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

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Date of writing this report 15th January, 1959.

Ship's Name m.s. "NYON" of Basle Tons { Gross 5058  
Net 2894

Built at Krimpen When 1952 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners Helica S.A.

Managers Suisse Outremer S.A. de Gerance et d'Affretement Maritimes.

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## Classification details

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15th November, 1958

Stranded on rocks in dense fog near St. Abb's Head and fore part badly holed. The after part was cut adrift and towed to N. Shields, where she was dry docked. Owners have decided to build on a new fore part, and arrangements are being made for her to be towed to the builder whose tender is accepted.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

NYON. — Cullercoats Radio, Nov. 15.— Following received from Swiss motor vessel Nyon at 7 35 p.m., G.M.T.: Bound Dakar from Leith, aground about three miles north-west of St. Abb's Head, making water No. 2 rapidly. Please stand by.

Following received from motor vessel Cantick Head at 7 47 p.m., G.M.T.: Twenty-three miles from St. Abb's Head, proceeding at 11 knots.

Following received from tank steamer B.P. Marketer at 7 47 p.m., G.M.T.: Position 60 miles from St. Abb's Head.

Following received from motor vessel Broughty at 7 55 p.m., G.M.T.: Seven miles from distress position, proceeding at 12 knots.

Following received from Nyon at 8 8 p.m., G.M.T.: Aground, no urgent danger for lives. Awaiting salvage boat.

Following received from Stonehaven Radio at 8 26 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from St. Abb's Head lifeboat: Now off St. Abb's Head and proceeding.

Following received from Broughty: Can see lights half mile distant.

Following received from Nyon at 8 45 p.m., G.M.T.: Position two miles north-west of St. Abb's Head, rocks on both sides, making water No. 2.

Following received from Stonehaven Radio: Following received from Broughty at 8 43 p.m.: Lifeboat is going in towards casualty. We are standing by about three-quarters of a mile off and will not approach any closer meantime.

Following received from Nyon at 9 6 p.m., G.M.T.: Lifeboat now alongside, distress traffic ended.

Cullercoats Radio, Nov. 16.— Following received from Swiss motor vessel Nyon at 11 55 p.m., G.M.T. (Nov. 15), addressed master of tug George V: Require at least 200 bags of cement for tightening holes. Vessel in ballast, aground up to 'midships on rock, making water Nos. 1 and 2. Holds falling dry two hours after high tide.

London, Nov. 16.—The following message has been received from the master of motor vessel Nyon, dated to-day: Nyon needs urgently salvage equipment, as pumps and patching material and bigger salvage tugs. Advise two salvage tugs from Wijsmuller.

London, Nov. 16.—Two tugs were to-day standing by Swiss motor vessel Nyon which went aground off St. Abb's Head last night. Coastguards said that vessel is badly holed. Nothing would be done about refloating her until the holes had been cemented. The crew are staying on board.

Ymuiden, Nov. 16.—Motor vessel Nyon: Our tug Simson already proceeding.—N.V. Bureau Wijsmuller.

Edinburgh, Nov. 16.—Swiss motor vessel Nyon is fast on the rocks close to the Berwickshire coast to-night, after going aground in dense fog on Nov. 15. She is holed in both bows and damaged amidships. The crew of 33 are not in immediate danger and remain on board to repair the broken hull with cement. Life-saving volunteers from St. Abb's are manning a breeches buoy which was set up on a cliff top in the early hours of to-day. The Nyon ran aground on the Meg Watson Rocks, north of St. Abb's Head, about 7 p.m. on Nov. 15. The vessel lies with her bows between rocky peaks, less than 100 yards from the shore, which rises steeply in a cliff face 150 ft. high. Attempts are being made to save her by plugging the holes in the hull with cement and pulling her off the rocks at high water with two Tyneside tugs, George V and Beamish, which hove to from dawn to-day. Nearly a ton of cement was loaded bag by bag on to the Nyon across the breeches buoy. Six more tons were brought alongside by the Eyemouth fishing vessel EMULATE, which lost her foremast and wireless mast during the unloading. At low tide, the crew of the Nyon slung rope ladders over the side and worked on the broken plates. The bows were high and dry, 10 ft. out of the water. The rocks on the starboard side facing the shore did not appear to have penetrated the hull but there was an extensive rip between Nos. 1 and 2 holds, which were both taking water.—Lloyd's List Correspondent.

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**NYON.**—London, Nov. 16.—Motor vessel Nyon reported this afternoon: Nyon ashore off Fast Castle, near St. Abb's Head. Hull ruptured both sides of Nos. 1 and 2 holds at turn of bilges. No. 4 tank starboard tidal. Tank top forward of deep tanks heavily buckled. Cement installed in bilges Nos. 1 and 2, awaiting flood tide for observation. Tyne tugs Beamish and George V standing by since 6 a.m. Tug with two heavy diesel portable salvage pumps and connections required to stand by for possible damage sustained by refloating. Propose beaching on sandy bottom close by if successful. (See issue of Nov. 17.)

Ymuiden, Nov. 16.—The master of Swiss motor vessel Nyon, aground near St. Abb's Head, has accepted our services for salvage operations on basis Lloyd's Open Form "no cure no pay." Our tugs Simson and Hector left Ymuiden yesterday for her assistance. Our salvage inspectors, Captain de Koe and Captain Vanderburg, are flying out to Nyon.—N.V. Bureau Wijsmuller.

Glasgow, Nov. 17.—Motor vessel Nyon, ashore St. Abb's Head: Surveyor proceeding to-day, should be on scene to-night.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

**NYON.**—St. Abb's Head, Nov. 18.—Motor vessel Nyon, in ballast, on rocks about 200 yards off cliffs three miles north of St. Abb's Head, sitting upright, heading about south-east, angled with starboard side to shore. Position open from north to south through east, held from forward to almost amidships, abaft this in deep water. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 double bottom tanks part holed, others tight. Forepeak intact, No. 1 hold slight leak, No. 2 hold bad leak, deep tank abaft No. 2 hold slight leak, elsewhere tight. Vessel reported working forward of deep tank and increasing damage. All machinery, propeller and rudder still intact. Tugs Beamish and George V in attendance, terms Lloyd's Open Form. Two representatives of N.V. Bureau Wijsmuller on board vessel and their two tugs due Monday night (Nov. 17), also on Lloyd's Open Form. Crew fitting cement boxes in endeavour to stem leakages. Intended try tow with all available power soonest, as consider prospects subject to speed and weather, as position worsening each

tide. Weather calm, but handicapped by thick fog. All possible immediate efforts in hand.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Nov. 18.)

London, Nov. 18.—The Salvage Association have received the following message from their special officer on board motor vessel Nyon, dated Nov. 18: Two tugs connected on Tuesday morning tide (Nov. 18) but towage not attempted owing to quantity of water and leakage in Nos. 1 and 2 holds. Additional gear and pumps required now arranged. Buckling both sides amidships apparently increasing. Consider prospects presently doubtful and entirely subject to weather and speedy arrival of gear. Dutch tugs have arrived.

**NYON.**—London, Nov. 19.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio messages from their special officer on board motor vessel Nyon:

Dated Nov. 18: Additional pumps and gear due to arrive by midnight on Tuesday (Nov. 18). Cement installed in bilges failing due to working of vessel on rocks. Now, quickest method appears to be to endeavour to control leakages in Nos. 1 and 2 holds by maximum possible pumping, as any alternatives lengthy. Fog cleared by south-east wind, possibly increasing. Due to decreasing tides required depth of water forward doubtful.

Double bottom tank tops in No. 2 hold and deep tank found badly set up when dry at low tide on Tuesday.

Dated Nov. 19: Delivery of additional pumps and gear delayed due to adverse weather. At low tide 3 a.m., Wednesday (Nov. 19), hind side shell buckling amidships increasing, extending up to sheerstrake. Double bottom tank top in way buckled full width and becoming more severe. Vessel working badly, possibility of fracture. Leakages in foreship increasing, aftship still intact. Prospects deteriorating. (See issue of Nov. 19.)

Leith, Nov. 19.—Dutch salvage tug Simson, attending motor vessel Nyon, arrived here at 9 30 p.m. on Nov. 18, requiring additional gear and pumps; sailing 4 p.m. on Nov. 19 for St. Abb's Head.

**NYON.**—Seahouses, Nov. 20.—At 8 30 a.m. on Nov. 20, a message was received from the coastguard at Eyemouth that St. Abb's Head lifeboat had launched to stand by motor vessel Nyon. Nyon had asked for lifeboat to take off crew, this understood to be for period of refloating ship. Crew going back to Nyon if she remains afloat. (Later) Twenty-three of crew landed at St. Abb's. (See issue of Nov. 20.)

London, Nov. 20.—The Salvage Association have received the following message from their special officer on board motor vessel Nyon, dated Nov. 20: Additional pumps and gear loaded p.m., Wednesday (Nov. 19). Vessel continues work heavily on rocks, aggravating damage and leakages and danger to vessel. Consider procedure of pumping only no longer provides reasonable chance of success and is dangerous. Salvors at moment have not decided on any alternative. I consider any alternative requires time and possible vessel, meantime, will sustain severe damage such as breakage. In event of adverse weather nobody can remain on board and aft ship could constitute a danger by breaking adrift afloat. Master is reducing own crew, meantime, to minimum necessary to maintain power.

**NYON.**—Berwick-on-Tweed, Nov. 20.—Motor vessel Nyon: Would recommend cutting vessel to endeavour to recover aft ship including engine-room; speed essential.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (Note.—Contractors advise owners have approved this course and it is being carried out. See issue of Nov. 21.)

Berwick-on-Tweed, Nov. 21.—Motor vessel Nyon: Salvors intend cutting vessel forward of deep tank bulkhead and preparatory work well in hand. Deep tank still tight. Weather at vessel calm at present.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Leith, Nov. 21.—Motor vessel Nyon: Salvors preparing to cut ship forward of deep tank to recover afterpart, including engines. Weather calm. Tug George V calling at Leith at approximately 5 p.m. for additional equipment, returning immediately to Nyon.

**NYON.**—London, Nov. 21.—Welders to-day went on board the Swiss motor vessel Nyon in an attempt to cut her stern free from jagged rocks and float it in to the Tyne. With engines intact and the stern undamaged in deep water, the first task for the welders was to seal the section off from behind the bridge. Should weather permit, it is thought that the complete salvage would take three days. The bow portion will probably be abandoned. (See issue of Nov. 22.)

**NYON.**—London, Nov. 24.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their special officer on board motor vessel Nyon, dated Nov. 22: Weather presently calm. Side buckling continues, increase now up to top deck. Shoring of deep tank bulkhead completed, now blanking pipe tunnel. Expect commence endeavouring sever Saturday night (Nov. 22). (See issue of Nov. 24.)

London, Nov. 23.—An attempt to refloat the stern portion of the Swiss motor vessel Nyon was abandoned until daybreak to-morrow after three tugs had failed to-day to separate the bow from the stern. The bow section is to be abandoned on the rocks. The stern part, on which there is a salvage crew of 10, will be towed to the Tyne or beached on the sands.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

London, Nov. 24.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their special officer on board motor vessel Nyon, dated Nov. 24: Accessible cutting amidships completed on Sunday morning (Nov. 23) and only bottom shell plating not cut, but hoping to sever same by hinging action of aftship due to tide, assisted by all four tugs now connected. Weather presently calm.

Seahouses, Nov. 24.—Motor vessel Nyon cut both sides to waterline. Navy being called in to blast double bottoms at cut.

**NYON.**—Ymuiden, Nov. 24.—Our salvage inspector, Captain M. de Koe, reports to-day that motor vessel Nyon has not yet broken, but ship still working. Bilges already torn; crack varied between four and 10 inches. Now considering use of light explosives to remove the last obstacles.—N.V. Bureau Wijsmuller. (See issue of Nov. 25.)

London, Nov. 25.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their special officer on board motor vessel Nyon, dated Nov. 24: Deck amidships opening 3 ft. at low water, closing at high. Partial splitting of bottom plating

apparently occurred, but weather presently calm and little working of aft ship. Salvors arranging for possible use of light explosives to assist bottom fracture.

Ymuiden, Nov. 25.—Salvage of motor vessel Nyon: Our salvage inspector reported:

At 8 a.m., G.M.T., Nov. 25: We started with light explosives at 8 a.m., G.M.T., to remove the two parts of the Nyon and we expect to be ready about noon.

At 6 p.m., G.M.T., Nov. 25: Efforts to divide Nyon into two parts up to now unsuccessful. Will continue efforts at next low tide.—N.V. Bureau Wijsmuller.

**NYON.**—Seahouses, Nov. 26.—Motor vessel Nyon is still in same position. Attempts to break her so far have failed. Tugs are still in attendance. (See issue of Nov. 26.)

**NYON.**—London, Nov. 27.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their special officer on board motor vessel Nyon, dated Nov. 26: Bottom plating being cut by light explosives at each low tide and cut progressing; sea calm. (See issue of Nov. 27.)

Ymuiden, Nov. 27.—Motor vessel Nyon: Our salvage inspector, Captain M. de Koe, asked for more tugs and in consequence we ordered our tugs Noord Holland and Stentor to the position of the Nyon. Estimated time of arrival of both tugs Friday morning (Nov. 28).—N.V. Bureau Wijsmuller.

Berwick-on-Tweed, Nov. 27.—Motor vessel Nyon: Cutting of bottom by explosives continues at each low tide and progressing. Possible completion indefinite, also subject to weather.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Stonchaven Radio, Nov. 27.—Following received from master of tug George V: After end of motor vessel Nyon refloated at 5 58 p.m. Tug George V and Dutch tug Hector towing towards the Tyne. Tugs Beamish and Simson escorting; weather favourable.

**NYON.**—London, Nov. 28.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their special officer on board motor vessel Nyon, dated Nov. 27: Aftship floated safely clear at 5 55 p.m., Thursday (Nov. 27). All appears in order, deep tanks dry. Proceeding Tyne in tow. I am on board. (See issue of Nov. 28.)

Leith, Nov. 28.—Motor vessel Nyon: Afterpart refloated at 5 55 p.m., Thursday (Nov. 27), with assistance of tugs Hector, Simson, George V and Beamish. Vessel on even keel and dry. After inspection, proceeding Tyne.

Ymuiden, Nov. 27.—The following message has been received from our salvage inspector on board afterpart of motor vessel Nyon: Afterpart of Nyon divided from forepart and towed afloat at 5 55 p.m., G.M.T.; everything under control. Afterpart refloated by tugs Beamish, Hector, George V and Simson; now towing to Tyne, speed 5 knots.—N.V. Bureau Wijsmuller.

North Shields, Nov. 28.—Tugs George V and Hector arrived in the Tyne at 9 4 a.m. to-day with afterpart of Swiss motor vessel Nyon in tow.

Ymuiden, Nov. 28.—Following received from master of tug Simson: Afterpart of motor vessel Nyon, towed by four tugs, arrived Tyne Pilot Station at 8 40 a.m., G.M.T. At 10 a.m., G.M.T., moored safely by harbour tugs at Smith's Dock, North Shields.—N.V. Bureau Wijsmuller.

North Shields, Nov. 28.—Motor vessel Nyon: Aftship moored safely afloat at Smith's Dock, North Shields, at 10 a.m. on Friday (Nov. 28). Aftship intact from deep tank aft and all compartments tight except flooded double

bottom tank below deep tank. All auxiliary machinery in operation. Salvors' services complete on arrival. Dock divers cutting away overhanging bottom plating at break to enable drydock on Saturday.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**NYON.**—South Shields, Nov. 29.—Afterpart of motor vessel Nyon dry-docked at North Shields on Nov. 29, undocks in morning of Dec. 4. Local damage at break, otherwise undamaged. Cutting off jagged steelwork and cleaning deep tank and double bottom below with view to ascertaining any requirements for safe flotation. Permanent repair specification being prepared. Suggest interested contractors be invited to sight vessel in dry dock.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Nov. 29.)

**NYON.**—South Shields, Dec. 4.—The stern section of Swiss motor vessel Nyon was undocked at Smith's Dock, North Shields, to-day and taken to Albert Edward Dock, where it will lie until owners' intentions are known.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Dec. 2.)

**NYON.**—Leith, Dec. 15.—Forepart of motor vessel Nyon, lying near St. Abb's Head: Bridge reported broken off in heavy seas early in morning of Monday, Dec. 15. Forepart now lying on port side in high winds and heavy seas. (See issues of Nov. 29 and Dec. 5.)

Seahouses, Dec. 15.—Forepart of motor vessel Nyon, ashore three miles north-west of St. Abb's Head, is now lying on port side. Bottom out from forepeak to break, starboard side split in several places and upper and lower bridge washed off and 30 yards inshore.

Seahouses, Dec. 15.—Forepart of motor vessel Nyon broken up and wreckage may become a danger to navigation.

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