

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 59980 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 37/47 Date of writing this report 9th July 1947

Vessel's Name *S. Trawler "Loch Hope"* of *Hull* Tons Gross 274 Net 109

Built at *Beverley* When 1915 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner 1.7.47 Owner's reply *X*

Owner's Name *A. & N. Smith, Ltd.*  
Address *Albert Quay Aberdeen*

Case previously before Date  
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
+100A1	+LMC 11,46
<i>Sm Trawler</i>	<i>TS 346 CL</i>
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<i>TS 11,46(D2)</i>	

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**LOCH HOPE.**—Wick Radio, June 11.—Following received from British trawler Goth at 8.10 p.m., G.M.T.: Trawler Loch Hope blown up by mine, one missing. Survivors proceeding to Seydisfjord on board Fleetwood trawler Urka.  
Wick Radio, June 12.—Following received from British trawler Goth at 12.5 a.m., G.M.T.: Trawler Loch Hope. Position 12 miles east of Hvalsbakar.  
Reykjavik, June 12.—Trawler Loch Hope sank off the east coast of Iceland yesterday after a mine caught in her net, exploded. Seventeen of the crew of 18 were rescued. A deck hand was killed and eight members of the crew injured by the explosion. The survivors were rescued by the British trawler Urka, which was nearby at the time. Five of the injured are being flown to Reykjavik from Seydisfjord. Three others are too seriously hurt to be moved. —Reuter.

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**LOCH HOPE.**—Reykjavik, June 12.—British trawler Loch Hope foundered after striking a mine off the east coast. One of crew dead, five injured. (See issue of June 13.)

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**REMAIN**

Date of Casualty *11th June 1947*

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This trawler sank following an explosion caused by a mine being caught in her net, when fishing off the east coast of Iceland on the 11th June, 1947.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 1st instant.

Suggested Record *Sunk by mine 6.47*

Date of Committee *JUL 11 1947*

Committee's Minute *Sunk by mine 6.47*

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Character Assigned *11,46 2th subject*  
*S.S. Loh 11,46 (21) + LMC 11,46*



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Hull Daily Mail - 27.6.47

## Loch Hope Men Back in Hull

Hull DM 27/6

THE crew of the Hull trawler Loch Hope which was blown up by a mine while fishing off Iceland about a fortnight ago have returned home. One man was lost in the disaster, Arthur Cattle, a deckhand, who was killed.

Skipper A. Butler and other members of the crew were brought back home in the trawler Jupiter. The three remaining men, W. Neve, third hand, W. Fall and E. Jenkinson, deckhands, who were left behind in hospital, reached Hull today. They were flown from Reykjavik to Prestwick and joined a train at Glasgow.

Neve told the Hull Daily Mail he is still suffering from an injury to his back, but is shaking off the effects of a nasty experience.

### MINE NOT SEEN

"None of us," he declared, "actually saw the mine. We were fishing shortly before nine o'clock at night and the trawl was being hauled when a terrific explosion occurred.

"The next I remember was that I was being picked up by the cook and taken aft. Some of us were leaning over the ship's side before the explosion occurred.

"I was told afterwards that the ship's side was buckled and that the deck forward was forced up. Luckily the Fleetwood trawler Urka was only about 40 yards away. She came alongside and we were able to jump on board with assistance. The Loch Hope sank within nine minutes of the explosion.

### TRIBUTE TO COOK

"We were treated well by the crew of the Urka and we have a lot to thank them for," Neve continued. "They landed us at Seydisfjord seven hours later and we were admitted to hospital. We were given penicillin for eight days and the nurses and staff were most attentive to us while we were there."

A member of the crew whom Neve singles out for special praise is Tommy Beech, the cook. "He was very cool and did wonderful work," he said, "and everyone is full of praise for him." Beech escaped injury.

Hull Daily Mail 30.6.47

## Mystery of Explosions That Sank Loch Hope

THERE is an element of uncertainty as to what caused the explosions which sank the Hull trawler Loch Hope at Iceland.

Skipper A. Butler, who was in Hull today, told the Hull Daily Mail that a big explosion was followed by two smaller ones.

"I have thought about it a great deal," said the skipper, "and have wondered whether it could have been three magnetic mines attached to one another, or if a bomber had been brought down in that area and I had got three of its bombs in the trawl."

"Had there been only one explosion," Skipper Butler said, "I would have concluded that I had picked up a mine, but with three explosions I am at a loss to know the cause."

Tommy Beeks, cook of the Loch Hope, did splendid work among the injured.

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