

WHITEMANTLE

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &C.

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 London Tons {Gross 1692
Net 993
Built at Newcastle When 1920 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner 2/11/39 Owner's reply 6/11/39
Owner's Name Gas Light & Coke Co. (Stephenson Blake and Associated Companies Ltd, Agents)
Address Collingwood Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.

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.

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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.'"

Times 24/10

D. Tel 24/10

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Case previously before Date Particulars of Classification
Committee. Last Minute
+100A1 9, 39 FLMC 9, 37
SS No 3-9, 33 BS 10, 39
SS No 1-37 TSQ 38CL

Casualty 22nd October, 1939.
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.

Suggested Record
Date of Committee **FRI 10 NOV 1939**

Committee's Minute *Deferred*

General Committee
16 November 1939

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