

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 7th January 1937

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Bury Hill" of London

Tons Net 2467 Gross 4542

Built at Stockton When 1914 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 5/1/37 Owner's reply 6/1/37

Owner's Name Messrs. S. J. Cold (Counties Ship Management Cold. Mgrs)

Address Bury Court House, 7/8 Bury Court, London, E.C. 3.

Case previously before Date  
Classing Committee. Last Minute

## Particulars of Classification.

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Shelter SR.  
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4.36  
MS 5.35  
BS 7.36

Date of Casualty 8th December, 1936.

Particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have gone ashore on Almadí Reef on the 8th December.

Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association reported, on various dates, that she appeared to be badly holed; water from tunnel overflowing into engine room; decks buckled & vessel continually straining. On the 22nd December he stated that she had broken amidships.

In reply to a casualty notice, the Owners state that, according to the latest information received, the vessel has broken her back. It is understood that although some cargo is being salvaged, it is not anticipated there is any prospect of saving the vessel. They suggest, however, that action might be deferred in the matter for one or two weeks, when they hope full reports will be available.

25th January 1937

In reply to inquiry the Owners now state that the vessel is broken in two, & action need no longer be deferred.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

BURY HILL. Dakar, Dec. 8.—British steamer Bury Hill has gone ashore on Almadí Reef, all along bottom, grinding.

London, Dec. 8.—The following message has been received from the master of the steamer Bury Hill: Ashore Cape Verde, rocky bottom, No. 1 tank flooded, stern deep water.

Dakar, Dec. 8.—British steamer Bury Hill: Position dangerous off reef. Ballast tank and No. 4 hold completely full of water. Water gaining tunnel, grinding heavily.

BURY HILL. Dakar, Dec. 8.—Steamer Bury Hill appears badly holed high water, now grinding badly, water also in tunnel. Master thinks possibly two-thirds of cargo can be saved. Twenty of crew left vessel. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

London, Dec. 9.—The Salvage Association have received the following wireless message from the master of the steamer Bury Hill via Dakar, dated Dec. 9: No. 2 ballast making rapidly, all bilges flooded. Tunnel water gaining over pumps.

Dakar, Dec. 9.—Master of British steamer Bury Hill reports: Water in tunnel in spite of continuous pumping, 2 ft. of water in No. 2 ballast, all bilges flooded. Water from tunnel overflowing into engine room, cannot cope. Terrible pounding during night.

BURY HILL. Dakar, Dec. 10.—Steamer Bury Hill: Have already invited tenders, great difficulty in obtaining craft, answer morning. Vessel resting on sandy bottom, has not moved since 9 a.m. yesterday. Surveyor and diver alongside at 7 to-morrow, on receipt of reports hope can state if possible to save vessel and cost. If cannot obtain craft to save cargo, approximately 4000 tons, do you sanction jetison view attempt to save vessel?—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

BURY HILL. Dakar, Dec. 12.—Steamer Bury Hill: With assistance of naval tugs and gear surveyor's opinion possible refloat vessel with maximum prospects success. Vessel resting forward and stern on sandstone, no holes visible to diver.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

BURY HILL. London, Dec. 18.—The following cable has been received by the owners of the steamer Bury Hill from Dakar, dated Dec. 18, 12.5 a.m.: Crew accommodated ashore, heavy expenses. Present position decks buckled, straining, salvage not operating yet. Lloyd's Surveyor by radio consider it is not advisable crew return on board. Advise us what you think should be done.

Dakar, Dec. 18.—Steamer Bury Hill: Crew rejoins to-morrow, cargo discharge begins to-morrow. Salvage gear now being assembled.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

BURY HILL. Dakar, Dec. 18.—Steamer Bury Hill: Master now reports vessel definitely buckling, believe means to land remainder of crew to-morrow.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

BURY HILL. Dakar, Dec. 21.—Steamer Bury Hill: Discharge of cargo has begun, grain in good condition. Yesterday's report vessel continually straining, list more apparent. Surveyor visits ship this morning.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

London, Dec. 22.—The following message has been received from the master of the steamer Bury Hill, dated Dakar, Dec. 22: Broken amidships midnight; advise Dakar discharge crew.

Dakar, Dec. 22.—British steamer Bury Hill broke amidships early morning.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

BURY HILL. Dakar, Dec. 23.—Steamer Bury Hill: Making arrangements for salvage of cargo and materials.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

BURY HILL. Dakar, Dec. 24.—Discharge of steamer Bury Hill delayed by strikes; hope normal on Saturday (Dec. 26).—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

FRI. JAN 8 1937

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