

THURSTON

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 29th April 1940

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. Thurston* of *West Hartlepool* Tons {Gross 3072
Net 1839Built at *Sunderland* When *1918* 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner *28/3/40* Owner's reply *29/3/40*Owner's Name *Murrell S.S. Co., Ltd. (J. E. Murrell & Sons Mgrs.)*Address *Victoria Terrace, West Hartlepool*

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

100A1 12.39	LMC 2.37
ss No 3-1.32	BS 3.39
ss No 1-37	TS 11.37 CL

Date of Casualty *4th March, 1940.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty *This vessel is reported to have been sunk by a mine about 30 miles west of Newquay, Cornwall, on the 4th March, 1940.*

The Owners concur.

"THURSTON"

After picking up the crew of 38 of the French steamer *S.N.A. 1*, with which she had been in collision off the West Coast of England, the British steamer *Thurston*, of 3072 tons gross, sank on Tuesday night. The only survivors of the two vessels are a young seaman from the *S.N.A. 1*, who is so seriously ill in hospital that he cannot give details, and three Indian seamen from the *Thurston*, who were picked up after spending two days and nights on a raft. The *Thurston* had a crew of 29 men.

The collision occurred last Monday. The *S.N.A. 1*, a vessel of 2679 tons gross, sank very quickly and the crew were rescued by the *Thurston*. The latter vessel, which proceeded on her voyage, is presumed to have struck a mine the following day. Only two boats were got away, one with three men in it and the other two. The latter capsized and the Frenchman was left clinging to it. There is no news of the other boat. Early in the war the *Thurston* was detained by the Russian authorities at Archangel for nearly two months, when homeward bound from the Kara Sea. On her next outward voyage she had to put into Lisbon with her master, second officer and nine of her crew ill. They were taken to hospital and the master died the same day. The first officer then assumed command and was bringing the vessel home when she was lost. The *Thurston*, which was built at Sunderland in 1918, was owned by Messrs. J. E. Murrell & Son, of West Hartlepool. She was originally the *War Sky*.

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WB No 175
SECTION 1

Suggested Record

TUE. 30 APR 1940

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

With Lloyd's

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