

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 13766

No. 73714 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 2/53 Date of writing this report 4th February 1953
 Ship's Name *M.S. "R.P.S."* of *Rotterdam* Tons { Gross 500
 Net 335
 Built at *Zaandam* When *1951* 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner *28.1.53* Owner's reply
 Owners *N.V. Rotterdamsche Kolencentrale*
 Managers *Rotterdamsche Kustvaart Centrale, N.V.*
 Address *Voorhaven 60, Rotterdam, Holland*

Classification details

<i>100A1</i>	<i>LMC 2,51</i>
<i>9,52</i>	<i>OG</i>
	<i>Oil Engine</i>

of Casualty *7th January, 1953*

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During heavy weather this ship developed a dangerous list after her cargo had shifted, and she finally sank about 60 miles SW of Ushant on the 7th January, 1953.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 28th January.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

R.P.S.—Land's End Radio, Jan. 7.—Following received from Brest-Le-Conquet Radio:
 At 1 20 p.m., G.M.T.: Following from Dutch motor vessel R.P.S., PHEX (Ribadesella for Rotterdam) at 1 4 p.m., G.M.T.: 60 miles SSW. of Ushant, sinking, going to boats.
 At 1 31 p.m., G.M.T.: Mayday (SOS), following received from British turbo-

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electric tanker Hyalina at 1 23 p.m., G.M.T.: Position estimate 16 (miles) WSW, proceeding to motor vessel R.P.S.
 At 1 50 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from French trawler Odet at 1 35 p.m., G.M.T.: Now proceeding to position of motor vessel R.P.S. and will arrive in about 45 minutes.
 Following received from tug Abeille 26 at 1 36 p.m., G.M.T.: Leaving Brest, proceeding to position of distress.
 At 2 7 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from British steamer La Quinta at 1 57 p.m., G.M.T.: Position 20 miles off distress, speed 8 knots, proceeding.
 Following received from French trawler Odet at 2 25 p.m., G.M.T.: We are five miles from distress position with strong north-east wind and suppose small boats are drifting to south-west.
 At 2 38 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from British turbo-electric tanker Hyalina at 2 24 p.m., G.M.T.: 60 miles SSW. of Ushant and no sign of any vessel.
 At 3 50 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from trawler Odet at 3 20 p.m., G.M.T.: Position 60 miles SSW. of Ushant now, course SW., speed 8 knots.

R.P.S.—Brest, Jan. 7.—Brest Le Conquet Radio reports: Dutch motor vessel R.P.S. sank at about 1 p.m. 60 miles SW. of Ushant. Ship's boat containing crew is being looked for by tug Abeille 26 and various vessels. (See issue of Jan. 8.)

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Land's End Radio, Jan. 8.—Following received from North Foreland Radio at 12 20 a.m., G.M.T.: Following received from Scheveningen Radio at 12 8 a.m., G.M.T.: Motor vessel R.P.S.: 60 miles from Ushant, all crew safe on board French trawler Brittia, bound Lorient.

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Motor vessel R.P.S. sank near Brest, said Scheveningen Radio this morning. The station said it had picked up the following message from the trawler Brittia: Crew of R.P.S. saved by Brittia on her way to Lorient. Crew had drifted for eight hours; all healthy. Ship sank.—British United Press.

Brest, Jan. 8.—Motor vessel R.P.S.: Crew saved last night by French trawler Brittia, destination Lorient.

R.P.S.—Lorient, Jan. 8.—The crew of Dutch motor vessel R.P.S. came ashore here to-day. Captain Van der May said that the R.P.S. took on a dangerous list after her cargo shifted in a storm.—Reuter. (See issue of Jan. 9.)

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Suggested Record *Capsized & sank 1.53.*

Date of Committee *FRI. 6 FEB 1953*

Committee's Minute *Capsized & sank 1.53.*