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Wreck Report No.

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

537 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 85/55

Date of writing this report 3rd October, 1955.

Name s.s. "OVERTON" of Liverpool Tons { Gross 426
Net 185

S. Shields When 1911 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 21.9.55. Owner's reply 29.9.55.

Thorn Line Ltd.

S. William Coe & Co., Ltd.

709, Tower Building, Liverpool 3.

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Classification details

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Date of Casualty 7th September, 1955.

Details of Casualty

A total loss on rocks off The Maidens
Lighthouse, County Antrim.

The owners have concurred.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

OVERTON.—Portpatrick Radio, Sept. 7.—
Steamer Overton (Liverpool for
Coleraine) is ashore at Maidens, County
Antrim, and lifeboat is alongside and
coastguard at Orlock is working with
her but there is no distress.

Following received from Overton
at 8 20 a.m., G.M.T.: Donaghadee
lifeboat standing by. Have got our
men in our own boat to be picked
up by lifeboat. Am standing by to see
what happens.

—Belfast, Sept. 7.—Steamer
Overton reported aground Maidens, near
Larne. She is making water but in no
immediate danger. She will endeavour
to get off under her own power at next
high tide.

—London, Sept. 7.—Steamer
Overton went aground on rocks off The
Maidens Lighthouse, three miles from
Larne, in fog to-day, and was badly
holed. She is carrying a cargo of
feeding stuffs. Donaghadee lifeboat
stood by. Apart from the master and
first officer, who are still on board, the
crew has been taken ashore. The
local agent of the owners of the
Overton state that the vessel is angled
fairly steeply and her stern deck is
awash.

—Portpatrick Radio, Sept. 7.—
Following received from Donaghadee
lifeboat at 2 46 p.m., G.M.T.: Have
taken off the crew of steamer Overton
and left the master, mate and engineer.
Am taking crew to Larne and returning
to the Overton.

—London, Sept. 7.—The
lifeboat crew has reported that the
master of steamer Overton, Captain B.
Richardson, of Liverpool, and the chief
engineer, remained on board the Overton
because they thought they would be
able to work the pumps. More than
9 ft. of water has risen in one of the
ship's holds.

—Belfast, Sept. 7.—Attempt
to refloat steamer Overton on this
afternoon's high tide failed. Vessel
grounded on Saddle Rock, off Larne,
this morning in thick mist while on
passage to Larne with feeding stuff.
Weather remains calm. (Later) Ship
reported hard aground and in danger of
breaking up. All on board now taken
off by Donaghadee lifeboat.—LLOYD'S
List Correspondent.

—Portpatrick Radio, Sept. 7.—
Following received from Donaghadee
lifeboat: We have taken all the crew off
the steamer Overton, including master,
engineer and mate, as she has a decided
list to port. We are now proceeding with
all the crew to Donaghadee harbour.

OVERTON.—Belfast, Sep 7.—It is under-
stood that steamer Overton has been
abandoned. Crew has been taken ashore
by Donaghadee lifeboat. Salvage Associa-
tion's representative is arriving at Larne
to-day. (See issue of Sept. 8.)

—Liverpool, Sept. 8.—Steamer
Overton: Our officer reports: At low
water to-day vessel awash on port side
from stern to the bridge and on star-
board side from stern to fore-end of
engine-room and after boat deck and
engine-room casing submerged. Hatch
boards washed off No. 2 hatch and part
cargo washed out. Owing to exposed posi-
tion and strong 4 to 5 knots tide, diving
work impossible and we consider pros-
pects of salvage hopeless. — Liverpool
and Glasgow Salvage Association per
Salvage Association.

OVERTON.—Larne, Sept. 8.—Steamer
Overton is likely to be regarded as a
total loss, a spokesman for the ship's
agents at Larne stated to-day. The
ship's crew of 10, including the master,
Captain B. Richardson, of Liverpool,
were taken off the vessel by Donaghadee
lifeboat and brought to Donaghadee
last night. The Overton was carrying a
cargo of about 350 tons of feeding stuffs
from Liverpool to Larne and Coleraine.
—The Irish News Agency. (See issue
of Sept. 9.)

OVERTON.—Larne, Sept. 21.—The
back of steamer Overton was reported
to be splitting to-day and the afterpart
of the vessel was well down in the water.
A spokesman for the ship's agents, Nor-
man Canning & Co., Larne, stated
to-day: "The fate of the vessel is still
not determined." It is generally believed
in Larne that the vessel must now be
abandoned as a total loss. —The Irish
News Agency. (See issue of Sept. 13.)

Suggested Record "WRECKED 9,55"

Date of Committee FRIDAY 7 OCT 1955

Committee's Minute

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