

Wreck Book No. 64 Bottom 7940

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 34283 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 96129 Date of writing this report 7th October 1929

Vessel's Name *Reed P.P. "Siltonhall"* of *W. Hartlepool* Tons { Net 4491 Gross 6055

Built at *Stockton* When *1912* Casualty notice sent to Owner *2.10.29* Owner's reply

Owner's Name *W. Hartlepool & Co. Ltd.*

Address *35 Church St. W. Hartlepool*

Case previously before Date *12.11.29* Particulars of Classification. *10000* *10000* *10000*

Classing Committee. Last Minute *10000* *10000* *10000*

Date of Casualty *23rd September 1929*

Recis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer was abandoned on fire in the Indian Ocean on 23rd September. The crew were rescued and are now on board s.s. 'Anthea' proceeding to Melbourne. In reply to a casualty notice the Owners state that they have received no advice that the vessel sank after abandonment. They call attention to the s.s. 'King Cadwallon', which was also recently abandoned on fire in the Indian Ocean, & was ultimately towed to East London, and, in the circumstances, perhaps it may be advisable to defer making a record of casualty for the present.

18th November 1929

In reply to enquiry the Owners now state that no report has been received since the vessel was abandoned on fire on 23rd September, and they think she may now be considered a total loss.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SILTONHALL.—London, Sept. 23.—The following cable has been received from Captain Tulloch, of the steamer Anthea, via Perth (W.A.) Radio, dated Sept. 21: Present position of ship, lat. 37° 33' S., long. 81° 58' E., driving all speed. Every effort is being made to rescue those on board steamer Siltonhall which is on fire 390 miles S.E. from us.

London, Sept. 23.—The owners of the steamer Siltonhall have received the following radio message from the master of the steamer Anthea:—Instructed by Captain Harrison inform you Siltonhall fire out of all control, standing by in lifeboats, we are steaming towards her at top speed 390 miles distant.

SILTONHALL.—London, Sept. 24.—The following wireless message has been received from Captain Tulloch, master of the steamer Anthea, via Perth (W.A.) Radio, dated Sept. 23, 11 10 p.m.:—Rescued the crew of steamer Siltonhall, all well. Proceeding Melbourne.

SILTONHALL.—Perth (W.A.), Sept. 26.—The following wireless message has been received here from the steamer Anthea which rescued the crew of the steamer Siltonhall after they had been compelled to abandon their burning vessel in the Indian Ocean: Received message: "Siltonhall afire, three explosions in No. 3 hold." Half an hour later received message: "Hold now blazing, and out of all control. Standing by in lifeboats. Please come to our assistance immediately." We made for the position of the burning ship, 400 miles distant, in lat. 40° 57' S. long. 88° 36' E., experiencing heavy wind and moderate gales, arrived by Siltonhall on Sept. 23, at 4 p.m., found the steamer blazing fore and aft, and the bridge and wireless room gone. We picked up one lifeboat with the chief officer and 17 men, and then went for the other boat, and picked up the master and the remainder of the crew one hour later. Heavy seas were running, and all were in a drenched and exhausted condition. All were saved and there were no casualties. Proceeding direct to Melbourne.—"The Times" Correspondent.

Suggested Record
Date of Committee

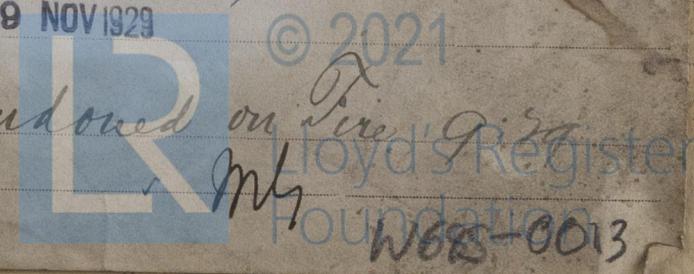
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TUE. 8 OCT 1929

Abandoned on Fire 9.29
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Committee's Minute

*Deferred 100
one month*

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CERTIFICATE WRITTEN

5.6.29