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Wreck Report No. 16003

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 31st January, 1962.

Ship's Name m.s. "FORDFIELD"

of Liverpool

Tons { Gross 561
Net 267

Built at Waterhuizen When 1954 3

Casualty notice sent to Owner 24.1.62. Owner's reply 29.1.62.

Owners Zillah Shipping Co., Ltd.

Managers W.A. Savage Ltd.

Address Reliance House, Water Street, Liverpool 3.

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Classification details

+100A1	+LMC CS11,59
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ss 12,59	ts 11,59 OG

Date of Casualty

11th January, 1962.

Details of Casualty

This ship foundered in the English Channel, in lat. 50 31N., long. 0 34W., in heavy weather, and is a total loss.

The owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

FORDFIELD. — Niton Radio, Jan. 11.— Following received from British motor vessel Fordfield:

At 8 49 a.m., G.M.T.: Have very heavy list, position 10 miles SE. Owers Light-vessel.

At 8 58 a.m., G.M.T.: Think she is going over, will get in raft before she goes.

Following received from British motor vessel Baltic Swift at 8 58 a.m., G.M.T.: Estimated time of arrival at Fordfield 10 a.m.

Following received from motor vessel Perla Dan at 9 1 a.m.: We are now on distress position.

Following received from British motor vessel Lancing at 9 5 a.m., G.M.T.: Thirteen miles distant, cannot give estimated time of arrival.

Following received from motor vessel Salsette at 9 6 a.m.: Eleven miles west; proceeding.

Following received from motor vessel Belvedere at 9 7 a.m.: Five miles distant; proceeding.

Following received from motor vessel Osborne Queen at 9 7 a.m.: Five miles distant; proceeding.

Following received from motor vessel Schiedyk at 9 10 a.m.: Two miles south of Owers.

— Liverpool, Jan. 11.— Motor vessel Fordfield was on voyage from Neath River to Amsterdam with a cargo of coal.

— London, Jan. 11.— Selsey lifeboat was launched to-day to the assistance of the crew of British motor vessel Fordfield. A helicopter joined in the search for survivors.— Exchange Telegraph Company.

— Niton Radio, Jan. 11.— Following received from motor vessel Perla Dan:

At 9 23 a.m., G.M.T.: Position lat. 50 31 N., long. 0 34 W. Have picked up one man from motor vessel Fordfield and are now going to the raft.

At 9 58 a.m., G.M.T.: Have picked up the men from the raft. All the crew of Fordfield, nine men, now on board Perla Dan. Fordfield has sunk in position lat. 50 31 N., long. 0 34 W. Distress traffic ended.

At 10 14 a.m., G.M.T.: We are going to Port Talbot, taking crew of Fordfield.

— Selsey, Jan. 11.— Selsey lifeboat was launched to proceed to the assistance of British motor vessel Fordfield, 10 miles south-east of Owers Light-vessel, at 9 48 a.m., Jan. 11. Selsey lifeboat has since returned to station.

— Liverpool, Jan. 11.— Motor vessel Fordfield, 561 tons gross, capsized and sank during winds of force 11 (violent storm) in the English Channel 10 miles south-east of Owers Light-vessel. — LLOYD'S List Correspondent.

FORDFIELD. — Brixham, Jan. 12.— Motor vessel Perla Dan entered Tor Bay this afternoon for shelter and to land seamen from motor vessel Fordfield. (See issue of Jan. 12.)

FORDFIELD. — Niton Radio, Jan. 13.— Following received from Dutch motor vessel Westkust at 6 18 p.m., G.M.T.: Found empty lifeboat off "steamer Purfleet" (? motor vessel Fordfield) in position six miles east of Royal Sovereign Light-vessel. Vessel was in trouble a few days ago. Have lifeboat on board and am bound Pasajes. (See issue of Jan. 13.)

— Niton Radio, Jan. 14.— Following received from Dutch motor vessel Westkust at 9 40 a.m., G.M.T.: Regarding my message timed 6 18 p.m., Jan. 13, lifeboat picked up is from motor vessel Fordfield, not "steamer Purfleet."



Suggested Record

FOUNDERED 1,62

Date of Committee

FRIDAY - 9 FEB 1962

Committee's Minute

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