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Wreck Report No.

No. 21090

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, & BOILERS

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Date of writing this report 7th March, 1955

Ship's Name m.s. "COLOMBIA" of Stockholm Tons Gross 5422 Net 3016

Built at Gothenburg When 1937 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner 28.2.55. Owner's reply 2.3.55.

Owners Rederiet Nordstjernan

Managers A.A. Johnson

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Classification details

✱ 100A1	✱ LMC CS9,53
with freeboard	DBS9,54
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Date of Casualty 24th November, 1954.

Details of Casualty

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This ship stranded on rocks near Skagsudde in heavy weather, and has been declared a total loss.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

COLOMBIA.—London, Nov. 24.—The following cable has been received from Stockholm, dated Nov. 24: Swedish motor vessel Colombia (Stockholm for Santos) has grounded near Skagsudde, outside Ornskoldsvik. There is deep water in engine-room.

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Nov. 25.—Swedish motor vessel Colombia hard ashore. Started discharging cargo. (See issue of Nov. 25.)

COLOMBIA.—London, Nov. 26.—The following cable, dated Nov. 26, has been received from Stockholm: Motor vessel Colombia; Situation critical, vessel may be totally lost. (See issue of Nov. 26.)

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Nov. 27.—Motor vessel Colombia; Situation very bad owing to gale; ship "waste" at present. (See issue of Nov. 27.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 25.—Captain Bure Herrstrom, master of the Swedish motor vessel Colombia, collapsed in the evening of Nov. 23, just before the vessel grounded off Skagsudde pilot place, and died on Nov. 24 while being transported to Ornskoldsvik hospital. "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Nov. 29.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 28.—The position of the motor vessel Colombia, aground off Skeppsmalen, deteriorated yesterday when the weather became bad. The vessel was pounding and had 6 to 7 metres of water in engine-room. About 300 tons of cargo has been discharged or jettisoned. Jettisoned cargo includes 300 rolls of newsprint. "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Nov. 30.)

Gothenburg, Nov. 27.—Position of stranded motor vessel Colombia deteriorated somewhat yesterday. The vessel now has a crack 4 cm. wide on port side in way of No. 3 hold and plates in way of engine-room indented 2 metres. The salvage vessels have left the scene in order to seek shelter. The crew has been taken off. "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning."

Ornskoldsvik, Nov. 27.—Motor vessel Colombia: Situation very bad owing to gale; ship without crew at present. (Not as reported in issue of Nov. 29.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 29.—The position of the motor vessel Colombia, aground at Skeppsmalen, was unchanged yesterday. The SSW storm has increased and it is impossible to do anything at the moment. "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 1.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 30.—The strong wind decreased somewhat on Monday (Nov. 29) but the seas were still too heavy for any attempt to be made to board the Swedish motor vessel Colombia, aground at Skeppsmalen. "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 3.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Dec. 1.—It has still not been possible to board motor vessel Colombia, aground near Skags Light. "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 4.)

Ornskoldsvik, Dec. 4.—Motor vessel Colombia: Situation unchanged.

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Dec. 2.—Two men from a pilot cutter succeeded in boarding the motor vessel Colombia yesterday and from the rapid inspection which they were able to make the prospects of salvage appear to be good. There are only a few minor cracks in the vessel's hull. When weather has improved further, a salvage vessel will proceed to the scene to examine the vessel's under-water damage with the aid of divers. "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 6.)

Ornskoldsvik, Dec. 6.—Motor vessel Colombia: After examination ship found much damaged.

Suggested Record "WRECKED 11.54"

Date of Committee TUESDAY 8 MAR 1955

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 11.54

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Dec. 8.—
Motor vessel Colombia: Now discharg-
ing cargo and equipment. (See issue of
Dec. 7.)

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COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Dec. 8.—
Information received from Ornskoldsvik
states that discharge of general cargo
from the motor vessel Colombia had to
be suspended on Tuesday evening
(Dec. 7) owing to heavy swell. A large
quantity of machine goods, boxes and
wood fibre plates, all in undamaged
condition, has been taken to Ornskoldsvik
by a large lighter. Some has been
loaded into railway wagons for carriage
to Stockholm. The vessel, which
has three decks, has water up to the
tween deck. All lower holds are full of
water. These contain bales of pulp,
which have swollen. The hull has with-
stood the pressure of the pulp, but
upward dislocations have occurred.
Some of the hatches have been forced
up one metre and in way of the
hatches of No. 3 hold a beam has lifted

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and caused considerable damage. The
vessel has a heavy list and one side,
which has been exposed to the heavy
seas, is heavily indented between frames,
but the rivets have held. The two
engines are leaning over on account of
the hull indentations, but have not come
away. The deck erections are badly
damaged.—"Goteborgs Handels och
Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 9.)

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Dec. 23.—
Motor vessel Colombia is still on rocks,
heavily damaged; discharging continues.
(See issue of Dec. 11.)

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COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Dec. 24.—
The discharge of the cargo of the
Swedish motor vessel Colombia, aground
at Skag, recommenced at noon on Wed-
nesday (Dec. 22), but had to be sus-
pended on Thursday morning owing to
increased wind. It is probable that the
work will not be able to be continued
until after Christmas. — "Goteborgs
Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See
issue of Dec. 24.)

LL30/12/54

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Jan. 5.—A
report received from Ornskoldsvik states
that discharge of the undamaged cargo
from the motor vessel Colombia,
aground off Skag, was considered as
completed yesterday evening when the
last lighter was taken to Ornskoldsvik.
It is intended to leave the vessel where
she lies for the winter and a fisherman
at Skeppsmalen has undertaken to keep
a watch on the stranded vessel to
see that no unauthorised person goes
on board.—"Goteborgs Handels och
Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of
Dec. 30.)

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COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Feb. 15.—It is
learned that Neptunbolaget will make no
further attempt to save the Swedish
motor vessel Colombia, aground off
Skags light, or her cargo.—"Goteborgs
Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See
issue of Jan. 10.)

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