

~~WRECK SECTION No 38/2976~~

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 32269 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 83/45 Date of writing this report 17th October, 1945

Vessel's Name S.S. "Rølfborg" of Greenock Tons (Gross 1825 Net 1065)

Built at Fredrikstad When 1915 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 11/10/45 Owner's reply X

Owner's Name Ministry of War Transport (Richard W. Jones & Co., Mgrs.)

Address 104, Lock Street, Newport, Mon.

Case previously before Classing Committee. { Date _____ Last Minute _____

Particulars of Classification.	
<u>+100A1</u>	<u>+LMC 943</u>
<u>1044</u>	<u>BS1044</u>
<u>s.s. 2nd No 3-4, 39</u>	<u>TS742CL</u>
<u>ss No 1-43</u>	

Date of Casualty 13th July, 1945

Précis of particulars of Casualty

Sunk by collision, while at anchor in fog, with the steamer "Empire Swordsman" in Largo Bay, Firth of Forth, on the 13th July, 1945.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Managers on the 11th October, 1945

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ROLFSBORG.—London, July 13.—The following wireless message was received from steamer Rølfborg at 6.3 a.m., G.M.T., on July 13: S.O.S. Rølfborg, have been struck, am sinking off Largo Buoy.

London, July 13.—The following wireless was received from steamer EMPIRE SWORDSMAN at 6.59 a.m., G.M.T., on July 13: Have been in collision with steamer Rølfborg, am standing by.

London, July 13.—Steamer EMPIRE SWORDSMAN reported by wireless at 7.32 a.m., G.M.T.: Steamer Rølfborg has sunk, no one injured; proceeding to anchorage.

Elie, July 13.—British steamers Rølfborg and EMPIRE SWORDSMAN were in collision in Largo Bay, Firth of Forth, at about 8.30 a.m., D.B.S.T., to-day. Rølfborg sank, crew of 26 landed at Methil; no one injured. EMPIRE SWORDSMAN proceeded to anchorage.

London, July 13.—Steamer Rølfborg sank about 3 cables SE. of Largo Buoy.

London, July 13.—The managers of the steamer Rølfborg report that vessel was at anchor in fog at time of collision.

CARGO AND RAFTS RECOVERED

Methil, July 23.—Nine drums of lubricating oil, approximately 40 gallons each, no marks, supposed value £20, were found on July 13 two miles SE. of Largo Buoy, Firth of Forth, and are now lying at Methil. One square raft, approximately 10 ft. by 10 ft., and two double bow shaped rafts, approximately 14 ft. by 8 ft., no marks, with equipment, supposed value £25, were found on July 13 one mile E. of Largo Buoy and are now lying at Methil. All the above are presumed to be from steamer ROLFSBORG, which sank off Largo Buoy on July 13.

CARGO RECOVERED

Kirkcaldy, July 26.—Seventy casks of lubricating oil, 29 marked "Admiralty Compound Engine Oil, 2, B/5749/45 M. & I. L., Ltd., Killingholme, F.B. 31A 27/0/45," 13 marked "U.S. Navy, Symbol 9250-20 HD, CP.2.B/7809/44 E.W.S. Co., Ltd., 40 gals. Octr. 44," eight marked "VAC. O. CO.," two marked "Ryners (Spec. Min. Oil)," and 18 with marks obliterated, were found afloat and on shore between Kirkcaldy and Kinghorn between July 14 and 17 and are now lying in Kirkcaldy district. The casks are presumed to be ex steamer ROLFSBORG. (Note.—ROLFSBORG sank off Largo Buoy on July 13.)

Suggested Record

Sunk by collision 7.45
FM. 19 OCT.1945

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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