

WRECK BOOK No. 174 Section 3 9816

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 34438 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 2/40 Date of writing this report 10th February 1940  
 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Svartön" of Stockholm Tons (Gross 2475 Net 1380)  
 Built at Sunderland When 1906 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 26/1/40 Owner's reply 10/2/40  
 Owner's Name Trafikaktieföretaget Grängesberg Oxelösund (N. Waldenström, Mgr.)

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SWEDISH SHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

11 SURVIVORS BUT 20 MISSING

The Swedish steamer Svartön (2,475 tons), of Stockholm, was torpedoed by a German submarine off the North Coast of Scotland yesterday. The ship sank in a minute and a half.

Twenty of the crew are missing. Eleven survivors who took to a raft were picked up by a lifeboat. One survivor was picked up by shipmates after being 40 minutes in the water. A trawler found the men on the raft, and later transferred them to a lifeboat.

The rescued seamen were taken to a first-aid post for attention to minor injuries, and were provided with food and clothing.

The second steamer attacked was the Svartön, 2,475 tons, of Stockholm, which was torpedoed by a German submarine 10 miles off the North-East Coast of Scotland.

The ship sank in a minute and a half, and 20 of the crew are missing.

The Svartön was struck by a torpedo in the boiler-room. The combined explosion of the boiler and the torpedo had a double effect. Everyone amidships and on the bridge had been killed or so severely injured that they had not the slightest chance when hurled into the water.

Among those who perished was a Norwegian pilot who had been unable to leave the ship when his pilotage duties were over.

Eleven survivors picked up by a lifeboat are now in a Scottish hospital.

Particulars of Classification.	
FI 100A1 1139	FI LMC MS 139
SSA 2nd No 3-431	BS 639
SS No 2-39	TS 139CL

Casualty Date 3rd January, 1940

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been sunk by submarine off the North Coast of Scotland on the 3rd January, 1940.

The Owners concur.

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Suggested Record SUNK - WAR LOSS. 140

Date of Committee TUE. 20 FEB 1940

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