

## REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIRS, &amp;c.

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

WRECK BOOK

No. 55 Bottom 7606

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Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Collingdale"

Date of writing this report 5th May

1927

Built at South Shields When 1906

of London

Tons { Net 2461  
Gross 3896

Owner's Name Kingdon Steamships Co (Jackson Bros. Mgrs)

Casualty notice sent to Owner 27.4.27

Owner's reply

Address 4, Great St. Helens, London E.C.3

Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Last Minute

Date of Casualty

12th April 1927

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer is reported to have been wrecked at Melilla during a violent storm on 12th April; broken in two; total loss.

On 22nd April the Salvage Association's Special Officer reported that there was not a vestige of hope of salvaging the vessel.

No reply has yet been received to the casualty notice sent to the Owners on 28th April.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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Melilla, Apr. 12. Steamer Collingdale, of London, wrecked ashore on sand owing strong easterly wind storm.

COLLINGDALE. London, Apr. 13. The owners of the steamer Collingdale have received the following cable from the master, dated Apr. 12, 12.20 p.m.: Ship full fore and aft all hatches stowed in; all boats smashed out one, so far all safe. Heavy port list.

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COLLINGDALE. See "Gale in the Western Mediterranean" under "Weather and Navigation."

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Gibraltar, Apr. 13. Steamer COLLINGDALE. Storm increasing. Salvage steamer Valkyrie, Rescue off Melilla but impossible render assistance at present. Position half mile South-East. Mineral Wharf broadside on sand, heavy sea breaking over her.

Gibraltar, Apr. 14. Destroyer Viscount proceeding Melilla to attempt save 20 crew of COLLINGDALE, too rough for boats. Tug Rescue reports impossible approach COLLINGDALE owing heavy surf and no line throwing appliances available. Wind east, strong breeze to moderate gale, sea rather rough.

Gibraltar, Apr. 14. Steamer COLLINGDALE had weather continues, salvage steamer cannot yet render assistance. Position very critical. Crew still on board but unable communicate. Salvage Association.

Madrid, Apr. 14. The latest details from Melilla show how serious are the results of the violent storm which yesterday swept the Mediterranean coasts. Many vessels run aground and others sank without any possibility of assistance being rendered to their crews. The British steamer COLLINGDALE, which ran aground near Melilla, where she had been loading coal for Rotterdam, is in an extremely difficult position. After an anxious attempt a seaplane succeeded in getting a rope on board, but so far the crew have not succeeded in getting away from the vessel. A harbour pilot is also on board.

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Gibraltar, Apr. 15. It now transpires that it was the salvage vessel Rescue that actually took off the crew of the steamer COLLINGDALE, off Melilla. Reuter.

COLLINGDALE. See "The Gale in the Western Mediterranean" under "Weather and Navigation."

Steamer COLLINGDALE must be considered total loss. When weather moderates will examine situation and give full reports.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 4.27

FRI. 6 MAY 1927

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COLLINGDALE.—See "The Gale in the Western Mediterranean" under "Weather and Navigation."

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Melilla, Apr. 21.—Steamer COLLINGDALE lies on sand bank about one mile off shore. Broken at engine-room bulkhead two and parted about 20 ft., main deck forward awash, seaward list all holds flooded, after end little lower in water. Funnel mainmast gone, accommodation partly demolished and gutted. Consider total wreck, may be possible get small contractor locally for stripping but this doubtful. Vessel has about 5000 tons iron ore cargo on board.

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COLLINGDALE.—Melilla, Apr. 22.—Steamer Collingdale: The weather was fine and the agent accompanied me by motor boat to this wreck. It certainly presented a sorry spectacle and had apparently been very badly punished by the recent storm. The crew had all been safely landed after over 50 hours of hardship and suspense. The wreck lies about a mile from shore, broken in way of the engine-room bulkhead with the two ends about 20 ft. apart, listed seaward with the foredeck awash and hatch coamings on the after end are partly covered and awash. The bridge deck in way of stokehold bulkhead is also cracked across, the bulwarks broken away. Mainmast and funnel have gone and the cabin accommodation demolished and gutted. I regret to say there is not a vestige of hope of salving this vessel. I am trying at the present to interest a local salvor on the stripping. About 5100 tons of iron ore cargo is on board, insured in Italy. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.



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wrecked. Crew saved. Norwegian steamer  
**BALTO** safely on sandy shore. Greek  
steamer **NICOLAOS PATERAS** in bad posi-  
tion ashore, beaten by waves. Vessel  
**CASTILLA** sunk inside harbour.

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