

WRECK
SECTION
No.

Wreck Report No. 15951

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 13512 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 175/61

Date of writing this report 8th November, 19 61.

Ship's Name m.s. "HALRONELL"

of Dublin

Tons { Gross 313
Net 143

Built at Thorne

When 1943

MONTH. 7

Casualty notice sent to Owner 1.11.61. Owner's reply 2.11.61.

Owners James Tyrrell Ltd.

Managers ---

Address "Crinnis", Ferrybank, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, Irish Republic.

WRECK
SECTION
No. 690

Classification details

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coasting service Great	
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River Elbe & Brest	
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of Casualty 23rd October, 1961.

Is of Casualty

This ship stranded on Black Rock, 5 miles off Wexford, in heavy weather and subsequently broke in two and sank.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

HALRONELL. — Wexford, Oct. 23. — Vessel wrecked on Black Rock, south-west of Carnsore. Understood four men sighted on wreck. It is hoped helicopter will rescue during the day; lifeboat standing by.

London, Oct. 23. — A vessel sank off the east coast of Ireland after she was driven on the rocks by a storm, members of the Rosslare lifeboat crew reported to-day. The lifeboat, after an eight-hour ordeal in an 80-miles-per-hour wind and mountainous seas, returned to her station after efforts to save the vessel. The lifeboat was launched just after midnight, when Mr. John Milligan, master of The Barrels Light-vessel, off Carnsore Point, reported seeing three red distress flares three miles north of his ship. When the lifeboat reached the scene, the coxswain tried to steer towards the wreck, but the huge seas snapped the anchor rope. The vessel then broke in two and slid beneath the waves. The lifeboat searched all night but found nothing. At 9 a.m., the lifeboat went out again and later the coxswain reported that he had seen the wheelhouse of the stricken ship perched on the side of Black Rock, with the seas breaking over it. He added that there were three or four men alive in the wheelhouse. Another lifeboat was then launched, and then a helicopter from the British naval base at Brawdy, Pembroke-shire, escorted by a Shackleton aircraft, went to the scene. The helicopter succeeded in taking three men from the wheelhouse and putting them on board the lifeboats. Rosslare lifeboat is continuing the search as it is believed that one man escaped on a raft during the hours of darkness. The gale is still blowing and visibility is good.

Wexford, Oct. 23. — Black Rock wreck now confirmed as motor vessel Halronell; three survivors so far.

London, Oct. 23. — A helicopter to-day rescued three men from the wreckage of a coaster which sank just outside Rosslare harbour. The ship was within hailing distance of the harbour when she was hit by a mountainous wave and broke up and sank. The rescued men were put on board the Kilmore Quay lifeboat and taken to Rosslare. Rosslare lifeboat is still searching for another member of the crew.

HALRONELL. — Land's End Radio, Oct. 23. — Motor vessel Halronell: Following received from Valentia Radio at 6 59 p.m., G.M.T.: Reference our XXX (urgency signal) broadcast, liferaft found. Cancel our broadcast. (See issue of Oct. 24.)

HALRONELL. — Dublin, Oct. 26. — The second day's search along the south coast of Wexford for the bodies of the two men missing, believed drowned, from the motor vessel Halronell ended last night without success. — "The Irish Times." (See issues of Oct. 24 and 25.)

HALRONELL. — Cork, Oct. 30. — Motor vessel Halronell: Weather moderated sufficiently on Saturday, Oct. 28, to examine wreck on Black Rock, five miles off Wexford coast and seven miles from Kilmore Quay. Vessel broken in two and forward section driven 200 ft. over rock, now lying in three fathoms at low tide on east side and largely disintegrated. Section of hatch coaming and large piece of deck lying on rock in five feet of water and badly buckled and torn. Stern section lying in six fathoms on west side of rock. Position very exposed and subjected to severe tide race and heavy swell. Consider stern section probably disintegrating. Position dangerous for any vessel or working party to attempt recovery. Consider casualty constructive total loss. — Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issues of Oct. 24 and 28.)

HALRONELL. — Cork, Oct. 30. — Fishermen from Carne, Co. Wexford, landed on Black Rock yesterday and one of them said that all that remained of motor vessel Halronell was just a mass of steel, which projected about 2 ft. above the surface at low water. The bodies of the two missing men from the Halronell have not yet been recovered. — LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Oct. 31.)

HALRONELL. — Holyhead, Nov. 2. — Two ship's lifebuoys, marked "Halronell," picked up near Tyroes Camp, Anglesey. Receiver of Wreck informed. (See issue of Oct. 31.)



Suggested Record

"WRECKED 10,61"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 10 NOV 1961

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 10.61

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