

# REPORT OF SURVEY for REPAIRS &c

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 57706 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 111/40 Date of writing this report 19

Vessel's Name St. K. Stm. Trawler Fleming of Hull Tons { Gross 356 Net 145

Built at Beverley When 1929 / 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner  Owner's reply

Owner's Name F. F. Ross, Ltd.  
Address West Dock Avenue, Hull

Case previously before Classing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
Last Minute		+ 100 P.I.	+ LMC 8.37
		Stm. Trawler 6.39	B.S. 6.39
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### SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

#### German Bombers Hit in Air Action

An Admiralty communique issued yesterday stated that H.M. trawler *Fleming* had been lost, and late on Thursday the sinking of H.M. trawlers *Kingston Galena* and *Rodino* was announced. All three losses were due to enemy air action.

The loss of the *Fleming* was announced in the following communique: "The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that H.M. trawler *Fleming* (Skipper E. G. Gurney, R.N.R.), has been lost in an

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action between two of our trawlers and four German dive bombers. H.M. trawler *Fleming* and H.M. trawler *Berberis* (Chief Skipper L. Grace, R.N.R.) were in company when the four German aircraft appeared from the clouds. Two of the aircraft attacked the *Fleming* and two attacked the *Berberis*. The *Fleming* sustained a hit amidships and sank.

"The *Berberis* opened a hot and accurate fire with her A.A. gun. One of her first shells scored a direct hit on one of the German dive bombers. It is thought that this shell must have hit the German bomb racks, since the aircraft flew in pieces in mid-air. The only wreckage which was subsequently picked up was the aircraft's rubber boat and a few fragments of wood. There was no sign of the crew of the aircraft. Another shell from the *Berberis* severely damaged another of the German aircraft and it is considered unlikely that it was able to regain its base.

"H.M. trawler *Corona* (Temp. Skipper A. E. Fisher, R.N.R.), which was in the vicinity, picked up the survivors of the *Fleming*. The next of kin of casualties in H.M. trawler *Fleming* have been informed. There were no casualties in either of the other two trawlers."

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Date of Casualty About 26<sup>th</sup> July 1940.  
 of particulars of Casualty The Admiralty announced on the  
26th July that this trawler has been sunk by  
aircraft.

Registered Record   
of Committee

TUE: 17 SEP 1940

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Committee's Minute

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