

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 22nd January, 1947

Tug "Security" of London

Tons Gross 189
Net 70

Shields When 1904 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner 16.1.47 Owner's reply x

Owner's Name Elliott Steam Tug Co. Ltd. (John Page, Mgr.)

Address 60, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100A -
For towing
purposes
11.44
SS 3rd No 3-1142
+LMC 11.42
BS 10.45
TS 10.42 CL

Date of Casualty 8th December, 1946

Recis of particulars of Casualty

Three tugs towing a tanker in the English Channel on the evening of the 8.12.46, parted their tow. The "SECURITY," one of the three tugs, thereupon capsized and sank.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 16th instant.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SECURITY. Niton Radio, Dec. 8. - Following received from British motor tanker KELLETTIA (Palmouth for Tyne, in tow of tugs CONTEST, Security and WATERCOCK).

At 5 p.m., G.M.T.: Position Anvil Point Light bearing 328 deg. distance eight miles, tug Security parted tow-line and believed capsized.

At 5.35 p.m., G.M.T.: Position 125 deg. 12 miles from Anvil Point, all tugs broken, adrift and endeavouring to anchor; request salvage tug stand by immediately.

At 8.3 p.m., G.M.T.: All tugs broken adrift, suspect Security sunk. Am endeavouring to ride out gale at anchor ten miles off Anvil Point, have requested salvage tugs stand by. If weather moderates hope tugs CONTEST and WATERCOCK will be able to secure and tow me to safe anchorage.

London, Dec. 8. - It is now learned that the tug Security, one of the three tugs which had the motor tanker KELLETTIA in tow, has sunk. The tug WATERCOCK arrived at Portland late to-night with five survivors from the Security. It is thought probable that other survivors may be in the tug CONTEST, whose whereabouts are at present unknown. The destroyer Obdient, which went to the assistance of the KELLETTIA, has now returned to Portsmouth. - Exchange Telegraph Company.

Portland, Dec. 9. - Tug WATERCOCK arrived here at 10.40 p.m. yesterday, all safe. Five survivors of tug Security on board WATERCOCK landed at Weymouth. The CONTEST arrived this morning, all safe. The tugs were towing motor tanker KELLETTIA from Palmouth to Tyne. Naval tug Freebooter sent out from Portland and stood by KELLETTIA all night. Tug Calshot from Southampton took KELLETTIA in tow and proceeded towards Isle of Wight.

London, Dec. 9. - The following information has been received from Portsmouth dated Dec. 8. Motor tanker KELLETTIA is now in tow to anchorage in tow of tug Calshot, belonging to Calshot Tug Company.

Motor tanker KELLETTIA was picked up by Admiralty tug Freebooter, the latter vessel being subsequently substituted by Calshot.

St. Catherine's Point, Dec. 9. - Motor tanker KELLETTIA passed here to-day, bound eastwards.

Niton Radio, Dec. 9. - Following received from British motor tanker KELLETTIA at 12.51 p.m., G.M.T.: Present position 116 deg. 10 miles from St. Catherine's Point; tug Calshot towing, having frequent towing breakages but hope to arrive at Southampton p.m. to-day.

LL 10.12.46

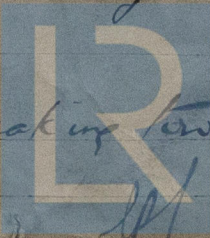
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capsized and sunk after breaking tow 12.46

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