

WRECK SECTION No. 43

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 14014

WRECK SECTION No. 613

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Ship's Name s.s. WALLACE ROSE of Liverpool Tons { Gross 632 Net 277

Built at Hardinxveld When 1931 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners Hughes Holden Shipping, Ltd.

Managers ---

Address 17, Adelaide Street, Swansea.

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### Classification details

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Date of Casualty 26th January, 1954.

### Details of Casualty

This ship was sunk by collision while at anchor off Erith. She was subsequently raised and beached, but has been abandoned as a constructive total loss. (Owners' letter)

17.5.54. Now broken up at Grays by Thos. W. Ward Ltd.

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

WALLACE ROSE. — North Foreland Radio, Jan. 26.—Following received from Swedish motor vessel YVONNE, SJFT (Tamatave and London for Hull and Gothenburg):

At 9 2 p.m., G.M.T.: XXX (urgency signal), sunk steamer Wallace Rose off Coldharbour Point Light. As far as is known, two survivors, eight missing. Am searching for them with lifeboats. Have anchored in the Thames.

At 9 43 p.m., G.M.T.: We know there are eight missing from steamer Wallace Rose. Now heaving up and proceeding. The police are now searching. Now proceeding because of water.

London, Jan. 26.

—One of the directors of Hughes, Holden Shipping, Ltd., of Swansea, said to-night that Captain McCourt was the master of steamer Wallace Rose and that the vessel was on voyage from Caen to London with slag. The Wallace Rose was at anchor near the shore with only anchor lights showing. When hit by the YVONNE, which was going down river, she was dragged into mid-river and sank.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Gravesend, Jan. 27.

—Swedish motor vessel YVONNE, for Rotterdam, is anchored below here with damage to stem and port bow, having been in collision with steamer Wallace Rose off Erith last night. Latter vessel foundered.

Blackwall, Jan. 27.

—Steamer Wallace Rose located by harbour-master sunk south of mid-channel, about 300 yards east of Cory's Jetty, Erith Rands.

London, Jan. 27.

—Thames river police launches are still patrolling Erith Rands in search of further survivors from steamer Wallace Rose. Shortly before noon to-day, equipment will be assembled to lift the wrecked vessel out of the fairway. She is sunk in the centre of the main shipping channel. A Port of London Authority wreck ship is now in position over the wreck. Completely submerged, the vessel was located after two Port of London Authority launches had swept the rands for just under three hours. Thames river police have been taking statements from the two survivors, who were taken to the Seamen's Hospital at Woolwich last night. They said the Wallace Rose sank in less than 10 minutes.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

WALLACE ROSE.—London, Jan. 27.

—Port of London Authority spokesman said to-day that efforts are being made to raise the steamer Wallace Rose. He said the vessel is lying south of the main navigation channel. The vessel has 650 tons of slag and 400 tons of metal on board. The owners of Wallace Rose to-day named the men missing after the collision: include the master and chief officer. Two survivors are the boatswain and stoker. (See issue of Jan. 28.)

WALLACE ROSE.—London, Feb. 4.—

—Steamer Wallace Rose was lifted about noon to-day by the Port of London Authority and transported upstream to about 900 ft. off Mulberry Wharf in about 25 ft. of water. A further lift will be made after diver's inspection. (See issue of Jan. 28.)

WALLACE ROSE.—London, Feb. 8.—

—A man was taken from the deck of the British steamer Wallace at Mulberry Wharf, Belvedere, this morning. The body of another member of the crew was later recovered from the Thames, near the wharf. (See issue of Feb. 5.)

WALLACE ROSE.—London, Feb. 9.—

—At 5 p.m. to-day steamer Wallace Rose was raised by a Port of London Authority lifting craft and placed ashore at Mulberry Wharf, Belvedere. (See issue of Feb. 9.)

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Suggested Record "DAMAGED BY COLLISION 1.54"

Date of Committee FRIDAY 2 APR 1954

Committee's Minute

Damaged by collision 1.54

TUESDAY 19 MAY 1954

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