

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 17th January 1938

Name Steel Y.Y. "Essex Manor" of London Tons (Net 3095 Gross 4994)

Sunderland When 1930 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner x Owner's reply x

Name

Address

Previously before Date  
Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.  
+10091 +LMC 834  
with freeboard BS.3,37  
337  
SS. No. 1-34 TS 7,34CL

Casualty 1st August, 1937.

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have gone ashore on rocks at Erimosaki, Japan, on the 1st August last. She was flooded to water level, the whole of the bottom being damaged.

On the 19th August she was refloated and towed to Yokohama, arriving there on the 24th September, partly floating on her cargo. She was placed in dry dock and very extensive repairs to bottom plating, bulkheads, etc., are recommended.

In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's state by telephone that she has been sold and the Underwriters have accepted her as a Constructive Total Loss.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ESSEX MANOR.—London, Aug. 1.—The owners of the steamer Essex Manor have received the following messages from the master:—

Timed 6 40 a.m. (Japanese time), Aug. 1 via Hakodate Radio: Badly ashore Erimosaki.

Timed 8 40 a.m. (Japanese time), Aug. 1 via Hakodate Radio: Vessel badly on rocks stem to afterpart No. 2 hold stokehold filling. Now waiting salvage assistance.

Tokyo, Aug. 1.—British steamer Essex Manor has grounded off Cape Erimo, Hokkaido, while en route to Muroran, according to a telephone message from Hakodate, received by the Domei Agency. The Essex Manor is stated to be leaking badly, but the crew is safe.—Reuter.

Yokohama, Aug. 2.—British steamer Essex Manor went ashore yesterday at Erimosaki and remains; reported to be leaky.

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—The London steamer Essex Manor has sent out an appeal for immediate assistance stating she has gone ashore on a Japanese reef and is leaking badly. There are 40 passengers on board the vessel, which is en route to Shanghai from Portland, Oregon, with general cargo.—British United Press.

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ESSEX MANOR.—London, Aug. 3.—The owners of the steamer Essex Manor have received the following wireless messages from the master:—

Via Otchish Radio, Aug. 1, 10 a.m.: Ship further seriously damaged, full to water level, position critical, part crew landed, waiting assistance.

Via Hakodate Radio, Aug. 3, 5 40 a.m.: Nippon Salvage Company's representative arrived, divers' examination incomplete, damage serious, salvage if possible lengthy, in touch Lloyd's Agents Yokohama.

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—Passengers on board the British steamer Essex Manor have been taken ashore. The crew and Japanese longshoremen at Urakawa are attempting to refloat the steamer from the sand and rocks just off the coast. The steamer, which is carrying 40 passengers, is on charter to Dant & Russell, of Portland, Oregon.—British United Press.

LL 4/8

ESSEX MANOR.—London, Aug. 5.—

The owners of the steamer Essex Manor have received the following message from the master, dated Aug. 4: Fear position hopeless. Diver's examination shows extensive damage whole length deck awash, may have to abandon any moment. Nippon engineer reports salvage impracticable. Crew landed, recommend be sent home.

Yokohama, Aug. 5.—Steamer Essex Manor: Lying on a hard bottom, exposed position. Divers report fore hold full of water, engine-room making much water, after hold making water, bottom grinding. Master reports position hopeless, hull badly fractured. Prospects of salvage will cable to-morrow.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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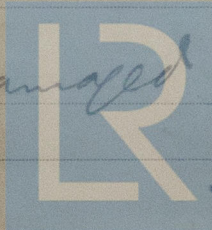
Recorded Record Stranded 8,37; in port damaged.

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Committee's Minute

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**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Aug. 6.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Position un-  
changed. Salvors will not agree to "no  
cure no pay" contract in view of hope-  
less position of the vessel, nevertheless  
salvors think there is some chance of  
salvage. Salvors now considering means  
of floating by lightening steamer, will  
be in a position to advise us on Monday  
(Aug. 9).—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage  
Association.

LL 9/8

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Aug. 22.—  
Steamer Essex Manor arrived Muroran  
in tow to-day.—Lloyd's Agent per Sal-  
vage Association.

LL 24/8

Yokohama, Aug. 23.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Surveyor reports  
Hakodate Dock unsuitable. Retaining  
cargo on board for flotation. When  
patching completed and seaworthy certi-  
ficate obtained will tow Yokohama.—  
Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Oct. 4.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Permanent  
repairs about three months after full  
discharge of cargo. Expect complete dis-  
charge of 'tween decks about Oct. 6, then  
remove all possible weights from decks  
and reduce draught to permit drydock.  
Vessel now partly floating on hold  
cargo. Misinformation regarding date of  
drydocking. Dry dock occupied until  
Nov. 5, when we drydock, survey, plug  
up holes, float and discharge balance of  
cargo then redrydock. Estimated time  
between drydockings two weeks. Un-  
able to give accurate time or cost of  
temporary repairs.—Lloyd's Agent and  
Salvage Association's Surveyor.

LL 5/10

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Aug. 11.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Surveyors re-  
port weather permitting prospects of  
floating fair.—Lloyd's Agents per  
Salvage Association.

LL 12/8

London, Aug. 11.—  
The following cable has been received  
from the Nippon Salvage Company,  
dated to-day: Steamer Essex Manor:  
Vessel's condition gradually becoming  
worse.

Yokohama, Aug. 11.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Surveyor  
further reports holds and engine-room  
full of water, vessel lying comfortable  
rocky bottom, boilers probably unseated,  
fear extensive bottom damage. Refloat-  
ing practicable provided salvage com-  
mences immediately.—Lloyd's Agents  
per Salvage Association. (Note.—The  
owners have authorised the master to  
contract with the Nippon Salvage Com-  
pany subject to agreement of cargo  
interests.)

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Aug. 27.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Contract com-  
pleted Muroran in accordance with  
terms of Salvage Agreement. Expected  
able to steam and steer assisted by two  
tugs. Provided engine-room kept dry  
surveyor satisfied with arrangements.  
Advise later what being done, terms of  
towage and when ready to leave (for  
Yokohama).—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage  
Association.

LL 28/8

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Oct. 11.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Discharged all  
possible cargo and movable gear re-  
moved. Draught below 26 ft. permit  
drydocking about Nov. 5.—Lloyd's  
Agent and Salvage Association's Sur-  
veyor.

LL 12/10

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Sept. 4.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Salvors still  
patching with view to towage to Yoko-  
hama. Whole bottom damaged and  
holed from keel to G strake both sides.  
Engine-room bulkheads opened up.  
(Later.) Salvors anticipate completion  
of tightening and ready to leave on  
Sept. 10.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage  
Association.

LL 6/9

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Oct. 5.—  
Steamer Essex Manor arrived here on  
Sept. 24 in tow of two salvage tugs and  
anchored in the stream. All holds were  
flooded to sea level, fore and afterpeaks  
dry, engine and boiler rooms leaking  
very severely but in control of salvage  
pumps. Deck cargo logs and railway  
ties had been jettisoned during floating  
operations. 'Tween decks and lower  
holds are fully loaded with railway ties  
and the vessel was quite evidently in  
part floating on this cargo. Three  
boilers shifted, pillars between boilers  
and main engines bent and the tank  
top set up. Bulkheads at each end  
leaking and bulged as was also the  
plating at the tunnel recess as well as  
the casing plates of the pocket bunkers,  
in the engine-room. These sundry sur-  
faces held in place with heavy shoring.  
The 'tween and shelter decks bulged up  
between No. 3 hatch and the fiddley  
also the shelter deck showing distortion  
otherwise. On account of 'tween deck  
cargo the balance of that deck could  
not then be examined. The damages  
are extremely severe and extend not  
only generally all over the bottom but  
also up the sides as far as "G" strake  
of plating. On the port side below the  
bridge the shell plating is bulged out  
above water, vessel was drawing  
about 33 ft. at this survey, and the  
diver reported a severe fracture from  
the bilge up, in way of this. The  
'tween deck cargo is out, ship is up to  
about 26 ft. when we were told the  
Asano big dock cannot take anything  
over 26 ft. on account of the draught  
of the entrance to it, making it neces-  
sary to lift spare gear and other mov-  
ables, in order to avoid any chance of  
grounding. We were told definitely the  
vessel could drydock on Nov. 5 at Asano  
and the plans are working out accord-  
ingly. The intention is to drydock with  
cargo, as in lower holds, hold survey  
of external damages, plug up holes,  
float, discharge balance of cargo and  
redrydock for repairs. The nature of  
the damages do not lend to temporary  
repairs. Tank margins are holed also  
tank tops and bulkheads are broken  
and sprung, the forefoot is gone and  
diver reports stern frame and rudder

LL 28/10

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Aug. 13.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Salvage steamer  
left 2 p.m. to-day.—Lloyd's Agent per  
Salvage Association.

LL 14/8

Tokyo, Aug. 13.—The crew  
of the steamer Essex Manor, which ran  
aground off Hokkaido Island, are leav-  
ing for England to-morrow. They are  
leaving the vessel in the hands of the  
salvage company, who will make  
attempts to refloat her.—British United  
Press.

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Sept. 11.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Expect leave  
Muran on Sept. 14 weather permitting,  
arriving at Yokohama on Sept. 19.  
Anticipate dry dock available early  
October, meantime unload cargo.—  
Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

LL 13/9

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Sept. 19.—  
Steamer Essex Manor left (Muran)  
to-day (for Yokohama for docking).—  
Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

LL 21/9

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Aug. 16.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Surveyors  
report weather fine, salvage operations  
proceeding, anchors laid out, com-  
menced discharging part of deckload.  
Divers report considerable damage  
bottom fracture(s) No. 3 hold port side  
6 ft. from bilge keels, 3 ft. wide.—  
Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

LL 17/8

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Sept. 22.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Towing proceed-  
ing satisfactorily, expect arrive Sunday  
(Sept. 26).—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage  
Association.

LL 23/9

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Aug. 17.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Weather fresh-  
ening north-west, ship in moderate  
shelter. Work well in hand, prospects  
of refloating good weather permitting.  
Expect attempt to refloat about  
Aug. 20.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage  
Association.

LL 18/8

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Sept. 24.—  
Steamer Essex Manor now arrives  
to-night. Your surveyor arrived to-day.  
—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Associa-  
tion.

LL 25/9

**ESSEX MANOR.**—London, Aug. 19.—  
The following cable has been received  
from the Nippon Salvage Company,  
dated Tokyo, Aug. 19: Steamer Essex  
Manor refloated to-day.  
Yokohama, Aug. 19.—  
Steamer Essex Manor refloated to-  
day, commences towing to Muroran  
to-morrow.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage  
Association.

LL 20/8

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Sept. 25.—  
Steamer Essex Manor arrives Satur-  
day (Sept. 25).—Salvage Association's  
Surveyor.

LL 27/9

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Aug. 21.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: Deckload cargo  
all jettisoned, vessel waterlogged, draw-  
ing 35 ft. aft. Salvage steamer Nasu  
Maru try tow to Muroran to-day,  
salvage steamer Miho Maru dispatched  
from Otaru yesterday for assistance of  
towage. Surveyor to Lloyd's Register  
attending.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage  
Association.

LL 23/8

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Sept. 26.—  
Steamer Essex Manor safely beached in  
outer harbour pending endeavour to  
arrange to dry dock as is with cargo  
draught about 33 ft. Diver reports all  
compartments badly holed to above  
margins. Patching afloat would be slow  
and expensive. Recommending dis-  
charge of 'tween decks meanwhile but  
not releasing cargo. Nippon salvage  
attending.—Lloyd's Agent and Salvage  
Association's Surveyor.

LL 28/9

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Nov. 1.—  
Steamer Essex Manor entered dock yes-  
terday. Now blocking and pumping out.  
—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Associa-  
tion.

LL 2/11

**ESSEX MANOR.**—Yokohama, Nov. 6.—  
Steamer Essex Manor: 240 bottom and  
side plates renew, 53 remove and fair,  
about 328 floors and frames to deal  
with.—Lloyd's Agent and Salvage Asso-  
ciation's Surveyor.

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