

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 19th November, 1947

Vessel's Name *P.S. "Freelock" ex "Freesia"* of *(British)* Tons Gross 724 Net 265Built at *Belfast* When 1940 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner ☒ Owner's reply ☒Owner's Name *Wheelock Marden & Co. (London) Ltd.*Address *165 House, Minories, London, E.C.3.*Case previously before
Classing Committee. { Date _____
Last Minute _____

Particulars of Classification.

<i>+A-</i>	<i>+LMC 1140</i>
<i>For Government</i>	<i>CL</i>
<i>Service</i>	
<i>1140</i>	
<i>Fitted for oil fuel 1140 F.P.</i>	
<i>above 150°F</i>	

Date of Casualty *3rd April, 1947*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel broke away, when in tow, during heavy weather off the southern coast of Spain, and drifted ashore on the 3rd April, 1947, becoming a total loss.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

FREELock. — London, Apr. 2. — The owners of the ex corvette Freelock, London for Shanghai in tow of ex corvette LARKSLOCK, have received the following wireless messages from the master of the LARKSLOCK:

Timed 1 p.m., Apr. 1: At 8 15 a.m., Apr. 1, corvette Freelock broke towline in lat. 43 34 N., long. 9 25 W. Heavy northerly gale, high confused sea, standing by and will make an attempt to salvage her.

Timed 8 30 p.m., Apr. 1: Weather and sea very bad, cannot put, at present, another hawser on board; standing by in position by bearings lat. 43 30 N., long. 9 14 W. Freelock drifting easily towards Sisargas Island.

Timed 9 55 a.m., Apr. 2: Weather worse, whole westerly gale, Freelock drifting eastwards 20 miles from Ferrol harbour; standing by.

FREELock. — Ferrol, Apr. 3. — Steamer LARKSLOCK, London for Shanghai, has arrived and reports having lost steamer Freelock, in tow, off Cape Prior. The Freelock is now ashore at San Jorge. (See issue of Apr. 3.)

FREELock. — Ferrol, Apr. 3. — Ex corvette Freelock, ashore at San Jorge, near Cape Prior: Presume vessel lying on rocks; endeavouring to survey when weather permits. Meantime requesting tenders for salvage, if practicable. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 5.)

FREELock. — Ferrol, Apr. 8. — Weather has so far prevented examination of ex corvette Freelock, ashore at San Jorge. (See issue of Apr. 7.)

FREELock. — Ferrol, May 18. — Ex corvette Freelock has been examined by diver as possible. Vessel settled on rocks, bottom bulged starting from stern to stern, one propeller blade broken, bilge keels crushed, one 10-in. hole on starboard side about 16 yards from stem in way of bilge also two small holes 10 yards from stem in way of engine-room. Impossible to ascertain other damages. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 15.)

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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