

Wreck Report No. 138117

WRECK
SECTION

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 69431 in R.B. Wreck Book, p10/53

Date of writing this report 18th March, 19 53

Ship's Name s.s. "MICHAEL GRIFFITH"

of Fleetwood

Tons { Gross 282
Net 109

Built at Selby When 1919 3

Casualty notice sent to Owner ---

Owner's reply ---

Owners Clifton Steam Trawlers, Ltd.

Managers

Address Station Road, Fleetwood, Lancs.

RETAIN

Classification details

*100A1	*LMC7,51
Stm Trawler	
9,52	
ssGoo.-6,47(Dr.)	ts 5,50 CL
ssFlt.-6,51	

Date of Casualty

Details of Casualty

This ship left Fleetwood for fishing grounds off St Kilda on the 30th January, reported in distress 7 miles S. of Barra Head on the 31st January, and has not since been heard of.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

MICHAEL GRIFFITH. — Portpatrick Radio, Jan. 31. — Following received from British trawler Vella at 9 24 a.m., G.M.T.: Following received from trawler Michael Griffith: "South of Barra Head, helpless." Following received from trawler Wyre General: "Trawler Michael Griffith, seven to eight miles south of Barra Head, full of water and no steam."

Stornoway, Jan. 31. Barra lifeboat proceeding to steam trawler Michael Griffith in difficulties seven to eight miles south of Barra Head.

London, Jan. 31. — The coxswain of the Barra lifeboat said to-night on return that the Fleetwood trawler Michael Griffith had vanished with her crew of 15 in the Hebrides. The coxswain said that with the trawler Braconbank and a plane they searched the area where the trawler had this morning said that she was in distress. They also took a course where they thought the trawler might have drifted in the storm and the fast running tide but could find no trace.

Stornoway, Jan. 31. — Barra lifeboat returned and ready for service at 10 p.m.

London, Feb. 1. — Overcome by heavy seas and a blizzard while searching to-day for trawler Michael Griffith, two members of the crew of Islay lifeboat collapsed and were found to be dead when the boat arrived at Colonsay.

Stornoway, Feb. 1. — Barra lifeboat proceeded at 10 a.m. to-day to continue search for trawler Michael Griffith.

MICHAEL GRIFFITH. — Malin Head Radio, Feb. 6. — Following received from Inishtrahull Lighthouse at 3 50 p.m., G.M.T.: A lifebuoy from trawler Michael Griffith was washed ashore this morning. (See issue of Feb. 7.)

MICHAEL GRIFFITH. — London, W. Feb. 11. — Trawler Michael Griffith, of and from Fleetwood for fishing grounds, is presumed to have foundered in heavy seas in the Whitestays Bank area, seven miles south of Barra Head, on Jan. 31. (See issue of Feb. 7.)

MICHAEL GRIFFITH. — London, Mar. 11. — Steam trawler Michael Griffith, of Fleetwood, official number 145118, 282 tons gross, master Singleton, which sailed from Fleetwood for fishing grounds off St. Kilda on Jan. 30, and was reported in distress seven miles south of Barra Head on Jan. 31, was to-day posted at Lloyd's as a Missing Vessel.

Suggested Record

MISSING SINCE 1/53.

Date of Committee

TUES. 24 MAR 1953

Committee's Minute

Missing since 1/53