

INVERDARGLE

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK DAY
No. 168 Section 1

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No. 26560 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 942

Date of writing this report 10th February 1940Vessel's Name *Steel Motorship Inverdargle* of *Glasgow*Tons {Gross 9456
Net 8261Built at *Hamburg* When *1938* 7Casualty notice sent to Owner *21/1/40*Owner's reply *2/2/40*Owner's Name *Inver Tankers Ltd (A. Heir & Co. Mgrs)*Address *Baltic Exchange Buildings, 21 Bury Street, London E.C.3*

| Case previously before Classing Committee. | Date | Particulars of Classification. | |
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| | Last Minute | <i>Carrying petroleum in bulk</i> | <i>78 c.t.</i> |

Date of Casualty *16th January 1940.*Précis of particulars of Casualty *It is reported that, following*

*an explosion, the vessel burst into flames ultimately
breaking in two and foundering off the S.W. Coast.*

Deceased entire crew of 44 lost.

The Owners concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Lost Tanker the Inverdargle

The tanker was following an explosion which broke in two off the South-West Coast of England on Tuesday was the Inverdargle, of 9456 tons gross. Contrary to early reports, it is learned that all on board lost their lives. This information was released yesterday after the relatives had been informed that the men were missing and feared lost owing to enemy action. The crew, including the master, Captain Evan M. Skelley, numbered 44, of which 18 were white British officers and 26 West Indian subjects. The Inverdargle was owned by Inver Tankers Ltd, London (Messrs. Andrew Watt & Co. managers) and was built in Glasgow in 1938. She is the second of the six or seven German-built tankers which were ordered by Inver Tankers Ltd. in connection with the Irish oil refinery scheme, to be lost; the other, the *Turra*, being sunk in the first month of the war. Prior to the war the vessels were registered in Eire.

It was learned last night that the tanker which burst into flames and sank after an explosion off the South-West Coast on Tuesday was the Inverdargle (9456 tons), built at Dublin. She was owned by Inver Tankers Ltd.

TANKER IN FLAMES

LIFEBOATS AND STEAMERS
TO RESCUE

An oil tanker, caught fire and broke in half off the South-West Coast of England yesterday. Coastguards saw the vessel suddenly burst into flames, and in response to their call three lifeboats were launched. Other craft in the neighbourhood of the burning vessel, including a patrol boat and three steamers, also went to her assistance.

It was learned from members of one lifeboat crew on their return from the tanker that they stood by while the crew of the vessel were taken on board a patrol boat. No loss of life was reported to the lifeboat coxswain. The patrol boat proceeded to a West Coast port.

Mr. E. James, jun., a lifeboat engineer, was walking on the hills during the afternoon when he saw what he believed to be a submarine. "I saw the tanker," he said, "and on the shore side of her was a silver shape which I took to be a submarine. For a little while Mr. James hid the vessels from me, and when next I looked I saw the tanker burst into flames. The silver shape was still there. I waited to see no more, but ran for the lifeboat station."

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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