

WRECK  
SECTION  
No. 849

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 14489

No. 79989 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 62/56

Date of writing this report 16th August, 19 56.

m.s. "TEESWOOD"

of Middlesbrough

Tons { Gross 1261  
Net 628

land When 1953 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 13.8.56. Owner's reply 14.8.56.

Constantine Shipping Co., Ltd.

P.O. Box 20, York House, Borough Road, Middlesbrough.

## Classification details

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29th July, 1956.

Capsized and sank two miles off Dover  
in heavy weather.

The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

SWOOD.—North Foreland Radio,  
July 29. — Following received from  
British motor vessel Teeswood (Blyth  
for Shoreham):

At 11 41 a.m., G.M.T.: Mayday, four  
miles east of Dungeness, in difficulties,  
ship has heavy list, want ship to stand  
by.

At 11 47 a.m., G.M.T.: Listing heavily  
to port.

Following received from tank steamer  
Haifa at 11 47 a.m., G.M.T.: Here  
standby one mile off sinking ship off  
Dungeness.

Following received from Teeswood at  
11 50 a.m., G.M.T.: Sending crew away  
in boats, in pretty bad shape, staying  
myself, also require tug.

Following received from motor vessel  
Devon Coast at 11 51 a.m., G.M.T.:  
Two and a half miles from Teeswood,  
heading towards Teeswood and tanker  
is about alongside.

Following received from Haifa at  
11 53 a.m.: Half mile off you.

Following received from tug Jean  
Bart at 11 53 a.m., G.M.T.: Now leaving  
Boulogne, proceeding Dungeness.

Following received from Teeswood at  
11 57 a.m., G.M.T., addressed Haifa:  
Put your boats down, cannot get boats  
away.

Following received from Haifa:  
At 12 1 p.m., G.M.T.: Cannot get  
boats away and very hard to get nearer  
to you.

At 12 6 p.m., G.M.T.: We shall try  
to put oil on water and motor vessel  
Lady Sylvia will try to rescue.

Following received from Teeswood at  
12 8 p.m., G.M.T.: Men are in water  
on port side of me.

Following received from Haifa at  
12 16 p.m., G.M.T.: We are still pump-  
ing oil on water and ship has just  
capsized.

Following received from Devon Coast  
at 12 21 p.m., G.M.T.: We are trying  
to get closer, but very difficult.

Following received from Dungeness  
pilot cutter: We are in vicinity and  
proceeding.

Following received from tank steamer  
B.P. Distributor at 12 39 p.m., G.M.T.:  
Six survivors picked up, Dungeness life-  
boat on the scene, some more in water.

Following received from Dungeness  
lifeboat at 12 43 p.m., G.M.T.: Have  
picked up three and picking up another.

Following received from Dungeness  
pilot vessel Penlee:

At 1 17 p.m., G.M.T.: Dungeness life-  
boat has picked up one more, making  
15 survivors, one unaccounted for.

At 1 30 p.m., G.M.T.: Dungeness  
lifeboat has 10 men on board, last  
man feared dead, with six on B.P.  
Distributor, that accounts for the  
crew. Lifeboat now returning to station,  
cannot give estimated time of arrival  
due to weather, please arrange for a  
balance to be waiting on quayside.

At 1 37 p.m., G.M.T.: With reference  
to wreck, it is floating bottom up four  
miles ENE. of Dungeness.

Following received from B.P. Distri-  
butor:

At 1 41 p.m., G.M.T.: Understand all  
16 members of crew accounted for, now  
proceeding Margate for shelter, will give  
estimated time of arrival later, suggest  
Margate lifeboat meets me there to take  
my six survivors.

At 1 50 p.m., G.M.T.: Our six men  
are all O.K. and uninjured.

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Date of Committee

FRIDAY - 7 SEP 1956

Committee's Minute

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**TEESWOOD.**—Margate, July 29.—Motor vessel Teeswood: Margate lifeboat standing by to land survivors from tank steamer B.P. Distributor on arrival in Margate Roads. (See issue of July 30.)

Margate, July 29.—Margate lifeboat has returned. Six Teeswood survivors landed from B.P. Distributor at 5 45 p.m.

Lade, July 29. — Dungeness lifeboat has returned and landed 10 survivors from motor vessel Teeswood at 4 30 p.m.

North Foreland Radio, July 30. — Following received from British steamer Maid of Orleans at 7 37 a.m., G.M.T.: At 7 27 a.m., G.M.T., passed derelict wreck of motor vessel Teeswood, with bow well afloat, in position 154 deg. 14 miles from Admiralty Pier Lighthouse.

Dover, July 30. — Motor vessel Teeswood: Since about 4 p.m. yesterday hull of vessel has remained stationary about three miles south of Dover, approximate bearing 160 deg. from Lighthouse on Admiralty pier; upside down, forefoot and stem exposed, estimated in 24 fathoms.

North Foreland Radio, July 30.—Following from British motor tanker Wheelsman at 9 5 a.m., G.M.T.: Wreckage of ship about 2 miles S. by W. from west Dover entrance; may be motor vessel Teeswood.

**TEESWOOD.** — Dover, July 31. — Motor vessel Teeswood remained in same position as yesterday until 12 20 p.m. today, when she foundered in about 90 ft. of water. (See issue of July 31.)

**TEESWOOD.**—Dover, July 31.—Motor vessel Teeswood foundered about two miles off Dover in about 90 ft. of water at 12 20 p.m. today. Metal Industries' representative is due here this evening to investigate prospects of salvage and discuss matter with owners.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 1.)

Dover, Aug. 1. — Motor vessel Teeswood: Conference last night and this morning with owners' representatives and representative of Metal Industries, Ltd., which firm does not consider vessel salvage proposition, especially as she is in strong tideway and exposed to all weathers, and only about 15 minutes diving time between changes in tide. We hold same opinion.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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