

REPORT OF SURVEY FOR REPAIRS, &c.

SHEAF CREST REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 28th December, 1939

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Sheaf Crest"

of Newcastle

Tons {Gross 2730
Net 1609

Built at Blyth When 1924 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 13/12/39 Owner's reply 18/12/39

Owner's Name Sheaf Steam Shipping Co. Ltd. (W. A. Souter & Co. Ltd., Mgrs.)

Emergency Address "Dursley," Fencer Hill Park, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

100A1 with freeboard

LMC MS 9,37

9,39

BS 3,39

SS No 3-9,37

TS 9,39CL

Date of Casualty

30th November, 1939

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sunk after striking a mine off the southeast coast on the 30th November, 1939.

The Owners concur.

When the Newcastle collier Sheaf Crest (2,730 tons) was mined off the south-east coast yesterday, the 30 survivors were picked up by a Polish destroyer and a trawler.

Fifteen seriously injured men remained aboard the warship, the others being taken ashore by lifeboat and treated at hospital.

Among these were 16-year-old William Lightfoot, of South Shields, and Fireman Manuel Rubiales, of North Shields, who was twice mined and twice torpedoed in the last war.

Others included Frederick James Sims, of Rochester, and Chief Engineer W. V. Harrison, of Streatham Vale.

STEAMER MINED OFF SOUTH-EAST COAST

A Newcastle steamer, the Sheaf Crest (2,730 tons) was mined off the south-east coast yesterday and sank. Fourteen survivors were landed by a warship at an east coast port and another 15 were brought ashore by lifeboat. Several of the survivors were injured, three being stretcher cases.

One survivor, a deck boy, William Lightfoot, aged 16, of South Shields, said it was his first ship, but he is going to look for another. "I still think that life on the sea is grand," he said. A fireman, Manuel Rubiales, was mined twice and torpedoed twice in the last war.

The Newcastle steamer Sheaf Crest, 2,730 tons, was mined off the South-East Coast yesterday and within a few minutes grounded with only her stern above water. Fifteen injured survivors were landed by a Polish destroyer and another 15 by lifeboat at an East Coast town.

The British steamer Sheaf Crest was mined off the East Coast yesterday and 15 of the crew were landed at an East Coast port. One man was killed. The vessel which is owned by the Sheaf Steam Shipping Company, Ltd. (W. A. Souter & Co., Ltd.), was built at Blyth in 1924 and had a gross tonnage of 2730.

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Suggested Record

SUNK - WAR LOSS. 11,39

Date of Committee

FRI. 29 DEC 1939

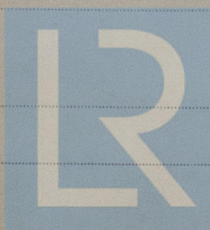
Committee's Minute

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