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"HIGHWAVE"

WRECK DAY
No. 167 Section 4

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 26032 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 16/40

Date of writing this report 11th April, 1940

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Highwave" of London Tons {Gross 1178 Net 655

Built at Sunderland When 1936 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner 26/2/40 Owner's reply 4/4/40

Owner's Name High Hook Shipping Co. Ltd. (Culliford & Blank, Ltd., Agents).

Address 68, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before Date Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
+100A1	+LMC 11,36
6,39	TS 1,37CL

"HIGHWAVE"
A Renter message from Flushing states that a Dutch motorship has put into that port with 18 members of the crew of the British steamer Highwave, whom she has rescued. The Highwave, a vessel of 1178 tons gross, built in 1936, is owned by the High Hook Shipping Company, Ltd.

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Date of Casualty 30th January 1940.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been sunk by aircraft when lying at anchor about 13 miles off the British Coast on the 30th January, 1940.

The Owners concur.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK AT ANCHOR
ATTACK BY NEW TYPE OF BOMBER
FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ROTTERDAM, JAN. 31
Eighteen members of the crew of the British steamer Highwave were landed this evening at Flushing by the Dutch steamer Rian, which picked them up after the Highwave had been sunk by a new type of German bomber.
The Highwave, an unarmed vessel, was lying at anchor about 13 miles off the British coast, near a lightship, when a four-engined bomber suddenly swooped down and dropped five bombs, all of which missed their mark. The bomber returned and dropped two further series of five bombs, also without hitting the ship, which it then attacked with a machine-gun, wounding two of the crew. A sixteenth bomb struck the Highwave, which sank soon afterwards.
The bomber in question is believed to be a long-range seaplane of the Hamburger Flugzeugbau, and is reported to be an entirely new type, all existing German bombers being fitted with two engines. Its capacity is indicated by the number of bombs dropped.

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"HIGHWAVE"
A Renter message from Flushing gives details of the sinking of the British steamer Highwave, announced in yesterday's LLOYD'S LIST. The Highwave, of 1178 tons gross, had neither a gun nor a wireless installation. On Monday, when the vessel was lying 30 miles off the British coast with engine trouble, a German plane circled round the vessel and then proceeded. On Tuesday a plane, stated to be the same one, attacked the vessel, first with machine guns, wounding two of the crew, and then dropped small incendiary bombs and afterwards high explosive. The bridge was shattered, No. 3 hatch stove in, and the foremast went down. Ten bombs were dropped, and the last blew out the side of the ship. The crew of 18 took to the boats, the vessel sinking rapidly and were picked up by the small Dutch motorship Rian and landed at Flushing.

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Suggested Record SUNK-WAR LOSS 1,40
Date of Committee FRI 12 APR 1940

Committee's Minute Sunk. War Loss 1,40
Walter Lloyd

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