

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 29632 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 105/39

Date of writing this report 1st January

1940

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Merel"*of *London*Tons { Gross 1088
Net 467Built at *Irvine* When *1925* 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner *20/12/39* Owner's reply *23/12/39*Owner's Name *General Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.*Address *15, Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.*Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

<i>100A1</i> <i>with freeboard</i> <i>10,39</i>	<i>FLMC 10,38</i> <i>BS 9,39</i> <i>Lloyds RMC</i> <i>10,39</i> <i>TS 9,39/CL</i>
<i>SS No 3-10,38</i>	

Date of Casualty

8th December, 1939.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sunk in four minutes after striking a mine off the southeast coast on the 8th December, 1939.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

LONDON STEAMER MINED

The London cargo steamer Merel (1,088 tons), belonging to the General Steam Navigation Company, sank within four minutes after striking a mine off the south-east coast yesterday. Of a crew believed to number about 17 only two survivors—both injured—were picked up by a rescue boat. Another was dead when picked out of the water.

Times
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Sank In Four Minutes

The Merel, belonging to the General Steam Navigation Company, sank within four minutes. Of a crew believed to number 17 or 18 only two survivors—both of whom were injured—were picked up by rescue boats. Another was dead when taken out of the water.

One of the crew of a motor-boat which raced to the spot said the Merel "must have been blown to smithereens."

The two survivors are Joseph Mark Neville, of Plymouth Road, Canning Town, E., and Frank Read of Harpham Road, Holloway, N.

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"MEREL"

The British steamer Merel struck a mine off the south-east coast yesterday and sank within a few minutes. Two of her crew have been landed at a British port, two were killed and 13 are missing. The Merel, which had a gross tonnage of 1088, was owned by the General Steam Navigation Company, Ltd. She was built by the Ayrshire Dockyard Company, Ltd., in 1925.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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