

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 21st October, 19 52

Ship's Name ss "NORMAN"

of Hull

Tons { Gross 629
Net 242

Built at Beverley When 1943 5

Casualty notice sent to Owner 16.10.1952. Owner's reply 17.10.1952.

Owners The Northern Fishing Co. (Hull) Ltd.

Agents

Address St. Andrew's Dock, Hull

Classification details

+100A1	BS2,52 +LMC10,50
StmTrawler	
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of Casualty 4.10.1952.

Reasons of Casualty

This ship was totally wrecked on a reef

off S.E. Greenland in dense fog on 4th October.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Owners' letter

17.10.52.

NORMAN.—Portishead Radio, Oct. 4.
Following received from British steam trawler Northern Isles at 11 20 a.m. G.M.T.: S O S, following heard on 181 kcs. at 9 30 a.m.: British trawler Norman, GMVJ, on rock southeast Greenland, lat. 59 44 N., long. 43 47 W., bad weather and thick fog. No further signals heard but understand crew are on rock.

Following received from British trawler Tripoli at 2 10 p.m., G.M.T.: S O S, following received at 9 a.m. to-day from trawler Norman, GMVJ: Ran ashore Greenland in lat. 59 44 N., long. 43 47 W. on small island. Crew now ashore on island, standing by with two other trawlers. Impossible to take crew off yet due to thick fog and weather. Contact made with Julianehaab Radio at 10 12 a.m. to-day and salvage vessel Skuld, OXQJ, steaming from Julianehaab, Greenland, at 10 30 a.m.

Following received from Land's End Radio at 1 2 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from Valentia Radio at 12 40 p.m., G.M.T.: S O S, following from British steamer Ascania at 12 29 p.m., G.M.T.: Following from 4 YA at 12 20 p.m., G.M.T.: SOS SOS SOS request ships in vicinity lat. 59 49 N., long. 43 47 W. be on lookout for possible survivors of unknown British ship aground on reef at south-east tip of Greenland, crew presumed on reef. (Signed) O/C Ocean Weather Station Alpha.

Following received from Washington Radio, NMH, at 1 58 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from Ocean Station Alpha: Following message received from Julianehaab Radio on 500 kcs. at 1 20 p.m., G.M.T.: Position lat. 59 44 N., long. 43 46 W. Danish salvage ship on way, expecting arrive late this afternoon and whale boat expecting to arrive in about four and a half hours. A British trawler is eight miles from trawler Norman. Crew left trawler, went ashore on reef.

London, Oct. 4.—Trawler Norman has run aground on the Greenland coast. The vessel left Hull on Sept. 17 and was due back about next Wednesday (Oct. 8). There are 20 Hull men on board her, including the skipper, Jack Dukes. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

Portishead Radio, Oct. 5.—Following received from British trawler Thornella, MSWY, via British trawler Starella, MBLB, timed 9 30 p.m., Oct. 4: Have eight bodies from trawler Norman on board, identified Skipper Dukes, cook Brown, G. Welbrick and chief Lachanudis, four unidentified.

Following received from British trawler Starella at 11 49 p.m., G.M.T. (Oct. 4): Received following at 9 30 p.m., G.M.T., Oct. 4, from trawler Benvolio, MDPD, to trawler Macbeth. GKGF: Trawler Norman total wreck. Trawler Thornella picked up eight bodies, all dead, including skipper. A Norwegian vessel managed to get inside the island and picked up one man off island but does not think any more survivors. Name of survivor, Norman Spencer, deck learner.

Following received from British trawler Imperialist at 10 40 a.m., G.M.T.: Trawler Norman, GMVJ, now QUM (distress traffic ended). Only one survivor out of 20. Ship total loss.

London, Oct. 5.—British trawler Imperialist reported this morning: Norman Spencer, only survivor from trawler Norman, picked up by Norwegian vessel Poseidon and states he was the only one to make the rocks. All others were carried away by strong tide. Now proceeding to Bergen on board Poseidon. Master of Poseidon states vessel a total loss. Trawler Thornella has now left for home with eight bodies.

NORMAN.—London, Oct. 6.—British trawler Imperialist reported this afternoon: Last information from salvage vessel Skuld was that trawler Norman could not be salvaged. Bridge and superstructure of Norman were plainly visible yesterday, but she has disappeared altogether to-day. (See issue of Oct. 6.)

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Date of Committee FRI 24 OCT 1952

Committee's Minute

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