

WRECK DAY No. 168 Section 3 9718

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 27617 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 108/39 Date of writing this report 21st December, 1939

Vessel's Name Steel No 9 "King Egbert" of London Tons {Gross 4535 Net 2694

Built at Belfast When 1928 Casualty notice sent to Owner x Owner's reply 13/12/39

Owner's Name King Line, Ltd. (Dodd, Thomson & Co. Ltd. Mgrs.)

Address Northyn House, James Street, Cardiff

Case previously before Date Last Minute

Particulars of Classification. I 100A1 with freeboard 6.39 ss. No 2-36 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 explosion 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.

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**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 Pearce Street, Dublin, who was swept away as his comrades looked on from a small boat, unable to reach him.

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**STEAMER SUNK IN 15 MINUTES**

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**32 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 yesterday. 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 tremendous 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.

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Suggested Record **SUNK - WAR LOSS, 12, 39**

Date of Committee **FRI. 29 DEC 1939**

Committee's Minute **Sunk - War Loss 12.39**

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