

WILLIAM HUMPHRIES

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 16027 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 97/39

Date of writing this report 8th January, 1940.

Vessel's Name Steel Str. Trawler "William Humphries" of London

Tons { Gross 276
Net 119

Built at Aberdeen When 1918 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner X Owner's reply 2/12/39

Owner's Name St. Andrew's Steam Fishing Co. Ltd. (B. D. Parkes, Mgr.)

Address Fleetwood, Lancs.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Case previously before
Classing Committee.Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

100A1	LMC
Str Trawler	MS 9.39
639	BS 3.39
ss No 3-135	
ss No 1-39	TS 1.38CL

13 TRAWLERMEN MISSING

Thirteen men are believed to have taken to an open boat when the Fleetwood trawler William Humphries was shelled by a submarine. They have not been heard of since last Tuesday.

Times
27/11

Date of Casualty Overdue.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel left Fleetwood on the 14th November, 1939, for the Tory Island fishing grounds, and has not been heard of since.

The survivors of the torpedoed trawler "Sulby" state that after their vessel was sunk, the submarine went in the direction of another trawler, believed to be the "William Humphries", and later they saw 13 men in a boat believed to be the crew. It is thought this trawler was sunk on the same day as the "Sulby", viz. 21st November, 1939.

Closing entries were made in Lloyd's Records on the 30th ultimo.

The Owners concur.

TRAWLER AND CREW MISSING

Thirteen men, the crew of the British trawler William Humphries, who are believed to have got away in an open boat when their trawler was shelled by a submarine, have not been heard of since last Tuesday. The vessel was last seen fishing at the West Scottish fishing grounds, when a German submarine appeared among a number of Fleetwood trawlers and sank the Sulby (already reported), five of whose crew are still missing. The other seven of the Sulby's crew escaped in their lifeboat and were going towards another trawler hoping to be taken on board, when the submarine passed them and began shelling the other trawler, which the Sulby's survivors say was the William Humphries. The Sulby's survivors then made for the nearest land, and after two hours' rowing they saw another small boat containing 13 men. They are of opinion that these men were the crew of the William Humphries, which belongs to the Saint Andrew's Steam Fishing Company, Ltd., of Fleetwood, who up to Sunday night had had no news of her. The William Humphries, of 276 tons gross, was built at Aberdeen in 1918.

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W.B No 175
SECTION 4

RETAIN

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Missing since 11.39

TUE 9 JAN 1940

Missing since 11.39