

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Wreck Book, p. 108/39

Date of writing this report 21st December, 1939

Vessel's Name *Steel H.S. "King Egbert"* of *London* Tons {Gross 4535
Net 2694Built at *Belfast* When *1928* / *1* Casualty notice sent to Owner *x* Owner's reply *13/12/39*Owner's Name *King Line, Ltd. (Dodd, Thomson & Co. Ltd. Mgrs.)*Address *Northrup House, James Street, Cardiff*Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

F 100A1 *FLMC CS 7,36*
with freeboard *5,38*
6,39
SS. No 2-36 *DBS 11,39*
OIL ENGINES TS 8,37CL

Date of Casualty

12th December, 1939

particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sunk
 after striking a mine in the North Sea on the 12th
 December, 1939.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

32 OF CREW SAVED

An Irish seaman, Jack O'Connell, of
 Pearce Street, Dublin, is believed to
 have been drowned when the 4,500-
 ton London motor vessel, King Egbert,
 sank in the North Sea after an explo-
 sion early yesterday.

Thirty-two other members of the
 crew and the pilot rowed away in
 small boats, and were picked up by a
 neutral ship which transferred them
 to a lifeboat.

ONE man is missing from the
 London motor vessel King
 Egbert (4,536 tons), which was
 sunk in the North Sea by an
 explosion early yesterday.

The 32 other members of her crew
 and a pilot were picked up by an
 Estonian steamer.

The missing man is the fourth
 engineer, John O'Connell, of Pear-
 ce-street, Dublin, who was swept away
 as his comrades looked on from a
 small boat, unable to reach him.

STEAMER SUNK IN
15 MINUTES32 MEMBERS OF CREW
RESCUED

One man is believed to have been
 drowned when the 4,500-ton London
 motor-vessel King Egbert sank in the
 North Sea after an explosion early yester-
 day. Thirty-two other members of the
 crew and the pilot got away in the boats,
 and were picked up by a neutral ship,
 which transferred them later to a lifeboat.
 They were landed on the East Coast.

The rescued men described a tremen-
 dous crash which threw them out of their
 bunks. Half-dazed, they ran on deck and
 took to their boats, and the ship went down
 within 15 minutes. The men were in the
 boats for about two hours before the
 neutral ship found them.

"KING EGBERT"

The King Egbert (4535 tons gross)
 sank after an explosion off the East
 Coast yesterday. Thirty-two of the
 crew and the pilot have been landed,
 after having been picked up by a
 neutral ship, but it is feared that one
 of the crew is lost. The King Egbert,
 which was built in 1928, was one of a
 series of motorships built by Harland
 & Wolff, Ltd., Belfast, in 1927-28 for
 the King Line, Ltd. (Dodd, Thomson
 & Co., Ltd., managers) London.

Suggested Record

SUNK-WAR LOSS. 12,39

Date of Committee

FRI. 29 DEC 1939

Committee's Minute

Sunk-War Loss 12.39