

WRECK SECTION MATRA No 392 REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 29463 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 89/39 Date of writing this report 4th December, 1939
 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Matra" of Liverpool Tons {Gross 8003
 {Net 4895
 Built at Port Glasgow When 1926 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner 28/11/39 Owner's reply 30/11/39
 Owner's Name Thos. & Jno. Brocklebank, Ltd.
 Address Gunard Building Liverpool, 3.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before Classing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
		<u>100A1</u>	<u>ELMC</u>
		<u>3,39</u>	<u>MS 6,38</u> <u>BS 6,39</u>
		<u>SS No 3-8,38</u>	<u>TS 5,37CL</u>

TWO men were killed, two are missing, and 22 were injured in an explosion which caused the loss of the S.S. Matra (8,003 tons) a Liverpool cargo steamer, in the North Sea on Monday night. All the European crew of 85 have been saved, but two La cars are dead and two missing. The crew were taken off by a lifeboat which made three trips to the sinking vessel.

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Date of Casualty 14th November, 1939.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been beached after striking a mine in the North Sea on the 14th November, 1939.

She has sunk ten feet in a sandbank and all holds, except No. 1 hold, are full of water.

Her name is included in the List of War Losses which is periodically published in Lloyd's List.

In reply to the casualty notice, the Owners state that although the position of the steamer is precarious, they understand there is a possibility of salvaging her in the spring.

14th March, 1940.

In reply to inquiry the Owners state they are making inquiries as to whether salvage operations will be resumed and they hope to advise this Office later.

**LIFEBOAT RESCUES
LIVERPOOL CREW
2 KILLED, 22 INJURED**

Two men were killed and 22 injured when the Matra, an 8,000-ton Liverpool cargo boat, owned by Thos. and J. Brocklebank, was severely damaged in the North Sea on Monday night after an explosion supposed to have been caused by a mine or torpedo. The survivors took to the boats and burned fares. A lifeboat went out to them and in three trips landed 52 out of the 85 members of the crew. Another party was picked up by an oil tanker after rowing for some hours in the darkness. All the British members of the crew were saved. Those landed included the captain, two pilots, 11 British officers and 59 lascars. Two or two injured La cars were taken to hospital. Early yesterday the wrecked ship was plainly visible from the coast. She was well down at the bottom and a tug was standing by.

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88 take to boats

MATRA, 8,000-ton Liverpool steamer sunk in the North Sea, seventy men saved; eighteen men dead. When there was an explosion the crew of eighty-eight took to the boats. Fifty men were landed by a lifeboat sent out to them; twenty more were picked up by a London-bound vessel. Twenty-two men seriously injured are in hospital.

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23rd May, 1940.

The Owners now state there is no reasonable prospect of salvaging this steamer and that the War Risks Associations have decided to accept her as a total loss.

They accordingly request her name to be deleted from the Register Book.

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Suggested Record **TUE 5 DEC 1939**
 Date of Committee
 Committee's Minute Deferred Jms

