

WRECK NO. 9755

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 27167 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 105/39 Date of writing this report 8th January, 1940

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Kabinda" of Antwerp Tons {Gross 5182
Net 3134

Built at Belfast When 1917 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner 20/12/39 Owner's reply 30/12/39

Owner's Name Cie. Navigation Belge (Lloyd Royal) S.A. (Agence Maritime Internationale S.A., Anvers)

Address 61, Rempart Ste. Catherine, Antwerp.

Case previously before Classing Committee.	Date Last Minute	Particulars of Classification.	
		<u>F 100A1</u> <u>339</u>	<u>F L M C</u> <u>MS 9,38</u>
		<u>ss. No 3-8,30</u>	<u>BS 7,39</u>
		<u>ss. No 2-38</u>	<u>TS 3,38CL</u>

Date of Casualty 8th December, 1939.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have stranded on the Goodwin Sands on the 8th December, 1939.

Two days later she broke her back in way of the boiler room and subsequently turned over on her side, being covered at high water.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

STEAMER BREAKS IN HALF
NOISE LIKE THUNDERCLAP.
With a noise like a thunderclap the Belgian steamer Kabinda (5,000 tons), which was lying aground on the South-East Coast, broke in half early yesterday while 90 men were on board.
Exciting incidents in the darkness were described by a lifeboatman who helped to take 40 men to safety. Through skilful handling of the situation, not one life was lost.
"All the lights went out, and for a time all was confusion," he said. "Luckily, someone had a pocket torch, and by this means the men groped their way to the bridge."
After the first lifeboat load had left the rest of the crew remained in the doomed ship until another lifeboat arrived. The Kabinda, which had come from South America, had run aground, and since Saturday 90 men had been lightening her by throwing the cargo overboard, strewing the sea with hundreds of bales of cotton.

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CARGO DUMPED IN SEA
Many hundreds of tons of cargo were dumped into the sea from the Kabinda on Saturday. Despite this, tugs failed to move her on Saturday night. At 1.30 a.m. yesterday she broke in two with a report which could be heard a mile off.
"We had warnings that the ship was doomed when bolts and nuts gave out with reports like pistol shots," said one of the lifeboatmen who was on board the Kabinda. "Suddenly she broke in halves with a report like a thunderclap, leaving a big hole amidships. All her lights went out, and for a time all was confusion. The crew and the local stevedores were all mixed up. Luckily, someone had a pocket torch, and by the little beam the men groped their way to a spot near the bridge."
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Date of Committee JAN 9 1940

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