

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 1st February 19 40

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Cedrington Court" of London Tons {Gross 5160
Net 3122

Built at Belfast When 1918 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner 29/1/40 Owner's reply 30/1/40

Owner's Name Court Line, Ltd. (Haldin & Philipps Ltd. Agents)

Address 1, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before _____ Date _____
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.
100A1
539 LMC 539
SS No 3-12, 30 TS 1,39CL
SS No 2-39

Date of Casualty 7th January 1940.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sunk in ten minutes after striking a mine off the southeast coast on the 7th January, 1940.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

"CEDRINGTON COURT"
The British steamer Cedrington Court, of 5160 tons gross, sank on Sunday, off the South-East Coast, after striking a mine. The vessel went down in ten minutes. Her crew of 34 have been landed at a British port, and one deck boy is in hospital with a broken leg. The crew, which got away in the ship's boats, were picked up by a drifter and afterwards transferred to a lifeboat which had put out from shore. When she struck the mine the Cedrington Court was completing a homeward voyage, having been at sea 17 days. Owned by Haldin & Philipps Ltd., London, the Cedrington Court was built in 1918 by Hawthorn & Wolff Ltd., Belfast, as the Ward. After being renamed Cedrington, she was chartered by the Court Line in 1929.

CREW OF 34

SHIP SUNK MINUTES AFTER COLLISION

The entire crew of 34 of the Cedrington Court (5,160 tons) were saved when the vessel sank 10 minutes after an explosion off the south-east coast on Sunday. Most of the crew had time to get away in the starboard lifeboat, but others, including Captain Bunge, the master, had to jump in the water. A deck boy, who was on look-out on the fore-castle head, was blown 20ft into the air by the explosion on the deck between the masts, and escaped with a broken leg.

The crew were picked up by a drifter and afterwards transferred to a lifeboat from a south-east coast town, which brought them ashore. One of the crew owes his life to a man who jumped over the drifter and pulled a line round him as he was going under for the last time.

WB no 163
Section 1

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

BUNK - WAR LOSS 1,40

Sunk - War Loss 1.40



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