

WRECK DAY
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Section 1

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 29662 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 85/39 Date of writing this report 30th November, 1939

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Mervyn" of Newport Tons {Gross 3402
Net 2066

Built at Sunderland When 1924 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner 23/11/39 Owner's reply

Owner's Name Mervyn Steam Shipping Co. Ltd. (Martyn, Martyn & Co. Ltd. Regd.)

Address 66 Exchange Buildings, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before
sing Committee. { Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

<u>H 100 A1</u>	<u>H LMC</u>
<u>10,39</u>	<u>MS 337</u>
<u>SS. No 3-6,37</u>	<u>BS 7,38</u>
	<u>TS 2,39 CL</u>

COLLISION AT SEA

25 LANDED; 4 MISSING

The master (Captain R. R. Phillips) and 24 of the crew of the steamer Mervyn, which was sunk in collision with another vessel off the coast of West Wales on Wednesday night, were landed at Llanelly yesterday. Four of the crew are missing. The ship sank within seven minutes, and the survivors managed to get away in two of the boats. Some of the men jumped into the sea and were picked up. In the darkness the boats drifted apart, but five hours later they were sighted by means of flares and rescued by a steamer.

The four missing are the wireless operator, J. V. Powell (a newly married man, of Port Talbot); R. Sullivan, a sailor, of Cork, and two Arab firemen.

Times
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of Casualty 1st November, 1939

is of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sunk in seven minutes by collision south of Milford Haven at 8 p.m. on the 1st November, 1939.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 23rd November.

FOUR MISSING AFTER COLLISION

Twenty-five members of the crew, including the master, Captain R. R. Phillips, of the Cardiff owned steamer Mervyn, which was sunk in collision with another vessel off the West Wales coast on Wednesday night, were landed at Llanelly yesterday.

Four of the crew are missing. The vessel sank within seven minutes and survivors managed to get away in two of the ship's lifeboats. Some of the men leapt into the sea and were afterwards picked up.

In the darkness the boats drifted apart, but five hours later they were sighted by means of flares and rescued by another steamer, which took all the survivors aboard without mishap.

The four missing are the wireless operator, J. V. Powell, a newly-married man, of Port Talbot; R. Sullivan, of Cork, and two Arab firemen.

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Suggested Record Sunk by collision 11,39
Date of Committee FRI. 1 DEC 1939

Committee's Minute Sunk by collision 11,39
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Write Lloyd's

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