

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

108  
90%

No. 33498 in R. B.

Wreck Book p. 103/35

Date of writing this report

9th December 1935

Vessel's Name

Steel S.S. "Silverhazel"

of

London

Tons

Net 3091

Gross 5302

Built at

Sunderland

When

1924 - 9

Casualty notice sent to Owner

4/12/35

Owner's reply

6/12/35

Owner's Name

Silver Line Ltd. (Stanley &amp; John Thompson, Ltd. Mgrs.)

Address

Bishopsgate House, 50 Bishopsgate, London E.C. 2.

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1

SS Cr. No. 2-35

w. fld. 9.35

+LMC CS 9.35

D/B 9.35

Carrying oil fuel or Kerosene

F.P. above 150° F in forward or

after peak tanks &amp; deep tanks

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Date of Casualty

9th November 1935

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have gone ashore at San Bernardino Island on the 9th November.

It was stated that she had broken in two & the after part from No. 3 hatch had disappeared.

It was later reported by a passing vessel that only two spars were visible 3ft above water.

In reply to a Casualty notice, the Owners state they have received a certified copy of the Protest noted by the Chief Officer, from which it is clear that the vessel is a total loss.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SILVERHAZEL. Manila, Nov. 11.—Vessel ashore at San Bernardino Island supposed to be the British motor vessel Silverhazel, thought happened at 4 a.m. on Nov. 10. Broken in two, afterpart sunk from No. 3 hold, forepart visible lying alongside 10 ft. rock. Bad weather prevents communication with the wreck, several steamers standing by, crew and passengers lying on rock, owing to heavy sea up to the present impossible rescue, require motor lifeboats. Owners' agent has requested assistance of United States Navy; expected a United States torpedo boat destroyer will be dispatched to-night. Japanese steamer CHICAGO MARU standing by, got ashore, but got off and will proceed to Manila, holed in Nos. 2 and 3 holds.

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London, Nov. 11.—The owners of the motor vessel Silverhazel have received the following cable from Manila, dated Nov. 11: Silverhazel reported ashore San Bernardino Island, right of lighthouse, now broken in two, after part from No. 3 hatch disappeared. Steamer New York and tug Tumbador standing by but report unable presently to take off crew and passengers now marooned on rock 10 ft. high and sheltered by forepart of vessel on account of heavy sea running. Vessel apparently wrecked at 4 a.m. on Saturday morning (Nov. 9). We have arranged with United States Navy to rescue crew and passengers.

Master of steamer New York now radios Silverhazel stranded some time during Nov. 9. Vessel wedged in between rocks at San Bernardino Island. Appears vessel broke in two aft of midship house, poop and mainmast gone. Estimate total loss. Made unsuccessful attempt to rescue crew who are on forward deck. Motor vessel Governor Taft now trying again. Will stand by and give all assistance possible and try again if Governor Taft fails. Rescue hindered by strong winds and tide rise.

Manila, Nov. 11.—The United States destroyer Perry left Manila at 15 p.m. for San Bernardino, where 100 of the passengers and crew of the motor vessel Silverhazel are marooned.—British United Press.

Manila, Nov. 11.—The U.S. destroyer Perry has been ordered to the scene and should arrive to-morrow.—Reuter.

SILVERHAZEL. Manila, Nov. 11.—According to the General Steamship Corporation, the motor vessel Silverhazel is carrying five passengers, four of whom are American women, and a crew of 45. Most of the passengers and crew are stated to have landed on the rock, but some were reported this afternoon to be on the forward half of the vessel. The heavy seas running, with rip tides, north-west gales, and squalls of rain, have made it impossible for the lifeboats of the vessel which are standing by to reach the passengers and crew.—Reuter.

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Manila, Nov. 12.—Motor vessel Silverhazel: Situation no improvement, weather getting worse, bad weather prevents communication with the wreck. Vessels standing by are unable to establish connection with wrecked crew. A second United States torpedo boat destroyer has been dispatched in order to assist.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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Suggested Record

Wrecked 11.35

Date of Committee

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Committee's Minute

Wrecked 11.35

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Manila, Nov. 12.—Three members of the crew of the motor vessel Silverhazel have been picked up from a small raft off the Luzon coast, states the latest wireless message from the destroyer Perry. Two merchant steamers are standing by with the Perry and the U.S. destroyer Bulmer is racing to the scene with rocket apparatus with which it is hoped to rescue the passengers and crew. Although heavy seas are pounding the Silverhazel the passengers and crew are believed to be in no immediate danger.—British United Press.

London, Nov. 12.—The owners of the motor vessel Silverhazel have received the following cables from Manila:—

Dated Nov. 12: Master of steamer New York radios: Contacted crew on rock, so far all's well, weather moderating U.S. destroyer Perry now arriving.

Dated Nov. 12: U.S. destroyer Perry reports wreck of Silverhazel about 1000 yards east of light, superstructure bow above water, survivors visible on rock near ship, sea rough, choppy, very bad shoal water. Stood in windward wreck approaching close as practicable from this position, wreck lies between ship and rock on which survivors stranded making impossible reach them floating life raft or line. Rescue impossible until weather moderates.

U.S. destroyer Bulmer left Manila at noon to-day with additional equipment, tug Trabajador and motor vessel Governor Taft standing by.

Dated Nov. 12, 6 50 p.m.: U.S. destroyer Perry reported 6 p.m. rescued three Hindoo members of crew.

Dated Nov. 12, 11 30 p.m.: U.S. destroyer Perry reported Hindoos stated no others abandoned rock, vessel stranded Saturday morning (Nov. 9), no food, water last two days, expect further attempt to abandon rock at daylight to-morrow. Shoal water around wreck covered breakers estimated 20 ft. high; cannot approach closer than 1500 yards.

Have arranged three big army planes leaving at daybreak to-morrow to drop food and water.

**SILVERHAZEL.**—Manila, Nov. 12.—Four women and 47 men, passengers and crew of the motor vessel Silverhazel, are still marooned to-night on a rock at the southern tip of Luzon Island. Three of the crew were rescued to-day. They are Lascar seamen who built a raft of pieces of wreckage and drifted about until picked up by the United States destroyer Perry. A typhoon is reported to have developed near the island of Yap, about twelve hundred miles east of the wreck, and is making for the Philippines. It is not thought likely that the typhoon will strike the islands for two or three days, by which time the Naval authorities hope to rescue the entire party. Efforts to take them off have, however, so far failed. The master of the tug Trabajador to-day sent a radio to Manila from the scene of the wreck saying that waves were dashing high over the rocks where the Silverhazel is wedged, broken in two. The castaways are about one thousand yards from the southern tip of the island, and the rescue ships have been unable to approach nearer than fifteen hundred yards. One of the vessels that attempted to approach, the steamer CHICAGO MARU, arrived in port to-day with water in two holds. She reported that during rescue efforts she lost her anchor and was dragged towards the reef by the heavy seas. The destroyer Perry has tried vainly to take off the castaways in small boats.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 13.—The tug Trabajador, in the vicinity of the motor vessel Silverhazel, has sent a wireless message saying "Sorry very hard to rescue passengers and crew. Destroyers are unable to approach. We can approach to about six hundred yards, but the current is running at a strong rate seven miles per hour."

Captain Nori, of the steamer CHICAGO MARU, said that about twenty victims were clustered on the rocks and twenty were still in the bow of the broken vessel which is lying along the rock. The U.S. destroyer Perry wirelessed at 7 30 p.m. G.M.T. (Nov. 12) that she had picked up seventeen more survivors on another raft, including the third officer of the Silverhazel, Mr. S. Young, of Aberdeen.—British United Press.

Manila, Nov. 13.—Motor vessel Silverhazel: All on board saved, excepting two dead and two missing, including master. Search abandoned, rescuing vessels will return here bringing survivors. Owners advised by agents of list survivors. Will report condition of the vessel as soon as possible.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Manila, Nov. 13.—Two of the 54 passengers and crew of the motor vessel Silverhazel are dead and two, including the master, are missing. All the others who spent two days and two nights marooned on a rock have been rescued. They are on board the United States destroyer Perry and are due to reach Manila to-morrow. The dead are Mrs. Neil Williams, of Los Angeles, California, a passenger, and an apprentice seaman named Bernard Macpherson. Captain H. Lennard and one of his crew are missing. The castaways began to abandon the rock when they found that the vessels and destroyers standing by were unable to reach them there. They took off in small groups on improvised rafts made from pieces of the Silverhazel wreckage and were picked up by the rescue ships.—Reuter.

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London, Nov. 13.—The owners of the motor vessel Silverhazel have received the following cable from Manila, dated Nov. 13: Silverhazel: Navy reports 50 persons rescued, two dead and two missing out of total of 54 souls. Saved Mrs. Zerling, Mrs. Wyndham, Mrs. Bissinger, Bissinger, Cooke, Bloye, McGilchrist, Prond, Clayton, Scott, Probett, Hitcham, Davies, Robertson, Bennie, Pickersgill, Gilbert, Madge, Keswick, Hodge, Harding, Matheson, Young and 27 members of native crew. Dead are Mrs. Williams and Bernard Charles MacPherson, missing Captain Lennard and presently unknown member of crew. Address of Young is 38, Gramplan Circle, Aberdeen. Above survivors arriving at Manila at daylight to-morrow on board United States destroyer Perry, other destroyer searching for missing. British Consul advises survivors our responsibility.

**SILVERHAZEL.**—Manila, Nov. 14.—The U.S. destroyer Perry arrived here early this morning with 43 survivors of the wrecked motor vessel Silverhazel.—Reuter.

Manila, Nov. 14.—Motor vessel Silverhazel: First officer also Naval officer confirm vessel broken in two and after part from No. 3 hold disappeared. Cargo in forepart may be considered total loss. Wreck will be unapproachable probably for several months, high and dangerous seas. Steamer CHICAGO MARU is in port for repairs and certificate of seaworthiness. Damage sustained through stranding to No. 5 hold, not as before reported.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

**SILVERHAZEL.**—Manila, Nov. 18.—Captain H. Lennard, who lost his life in the wreck of the motor vessel Silverhazel on the southern tip of Luzon Island last week, was to-day cleared of all blame by the Committee of Inquiry into the disaster. The Committee, which was presided over by the British Consul-General, found that the disaster was due to strong winds and lack of visibility.—Reuter.

**SILVERHAZEL.**—Manila, Nov. 26.—Motor vessel Silverhazel: Passing vessel reports by wireless no signs of hull with exception of two spars visible, 3 ft. above water, 50 ft. from rocks.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

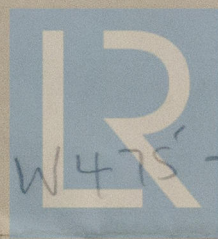
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