

Wreck Report No.

15685

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

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Date of writing this report 25th January, 19 61.

Ship's Name s.s. "ELORRIO"

YEAR.

MONTH.

of

Bilbao

Tons { Gross 5153

Net 3131

Built at Bilbao When 1922 3

Casualty notice sent to Owner 11.1.61.

Owner's reply 21.1.61.

Owners Naviera Maizabal, S.A.

Managers

Address Calle Arendal 3, Bilbao, Spain.

## Classification details

+ 100A1	+IMC 11,56
shelter dk with fbd	BS M 9,59
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ss (Dr) 11,56	
	ts NL,59 CL

Date of Casualty

21st December, 1960.

Details of Casualty

Stranded and sank near Santander in heavy weather.

The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

**ELORRIO.** — Santander, Dec. 21. — Spanish steamer Elorrio, ex Aldecoa, ashore and will probably be a total wreck. She was approaching Santander harbour entrance, in ballast.

— Land's End Radio, Dec. 21. — Following received from Cabo Mayor Radio at 6 20 p.m., G.M.T.: S.O.S. steamer Elorrio: Thirty-four men overboard near Santa Marina Island, between Cabo Mayor and Cabo Ajo. Only a man has been found. All ships near S.O.S. position are requested to keep sharp look-out.

— Madrid, Dec. 21. — Heavy seas have prevented the rescue of the crew of Spanish steamer Elorrio, which ran aground near Santander to-day. A United States flying boat is reported to be circling over the ship. Another report, not yet confirmed, said that another United States plane had spotted between 12 and 16 men in the water nearly a mile from the shore. — British United Press.

**ELORRIO.** — Land's End Radio, Dec. 21. — Following received from Cabo Mayor Radio at 7 22 p.m., G.M.T.: Assistance from land to Spanish steamer Elorrio failed on account of weather. Elorrio sunk in position 250 metres ENE, from Santa Marina Island, between Cabo Mayor and Cabo Ajo. Assistance from fishing vessels Portuondo, Enero and Febrero failed for bad weather, no permitting nearing the rocks. Motor tanker Campuzano said they see no men over sea near S.O.S. position. At 5 22 p.m., G.M.T., Enero and Febrero abandoned S.O.S. position, they see no men over sea. (See issue of Dec. 22.)

— Madrid, Dec. 21. — Twenty-one people are feared to have lost their lives to-day when Spanish steamer Elorrio sank in a storm near Santander. The vessel was on her way from Gijon to Valencia to be broken up. (Later) Rescue efforts were called off when darkness fell. Nothing could be seen of the stricken vessel. The storm was still raging and torrential rain made visibility difficult. The Elorrio had been resting

on rocks, swept by giant waves, but when the tide went out she broke up into three parts and disappeared. The owners of the vessel later said there was a crew of 21 on board. — Reuter.

— Madrid, Dec. 22. — Eleven unidentified bodies were found to-day from the Spanish steamer Elorrio. Nine other members of the crew are missing and believed dead. One of the crew of 21 was rescued. One would-be rescuer is also believed to be dead. — British United Press.

**ELORRIO.** — Santander, Dec. 22. — With reference to the loss of Spanish steamer Elorrio, the vessel left Gijon for Valencia, where apparently she was to be scrapped, but had to alter course and proceed to Santander for shelter owing to prevailing gale conditions. The Elorrio is now in a state of total wreck. Her master and 19 members of the crew lost their lives. (See issue of Dec. 23.)

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Suggested Record

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FRIDAY 27 JAN 1961

Committee's Minute

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