

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 34317 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 108/45 Date of writing this report 28th November, 1945

Vessel's Name *Twin S.S. "Takliwa"* of *London* Tons Gross *7936* Net *3742*

Built at *Glasgow* When *1924* 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner *20/11/45* Owner's reply *X*

Owner's Name *British India Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.*

Address *122, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.*

Case previously before Classing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
	Last Minute	<i>+100A1 with fbd 245</i>	<i>+LMC MS 445 BS 245</i>
		<i>Examined 245</i>	<i>TS 944 CL</i>
		<i>SS No 3-236</i>	<i>Fitted for oil fuel 724</i>
		<i>SS No 1-40</i>	<i>F.P. above 150 F.</i>

Date of Casualty *14th October, 1945.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

Stranded in heavy weather on Great Nicobar Island and caught fire on the 14th October, 1945.

Vessel was completely gutted and is considered a total loss.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 20th November, 1945.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

TAKLIWA.—London, Oct. 15.—Steamer Takliwa, Hongkong for Madras, carrying 800 Indian repatriated prisoners of war, ran aground south end of Great Nicobar Island at about 8 p.m., G.M.T., on Oct. 14, caught fire and put passengers ashore. H.M. ship arrived in the vicinity at daylight to-day. Steamer Empire Crossbow also standing by.

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H.M. ship reported at 2.35 a.m., G.M.T., to-day that she had about 300 survivors on board, remainder on beach, and hoped to embark all by 9 a.m., G.M.T. Takliwa was burning fiercely, no hope of salvage. Wind SW., force 6 (strong breeze), squalls force 8 (fresh gale), cyclonic storm forming. Steamer Glenaffric was also reported to be proceeding to the assistance of the Takliwa.

TAKLIWA.—London, Oct. 17.—A report from South-East Asia Command Headquarters states: During heavy weather on Oct. 14 steamer Takliwa, carrying 820 released prisoners of war and internees from Hongkong to Madras, is reported to have become a total loss after going aground and being on fire off the southern end of Great Nicobar Island, in the Bay of Bengal. Signals received at this headquarters state that there were no casualties and that passengers are being taken on board H.M.S. Sainfoin. Several hundreds of the passengers had at first to be left on the beaches owing to the weather conditions but after determined efforts the last of these are now being taken off. Other H.M. ships stood by to render help and the passengers of the Takliwa are being taken to India. Nine of the released prisoners of war and internees on board the Takliwa were British and the remainder Indian. (See issue of Oct. 17.)

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TAKLIWA.—London, Oct. 19.—A report dated Oct. 17 states: H.M.S. Sainfoin completed embarkation of all crew and passengers ex steamer Takliwa by p.m. on Oct. 16. Sainfoin is due to arrive at Madras on Oct. 19. The Takliwa is nearly high and dry and burnt out on Parsons Point and is considered a total loss. (See issue of Oct. 18.)

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TAKLIWA.—London, Oct. 21.—A party from H.M.S. Glasgow, including a salvage officer taking passage, boarded steamer Takliwa on Oct. 19. They report ship completely gutted by fire and of no value except for windlass, anchors and cables. (See issue of Oct. 20.)
Madras, Oct. 20.—
H.M.S. Sainfoin arrived here to-day with 800 prisoners of war from the Far East, rescued from the steamer Takliwa after she had run aground off Great Nicobar Island on Oct. 14. In addition to the prisoners of war, 108 members of the ship's crew and 107 doctors, nurses and gunners from the Takliwa were on board the Sainfoin.—Reuter.

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Suggested Record *Stranded & burnt 1045*

Date of Committee *FRI. 30 NOV 1945*

Committee's Minute *Stranded & burnt 10.45*



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