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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, & C.

No. 71591 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 5/39

Date of writing this report 23rd March, 1939

Vessel's Name

Steel S.S. "Cambay Star"

of Bombay

Tons {Gross 637
Net 320

Lowestoft

When 1920

11

Casualty notice sent to Owner 2/3/39

Owner's reply x

Name Eastern S.S. Nav. Co. Ltd. (Man. Agts: - Shariff Hussain & Co.)

Address 24 Mangalore Street, Fort, Bombay.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

OVERDUE VESSEL

CAMBAY STAR. — Bombay, Jan. 16. — British steamer Cambay Star: Owners' agents report three days overdue at Calicut, having sailed from Karachi on Jan. 8 on direct voyage. Mercantile Marine Department advise Royal Indian Navy vessel Pathan sailed in search and all shipping warned. Weather on coast reported normal.

LL 17/1

Bombay, Jan. 16. — British steamer Cambay Star: Mercantile Marine Department advise British steamer Clan Macilwraith sighted upturned lifeboat of Cambay Star, body in lifejacket and sundry bales of cargo, in lat. 18 19 N., long. 70 40 E.

CAMBAY STAR. — Bombay, Jan. 17. — The steamer Cambay Star is reported to have sunk 150 miles west of Bombay with the loss of her crew of 28 Indians. — Reuter. (See issue of Jan. 17.)

LL 18/1

CAMBAY STAR. — Bombay, Jan. 20. — The owners of the steamer Cambay Star write under date of Jan. 18: The steamer Haideri, which sailed on Monday afternoon (Jan. 16) in search of the Cambay Star, returned this morning. She has picked up a wooden locker presumed to belong to the vessel, which is now landed at the docks. She could not find any other article or any trace of wreckage. It is now definitely presumed that the Cambay Star has been lost. Efforts are still being made to trace any survivors.

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According to the local press, the Haideri cruised the whole of Tuesday (Jan. 17) within a radius of 15 miles in the waters where the wreckage was first sighted. The vessel picked up a wooden locker containing clothes, believed to be of some of the kitchen crew of the Cambay Star, some vegetables, empty tins and baskets and five rupees in cash. A kitchen article bearing the initials of the steamship company was also found in the locker.

CAMBAY STAR. — Bombay, Jan. 27. — According to advices from the owners, the steamer Cambay Star left Karachi on Jan. 8 for the Malabar coast, with a cargo of cotton, grain and general merchandise. The vessel was expected to arrive at Calicut on or about Jan. 14. She did not arrive at Calicut as expected. On Jan. 15 the Indian Mercantile Marine Department was informed that the Cambay Star had not reached Calicut, and messages were sent by the Department to all ships at sea to keep a sharp lookout for the vessel.

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On Jan. 17 the steamer Clan Macilwraith, which arrived at Bombay, reported having sighted a capsized lifeboat belonging to the Cambay Star. She also reported having seen a wooden hatch and some burst bales of cotton spread over the surface of the sea and the body of a man with a lifejacket floating near the wreckage. The corpse was in a highly decomposed condition.

The Royal Indian Navy sloop Pathan was sent from Bombay under orders of the Indian Mercantile Marine Department to search for survivors of the Cambay Star, and the company's steamer Haideri was sent out for the same purpose. After extensive search both the vessels returned without any further news of the Cambay Star. The Haideri picked up a wooden locker containing clothes, believed to be of some of the kitchen crew of the Cambay Star, and a kitchen article bearing the initials of the owners of the Cambay Star, "E.S.N. Co."

It is believed that the Cambay Star must have been wrecked at a distance of about 140 miles west of Bombay, in lat. 18 19 N., long. 70 40 E. There is no trace of the wreckage or of any survivors of the Cambay Star, and she is now believed to be a total loss. (See issue of Jan. 28.)

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MISSING VESSEL

CAMBAY STAR. — London, Mar. 1. — Steamer Cambay Star, of Bombay, 637 tons gross, official number 145571, which left Karachi for Calicut on Jan. 8, 1939, with a cargo of cotton, grain and general merchandise, was to-day posted at Lloyd's as a missing vessel.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
+100 A1	+LMC 1,37
3,38	+NB 5,31
ss No 3-9,32	BS 3,38
ss No 1-37	TS 12,35CL

Quality

Overdue.

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have left Karachi on the 8th January last with a cargo of cotton, grain, etc., for Calicut, and has not been heard of since.

A wood locker has been picked up about 150 miles west of Bombay, and a capsized lifeboat and bales of cotton have been sighted in this vicinity.

The vessel was posted "Missing" at Lloyd's on the 1st instant.

Suggested Record

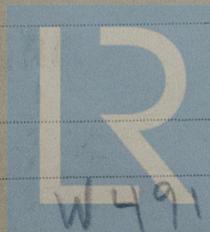
Missing since 1,39

Date of Committee

FRI 24 MAR 1939

Committee's Minute

Missing since 1,39



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