

**REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.**

No. **54798S** in R.B. Wreck Book, p. **6/56** Date of writing this report **20th February, 1956.**

Ship's Name **s.s. "HERRIESBURN"** of **Glasgow** Tons **Gross 1699**

built at **Newcastle** When **1923** 1 **Casualty notice sent to Owner 6.2.56.** Owner's reply **15.2.56.**

Owners **J. H. Henderson**

Managers **P. D. Hendry & Sons**

Address **24, Drury Street, Glasgow.**

**WRECK SECTION**

No. **548**

**Classification details**

* 100A1 9,55	* LMC3,54 BS5,55
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	ts 5,55 CL

Date of Casualty **22nd January, 1956.**

Details of Casualty

Caught fire 15 miles S.E. of Anholt Lighthouse, and sank in lat. 56 29N., long. 12 32E.

The Owners concur.

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

**HERRIESBURN.** — Cullercoats Radio, Jan. 22.—Following received from Skagen Radio at 3 17 p.m., G.M.T.: S O S at 3 10 p.m., G.M.T. Heard S O S strength 4, but bad interference, position may be 15 miles south-east of Anholt Light-vessel. Also heard by Kiel Radio. Ships with further information please indicate.

— Cullercoats Radio, Jan. 22.— Following received from Skagen Radio at 3 32 p.m., G.M.T., addressed S O S: Following received from Danish motor tanker Esso Nyborg at 3 28 p.m., G.M.T.: Now on position for burning British steamer Herriesburn. Ship put lifeboats at sea.

Following received from Skagen Radio at 4 3 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from steamer Herriesburn: S O S, on fire, want immediate assistance.

Following received from motor tanker Esso Nyborg at 3 28 p.m.: Now two lifeboats at sea, they are rowing slowly in direction of us.

Following received from Skagen Radio at 4 7 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from Esso Nyborg at 4 5 p.m. on 1988 kcs. (unread) picked up resume normal working QUM (distress traffic ended with caution.)

Frederikshavn, Jan. 22.—Skagen Radio reports fire on British steamer Herriesburn to-day in position lat. 56 41 N., long. 12 7 E. Crew picked up by Danish motor tanker Esso Nyborg.

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—British steamer Herriesburn, bound Copenhagen (from Methil), laden coal, reported on fire south-east of Anholt and left by crew, which taken on board a motor tanker. A salvage vessel has left Elsinore to trace vessel.

London, Jan. 22.—The following message has been received from Copenhagen, dated Jan. 22, timed 7 37 p.m.: Steamer Herriesburn, cargo coal for Copenhagen, on fire in lat. 56 41 N., long. 12 7 E. Salvage vessels Sigyn and Bien proceeding.

Stockholm, Jan. 22.—The crew of the British steamer Herriesburn were rescued by the Danish motor tanker Esso Nyborg after their ship caught fire in the Kattegat, according to a radio message picked up in Gothenburg. The ship sent out an S O S reporting the fire and saying crew had taken to the lifeboats 15 nautical miles south-east of Anholt lighthouse.—Reuter.

**HERRIESBURN.**—Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—The master of the steamer Herriesburn states that the fire started in the "second" hold, amidships, and spread fast, and within half an hour he found the bridge blazing.—Reuter. (See issue of Jan. 23.)

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—The fire in steamer Herriesburn was due to spontaneous combustion in No. 1 hatch, which developed gases.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Gothenburg, Jan. 23.—Gothenburg Radio reports: British steamer Herriesburn adrift, on fire and abandoned by crew, position at 5 p.m. on Jan. 22 lat. 56 40 N., long. 12 10 E.; westerly wind, strength 4 to 6 (moderate to strong breeze).

Copenhagen, Jan. 23.—British steamer Herriesburn sank early this morning. The crew of 25 were landed at Frederikshavn this morning from the motor tanker Esso Nyborg. The tug Bien was standing by the Herriesburn from midnight.—British United Press.

Copenhagen, Jan. 23.—Salvage vessel reports steamer Herriesburn has disappeared and must have sunk.

Stockholm, Jan. 23.—Swedish lifeboat Bernhard Ingelsson radioed to-day that she had found a ship's boat, deckboards, part of a companion way and other wreckage near Hallands Vadero, believed to have come from steamer Herriesburn.—Reuter.

**HERRIESBURN.** — London, Jan. 24.—The following message has been received from Copenhagen, dated Jan. 23. Steamer Herriesburn:— No assistance possible as vessel was burning from fore to aft. Sank in position lat. 56 29 N., long. 12 32 E. (See issue of Jan. 24.)

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Wrecked Record

**"BURNT & SUNK 1,56"**  
**TUESDAY 21 FEB 1956**

Minutes of Committee

Committee's Minute

*Burnt & Sunk 1,56*

