

WHITEMANTLE

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK MAY
No. 157

9681

No. 36584 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 81/39

Date of writing this report 9th November, 1939.

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Whitemantle" of LondonTons {Gross 1692
Net 993Built at Newcastle When 1920 YEAR. MONTH.Casualty notice sent to Owner 2/11/39 Owner's reply 6/11/39Owner's Name Gas Light & Coke Co. (Stephenson Clarke and Associated Companies Ltd, Agents)Address Bollingwood Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.Case previously before
Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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FLMC 9,37

SS No 3-9,33

BS 10,39

SS No 1-37

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Casualty

22nd October, 1939.

of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sunk six miles from Withernsea on the 22nd October, 1939, following an explosion. It is not known whether the explosion is due to a torpedo or mine.

In reply to the casualty notice, the Owners state they have no objection to this vessel being recorded as sunk by enemy action.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

the coasting vessel White Mantle has sunk after an explosion.

The captain and 13 members of the crew of the White Mantle (1,692 tons), owned by the Gas Light and Coke Company, are missing, but it is thought that they may have been picked up by another vessel. Five were rescued by a trawler and landed at an East Coast port. All were injured, and two were taken to hospital. They stated that they did not know whether the explosion which sank their ship was caused by a mine or submarine action.

Fourteen of the crew of the White-mantle are missing. Five men, all injured, were rescued by a trawler and landed at an East coast port. They did not know whether the explosion which sank their ship was caused by a mine or a submarine.

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including the captain—of the White Mantle, owned by the Gas Light and Coke Company, are missing, but they may have been picked up by other vessels. Five were rescued by a trawler and landed at an East Coast port. All were injured.

Mr. R. Durrant, the engineer of the boat which picked up survivors, said: "The explosion blew the White Mantle in two. The stern sank down first and those in it had no chance. When the skipper was last seen he had a wound in his face and said: 'Carry on; I am finished.'"

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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General Committee

16 November 1939

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