

WRECK BOOK No. 162 Section 2 9854

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 21384 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 27/40 Date of writing this report 21st March 1940

Vessel's Name Steel No. 1 "British Triumph" of London (Gross 8501 Tons Net 4987)

Built at Port Glasgow When 1936 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner 6/3/40 Owner's reply 7/3/40

Owner's Name British Tanker Co. Ltd.
Address PO Box No 6, Walton-on-Thames

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

"BRITISH TRIUMPH"
Five men are believed to be missing from the motor tanker *British Triumph*, which capsized after an explosion in the North Sea. Twenty-one men were landed at one east coast port on Tuesday night and 21 at a other port. One boat was got away, another was smashed and a third turned over, the men being thrown into the water. Twenty-one men were left on the sinking tanker, which was listing badly, and eventually a boat from another vessel took them off. The *British Triumph*, which was owned by the British Tanker Company, Ltd., of London, was a vessel of 8501 tons gross, built in 1936 by Lithgows, Ltd., of Port Glasgow. A fortnight ago she was attacked by German aircraft in Great Yarmouth Roadstead.

LL 15/2

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The only ship lost in convoy during the past week was the *British Triumph*, which straggled.

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Case previously before Classifying Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
			+10091
	Last Minute	11,39	TS 11,39 CL
		Carrying Petroleum in bulk	OIL ENGINES

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Date of Casualty 13th February, 1940.

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have struck a mine when in convoy in the North Sea on the 13th February, 1940, and subsequently capsized and sank.

The Owners concur.

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Suggested Record SUNK - WAR LOSS 2.40
 Date of Committee WED 27 MAR 1940
 Committee's Minute Sunk - War Loss 2.40



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