding, awash at low water, covered 25 ft. at high water. Chance of salvage negligible. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (Note. — The Salvage Association have dispatched a special officer. See issue of Feb. 8.)

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

FRI. 17 MAR 1950

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 250

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Character Assigned

NA now implied

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KILLURIN.—Jersey, Feb. 10.—Motor vessel Killurin is exposed to all weather from WNW through S. to ESE. Sighted from foreshore at low water on Thursday, Feb. 9, awash with heavy seas breaking over vessel, present weather condition WSW, wind, strong to gale force. Tides neaping, unlikely favourable opportunity will occur to make survey before spring tides on Feb. 16.—Lloyd's Agent and Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 9.)

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KILLURIN.—Jersey, Feb. 15.— Motor vessel Killurin: Impracticable to make survey to date owing to continuous high westerly winds and sea. Tides favourable for boarding until Feb. 20 if weather favourable.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 11.)

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KILLURIN.—Jersey, Feb. 16.— Motor vessel Killurin: Sighted stranding position at low water on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Apparently vessel has been driven into deep water during recent gales as no sign of her above water. Weather improving and hope to proceed by motor boat on Friday, Feb. 17, and examine position.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 16.)

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KILLURIN.—Jersey, Feb. 17.— Motor vessel Killurin: Proceeded by motor boat to within 100 ft. of stranding position, with Les Sillette rocks awash, moderate ground swell. No sign of casualty above water. Recommend further survey be made by diver, when conditions favourable, to ascertain position of casualty and possibility of salvaging equipment and machinery. Endeavouring to arrange for local contractor to undertake salvage contract on "no cure no pay" basis.—Lloyd's Agent and Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Feb. 17.)

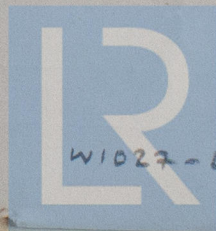
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KILLURIN.—Jersey, Mar. 3.— Information received from Cherbourg states that the body of William Edward Baines was washed up at Barneville on Feb. 12. It is also reported that some wreckage from motor vessel Killurin, including electrical apparatus and parts of a Decca Navigator, have been washed up at Barneville. (See issue of Feb. 20.)

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KILLURIN.—Jersey, Mar. 7.— Motor vessel Killurin: Position of stranding examined on Mar. 7 during exceptionally low tide. Only small section of steel plating visible through heavy swell alongside rock. Plating badly buckled and torn edges, unable to identify. On approach from seaward obtained soundings of 18 ft. to within 25 ft. of rock but unable to locate wreck. Unable to proceed to other side of rock owing to rock pinnacles and reef. Consider vessel has broken up and no possibility of salvage. Only possibility, recovery of heavy machinery, if undamaged, which may be in vicinity of rock, but impossible to locate unless very calm weather. Propose to make further inspection on Mar. 8 if swell moderates.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Mar. 6.)

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