

WRECK DAY No. 155 Section 49631

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 25208 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 60/39 Date of writing this report 9th October, 1939
Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Goodwood" of London Tons {Gross 2796
Net 1627
at Sunderland When 1937 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner 5/10/39 Owner's reply 6/10/39
r's Name W. France, Fenwick & Co., Ltd.
Address 23, Rood Lane, London, E.C.3.

previously before sing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
	Last Minute	<u>100A1</u>	<u>LMC 8,37</u>
		<u>1,38</u>	<u>CL</u>

of Casualty 10th September, 1939.
of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been
sunk by a mine or torpedo one mile off Flamborough
Head on the 10th September, 1939.
The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Sunk yesterday in the North Sea within sight of land was France, Fenwick and Co.'s steamer Goodwood (2,796 tons, registered in London). She was torpedoed without warning.

The master, Captain Hewson, and his crew of twenty, were all picked up by the fishing boat Osprey and landed.

The captain, with both legs broken, and five other men with broken bones, were taken to hospital. The rest of the crew were treated by a doctor for minor injuries.

"Wed Three Days Ago"

One of them, Able Seaman Dorsey, told the Daily Mirror:-

"I was married only three days ago. But I suppose in a fortnight we'll be off to sea again."

He said he was asleep when a terrific explosion flung him out of his bunk.

"We immediately rushed on to the deck and lowered the starboard lifeboat—the other was stove in. I helped to lower the boat," he said.

"The captain, who received the most serious injuries, was thrown into the water. Two fellows jumped after him and kept him afloat until the lifeboat reached him. He was then transferred to a fishing boat."

An eye-witness ashore said he was awakened by the explosion at sea.

"The whole house shook. The shock was felt all over the place," he said. "It felt like an earthquake."

Sank in Few Minutes

"I watched some of the crew jump into the sea, and then saw them picked up by a fishing boat. The ship went down in a few minutes."

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Suggested Record Sunk - War Loss
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Committee's Minute FRI, 13 OCT 1939
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