

SCOTIA

WRECK DAY  
No. 173  
Section 1

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 33322 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 105/39 Date of writing this report 18th January 1940

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Scotia" of Copenhagen Tons {Gross 2400 Net 1400

Built at Kjøge When 1924 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner 20/12/39 Owner's reply 4/1/40

Owner's Name A/S D/S D.K.F. (De forenede Kulimportører A/S, Næstved)

Address Holmens Kanal 5, Copenhagen.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before Date  
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
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**19 MEN LOST FROM DANISH SHIP**  
FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT  
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10  
The Swedish steamer Lily, which arrived at a Norwegian port late last night, reports that the Danish steamer Scotia (2,400 tons) sank in five minutes on Thursday night after an explosion in the North Sea. She was bound for a British port in ballast. Of the crew of 21 men only two were saved by the Swedish steamer.

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Date of Casualty 7th December, 1939.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been sunk by a submarine in the North Sea on the 7th December, 1939.

The Owners concur.

The captain and second mate of the Danish collier Scotia, 2,400 tons, which sank in the North Sea at night after an explosion, were picked up by a Swedish ship. They had been adrift in a lifeboat for 14 hours. Twenty-one members of the crew are feared lost.

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**"SCOTIA"**  
The Danish collier Scotia sank in the North Sea at midnight on Thursday after an explosion. A Reuter message from Copenhagen states that the master and second mate of the Scotia were picked up by a Swedish ship after drifting in a lifeboat for 14 hours. Twenty-one members of the crew are believed to have been lost. The Scotia, a vessel of 2400 tons gross, was owned by De Forenede Kulimportører A/S, Copenhagen. She was built in 1924 at Kjøge by the Kjøge Værft Skibs og Maskinbyggeri A/S. An Exchange Telegraph Company's message from Copenhagen states that the Scotia left Denmark for an English port, in ballast, last Wednesday. When the explosion occurred a vessel belonging to the same company stood by for at least 12 hours in the hope of rescuing members of the crew.

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The official Danish inquiry into the sinking of the Danish steamer Scotia in the North Sea with the loss of 19 lives revealed this morning that the U-boat which torpedoed the vessel prevented another Danish vessel, the Hafnia, from going to the assistance of the drowning men until all but two were dead. The captain and the mate, the only survivors, were picked up by a Norwegian vessel. Capt. Ravn, of the Hafnia, gave evidence that he and all his crew plainly saw the U-boat, which cruised round and round at the scene of the torpedoing. At one time it passed the Hafnia at a distance of 1 1/2 ship's lengths.

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Suggested Record BUNK - WAR LOSS. 12,39

Date of Committee 19 JAN 1940

Committee's Minute Sunk - War Loss 12.39



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