

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 72738 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 83/52 Date of writing this report 16th October, 19 52

Ship's Name ms "PETO" of Groningen Tons { Gross 351 Net 203

Built at Heppel When 1951 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner 26.9.1952. Owner's reply 1.10.1952.

Owners N. V. Carebeka, Esq.

Managers

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Classification details

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Date of Casualty 22nd August, 1952.

Details of Casualty

This ship struck a mine and sank 10 miles N. of Terschellinger Bank Lightship on the 22nd August. The Owners concur.

PETO. — Amsterdam, Aug. 22. — Dutch motor vessel Peto, (Grimsby) for Holmsund, cargo coal, reported sunk off Terschelling to-day; cause reported to be explosion. Crew saved.

The Hague, Aug. 23.—The steamer Fair Head rescued the eight crew and the master's family from the sinking Dutch motor vessel Peto which struck a mine early to-day off the Dutch coast. Seven of the crew were brought into Terschelling by the lifeboat Brandaris later to-day. The owner-master of the Peto, Captain E. Mooy, of Groningen, is still on board the Fair Head with his wife and two young sons. Most of the men in the Peto were asleep when the disaster happened, about 10 miles north of the Terschellinger Bank Light-vessel. The explosion wrecked the radio, put the electric lighting out of action, and gave the ship a list to starboard. The watch on the bridge at once fired rockets and flares but the distress signals of the Peto were not seen for two and a half hours, by then the

crew were burning barrels and mattresses on deck to attract attention. The blaze was seen by the Terschellinger Bank Light-vessel and Terschelling Lighthouse, and the lifeboat Brandaris and the tug Holland proceeded from Terschelling to assist. The Peto was then listing to starboard. By that time the crew and master's family had taken to the boats. About an hour and a quarter later, at 8.30 a.m., G.M.T., they were picked up by the British steamer Fair Head as the Brandaris and Holland reached the scene. The sea was so calm that the crew had been able to collect some of their belongings before leaving the sinking ship. Captain Mooy is expected to come ashore at Flushing with his family when the Fair Head calls there on her way to Antwerp. — Reuter.

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Groningen Return 10 Sept, 1952.
Owner's letter 1.10.1952.

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Suggested Record SUNK BY MINE - 8.52.

Date of Committee FRI. 17. OCT 1952

Committee's Minute Sunk by mine - 8.52