

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 24th January 1945

Vessel's Name Steam Trawler "Ilfracombe" of Lowestoft

Tons Gross 165  
Net 64

Built at Glasgow When 1897 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner 15/1/46

Owner's reply 18/1/46

Owner's Name Branbrook Shipping Co. Ltd.

Address Beris Marks House, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date  
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1  
Spn Trawler  
5,45  
Examined 145  
SS. 3rd No 3-934  
SS. No 1-38  
+LMC  
+NB 3/15  
MS 8.38  
BS 1.45  
TS 5.45 CL

Date of Casualty 21st/22nd September, 1945

Précis of particulars of Casualty

Driven ashore in a gale off Killeaney,  
Galway, during the night of 21st/22nd September,  
1945.

Vessel was badly damaged, part of the  
bottom plating being missing in way of the  
engine room.

She was refloated on 20th October and  
towed into Galway, where she is still lying.

Has now been declared a Constructive  
Total Loss, is the property of the Underwriters  
and is up for sale as she lies.

The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ILFRACOMBE. — Galway, Sept. 24. —  
Steam trawlers Ilfracombe and  
TRUMPETER went ashore off Kil-  
leaney, Aran Islands, during a storm on  
Friday night (Sept. 21-22). Two trawlers  
went to their assistance and the  
TRUMPETER refloated, apparently un-  
damaged; now with salvage crew on  
board. They were unable to refloat the  
Ilfracombe; trawlers and lifeboat stand-  
ing by. Weather moderate. High tide  
at 7.30 to-day, when another  
attempt will be made to refloat her.  
London, Sept. 24.  
The Aran Islands' lifeboat, off the  
Galway coast during the week-end,  
rescued the crews of the British trawlers  
TRUMPETER and Ilfracombe, both  
belonging to Milford Haven companies,  
which had been driven on the rocks  
during a gale. The TRUMPETER was  
subsequently refloated but the Ilfra-  
combe is presumed to be a total loss.

ILFRACOMBE. — Galway, Sept. 24. —  
Skipper of steam trawler Ilfracombe re-  
ports that vessel is holed, stern tube  
cracked and rudder damaged. She is  
dry on rocks at low tide, position east of  
Killeaney village, Killeaney Bay. It is  
understood that he will make an effort  
to refloat her this tide. A local steamer  
is going to Aran on Wednesday (Sept.  
26); will send surveyor. — Lloyd's Agent.  
(See issue of Sept. 25.)

Kilronan, Sept. 25. —  
Visited steam trawler Ilfracombe, LT 148,  
on Sunday (Sept. 23) at low water.  
She is still ashore about 500 yards east  
of entrance to Killeaney Harbour chan-  
nel, rudderless, about 2 ft. of keel with  
adjoining plate badly twisted below pro-  
peller, portion of propeller blade missing.  
Vessel lying on port side, from amid-  
ships to stern being lifted 1 ft. above  
ground, well moored aft. Crew on board  
working hard, aided by natives. Tides  
are falling. — Lloyd's correspondent.

ILFRACOMBE. — Kilronan, Sept. 25. —  
Did not visit trawler Ilfracombe yester-  
day or to-day. Vessel is still in the same  
position except that she is lying on her  
starboard side to-day. Vessel appears to  
have been abandoned. She is visible  
from here without aid of telescope.  
Would say that various attempts were  
made to pull her off; the tides were high.  
She did not appear to have steam on  
Sunday (Sept. 23). — Lloyd's Correspond-  
ent. (See issue of Sept. 26.)

Galway, Sept. 25. —  
Trawler Ilfracombe is badly holed, keel  
and stern post damaged. Every effort  
to refloat unsuccessful, tides dropping,  
no further attempt can be made for  
about three weeks. Vessel is all right  
while weather holds, otherwise in bad  
position. Think it advisable that sur-  
veyor be sent as soon as possible. Part  
of catch and gear removed on board  
steam trawler Crosbie. — Lloyd's Agent  
per Salvage Association. (Note.—The  
Salvage Association's Dublin surveyor  
has been instructed to proceed im-  
mediately.)

ILFRACOMBE. — Kilronan, Sept. 27. —  
Trawler Ilfracombe is in same position.  
The leakage is being confined to, after-  
part of vessel and is not serious. Her  
crew left for home yesterday. (See issue  
of Sept. 27.)

Suggested Record

Stranded 9.45 - Refloated

FRI. 25 JAN 1946

Date of Committee

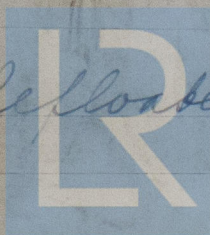
Committee's Minute

Stranded 9.45 - Refloated

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ILFRACOMBE. — Galway, Sept. 25. — Trawler Ilfracombe, which went aground east of Killeaney village in Kilronan Bay during a gale in the night of Sept. 21, was driven further on to reef on Sept. 22 and 23. All her gear and catch were removed on Sept. 24. (See issue of Sept. 28.)

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Kilronan, Sept. 27. — Have examined trawler Ilfracombe. At high water vessel is upright, at low water listed on starboard bilge. Rudder missing, sternframe carried away, water in engine-room, cross bunker and hold to tide level, forepeak dry; bottom rocks. While present fair weather continues prospects of salvage favourable. One hundred kits and two trawls salvaged, 100 kits a total loss.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

ILFRACOMBE. — London, Oct. 3. — The owners of the trawler Ilfracombe state that the sternframe is broken and part of the bottom plating is missing in way of the engine-room. Vessel has been declared a constructive total loss. (See issue of Sept. 29.)

LL 4/10/45

ILFRACOMBE. — Kilronan, Oct. 8. — Inspected trawler Ilfracombe yesterday about low water, but did not get on board. Hardly any change since last visit, flow of bilge being the same. The keel is lifted one foot above the ground, except amidships, where about 10 ft. is on the ground. Port side is visible from stem to stern and the keel, part of

LL 10/10/45

starboard side not visible near the keel about amidships; keel is slightly dented in a few places under funnel and cabin aft.—Lloyd's Correspondent. (See issue of Oct. 4.)

ILFRACOMBE. — Kilronan, Oct. 9. — Eight men arrived here to-day from Cork to inspect the trawler Ilfracombe. I had an interview with one of the men shortly after their arrival from Galway by motor boat and previous to inspection. Excellent weather existed here during latter end of September and up to the present, sea being very smooth; the tides are falling. Would say that the men who arrived to-day from Cork will remain for some time.—Lloyd's Correspondent. (See issue of Oct. 10.)

LL 11/10/45

Kilronan, Oct. 10. — First inspection of trawler Ilfracombe took place after 6 p.m. yesterday by the contractors, who returned from the trawler about 7 30 p.m. Had an interview with the sub-manager this morning on his way to the trawler. Excellent weather lasts here and work will start immediately, the sea being very smooth.—Lloyd's Correspondent.

ILFRACOMBE. — Kilronan, Oct. 12. — Inspected trawler Ilfracombe yesterday at low water. Went through engine-room to stokehold and failed to see any water except in the bunker on starboard side, where contractor's men were getting the coal. The bent portion abaft has been cut away, the hatches were off and foreholds and fish-rooms appeared to be dry. Flow of bilge remains the same. Excellent working weather prevails, sea very smooth.—Lloyd's Correspondent. (See issue of Oct. 11.)

LL 15/10/45

ILFRACOMBE. — Galway, Oct. 18. — Attempt will be made to float trawler Ilfracombe to-morrow.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 15.)

LL 20/10/45

ILFRACOMBE. — Kilronan, Oct. 20. — Salvors had steam on the trawler Ilfracombe on Thursday (Oct. 18) and to-day, and she is now being moored alongside Kilronan Pier. She is still minus her rudder, but it is likely that it has been towed off as a large size local motor fishing boat was in attendance when adjacent to the pier and before she had left her resting place. (See issue of Oct. 20.)

LL 22/10/45

ILFRACOMBE. — Dublin, Oct. 20. — Trawler Ilfracombe refloated and berthed in Kilronan harbour.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Oct. 22.)

LL 23/10/45

Kilronan, Oct. 22. — I have been alongside trawler Ilfracombe at low water but failed to see any external damage on port or starboard sides but some water was below flooring of hold nearest fore-castle. I could not see flow of bilge owing to keel being sunk in the sand. They had steam on and the electric lights were on in the wheelhouse for the last two nights. The Ilfracombe had been lying on both sides on the foreshore.—Lloyd's Correspondent.

LL 29/10/45

ILFRACOMBE. — Dublin, Oct. 26. — Trawler Ilfracombe: Weather too bad to move vessel from Kilronan and in any case have requested salvors to recover rudder and place on board before she leaves Kilronan for Galway. For seaworthy certificate will require lifeboat, life saving appliances, navigating lantern and bedding being returned to vessel. Owners can hold survey at low water at Kilronan but as the keel and garboards sink into the sand all the damaged plates cannot be inspected. Have records of the damage and have draft specification in hand. Where damage not definable am providing schedule rates for same. Propose suspending issue of final specification until vessel arrives at Galway. Meanwhile am communicating with owners with reference to details for seaworthy certificate and towage facilities.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Oct. 26.)

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ILFRACOMBE. — Kilronan, Nov. 1. — Steam trawler Ilfracombe left here to-day at about 1 15 p.m. Vessel is being towed to Galway by steamer Eire, of Galway. Rudder of Ilfracombe is not in position and she is still rudderless. Weather favourable for towing to Galway.—Lloyd's Correspondent. (See issue of Nov. 1.)

LL 5/11/45

ILFRACOMBE. — Galway, Nov. 3. — Trawler Ilfracombe docked at Galway yesterday.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 2.)

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## TENDERS

Offers are invited for the

S. Tr. "ILFRACOMBE"

Said to be 165 tons gross, 64 built at Glasgow, 1897. At Galway after stranding on Kilronan, Isle of Aran. Offers are invited for the vessel as lying in damaged condition. The highest or any offer will be accepted. Intending purchasers should apply to Messrs. Thomas McIlroy & Sons, Lloyd's Agents, Galway, for particulars and should submit proposals to The Salvage Association, Lloyd's London, E.C. 3.

LL 26/10/45

ILFRACOMBE. — Galway, Oct. 24. — Trawler Ilfracombe, in Kilronan Harbour, will be ready for towing at end of week. Estimated cost of repairs £2000; specifications being prepared by Salvage Association's surveyor and competitive tenders being requested. Owing to influence of Atlantic ground swell it is desirable to get vessel out of Kilronan as soon as possible. We are getting tenders for assistance to Galway.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 23.)