

KENNEBEC

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Wreck Book, p. 60/39

Date of writing this report 30th October, 1939

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Kennebec"*of *London*Tons {Gross 5548
Net 3422Built at *Port Glasgow* When *1919*

YEAR. MONTH.

Casualty notice sent to Owner *5/10/39* Owner's reply *26/10/39*Owner's Name *Anglo-American Oil Co. Ltd. (J. J. Wolfe, Mgr.)*Address *36, Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.1.*

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

<i>F 100A1</i>	<i>F L MC 1, 37</i>
<i>2, 39</i>	<i>BS 2, 39</i>
<i>S.S. No 3-9, 33</i>	<i>TS 2, 39</i>
<i>S.S. No 1-37</i>	<i>Fitted for oil fuel</i>
<i>carrying oils in</i>	<i>8, 14 F.P. above</i>
<i>bulk F.P. above 150° F.</i>	<i>150° F.</i>

Date of Casualty

8th September, 1939

Précis of particulars of Casualty *This vessel is reported to have been sunk by submarine in the Atlantic on the 8th September, 1939.*

The Owners concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

RESCUED MEN JOIN NAVAL RESERVE FEW HOURS AT HOME

Within a few hours of arriving home in Jarrow yesterday two members of the crew of the Anglo-American Company's Kennebec, which was sunk on Friday night, left to report for immediate duty in the Royal Naval Reserve. They were John Goss, 24, of Lanchester, and Andrew Young, 26, of St. Paul's-road.

Relating their experience to friends at home, they said:

"We had covered all but the last 20 miles of our 6,000 mile trip from Aruba, West Indies, with a 20 of oil when the submarine got us. We had been taking a zig-zag course ever since war was declared, and it was about two hours before we were sunk that we surmised there was a submarine in the vicinity.

"A sharp lookout was kept all the time, and about six o'clock we knew it was a submarine. All hands were called on deck and the boats lowered.

"Two shots were fired as a warning by the submarine, one at the stern and one over our port quarter."

"Before we left the ship all the crew stood on the deck and sang.

"When the submarine came alongside after we were in the boats, the commander, who appeared to be only about 21 years of age and who spoke perfect English asked us whether we had a light. He told us there was a Dutch steamer in the vicinity which would pick us up."

The Kennebec was still afloat six hours after she was torpedoed, but her back was broken."

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FIVE more British ships were reported sunk yesterday.

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Kennebec (5,548 tons), owned by the Anglo-American

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Section 2

Suggested Recprd

Date of Committee

TUE 31 OCT 1939

Committee's Minute

Sunk
W. J. Wolfe