

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

R. B. Wreck Book, p. 63/38 Date of writing this report 9th December, 1938 49
Steel Twin S.S. "KIA-WO" of Shanghai Tons { Gross 1311
YEAR. MONTH. Net 694
When 1925 - Casualty notice sent to Owner 5-10-38 Owner's reply 13/10/38
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.
Victoria, Hong Kong.

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Particulars of Classification.
91 LMC 7.37
7.37 TS 3,3709
SS No 3-737
For service on the Yangtze River
Fitted for oil fuel F.P. above 150°F

26th September, 1938.

rs of Casualty This vessel is reported to have
randred after striking a submerged rock in the
ngtsze River, below Chungking, on the 26th
ptember, 1938. She was holed in the engine room,
No. 1 hold and the after compartment. The centre
keelson under No. 1 hold was broken and the bows
sagging.

Owing to the falling river level
the vessel has been shored up and lies high and dry
on a reef.

In reply to the special casualty
notice, the Owners have referred the matter to
their London Representatives, who called at this
office on the 8th instant, with correspondence on
the case, from which it appears that it is
proposed to cut a channel in the rocks 180 feet
long by 40 feet wide and 20 feet deep, down which to
launch the vessel before the river rises to become
a raging torrent.

It is estimated this work will
occupy from four to five months, and must be
completed by the end of next April, when the river
rises.

The Representative stated that
the Underwriters have approved of the above
proposed operations, but they are to be frequently
advised of the progress, in case it is not
considered worth while to proceed.

A photo of the stranded vessel is
attached hereto.

2nd February, 1939.

Lloyd's Agents at Shanghai reported on
the 7th January that a contract had been signed to
float this vessel by the slipway method.

Permission has been obtained to cut the rocks and work to
commence forthwith.

27th April, 1939.

Lloyd's Agents at Shanghai reported on the 11th instant
that this vessel is now at the position for launching.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

KIA-WO.—Hankow, Sept. 27.—British
steamer Kia-Wo went ashore below
Chungking on Sept. 26; holed in engine-
room and after compartment. Position
critical, water falling; salvage gear from
Chungking arrives to-day.

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KIA-WO.—Chungking, Sept. 27.—The
British gunboat Gannet to-day went to
the aid of the British steamer Kia-Wo,
which had gone fast aground after
striking a submerged rock in the
Yangtze Gorges. A radio message
received here stated: Badly ashore,
Kuangyintan Rapid, require assistance.
It is reported that the vessel had been
holed, but succeeded in getting wire
ropes ashore at the foot of the Kuang-
yintan Rapid.—Reuter. (See issue of
Sept. 28.)

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Hankow, Sept. 28.—Steamer
Kia-Wo on a reef 250 miles above
Ichang. Holed, making water in after
compartment, engine-room and No. 1
hold. Pumps have water under control
at present. Salvage appliances have
been dispatched from Chungking, ex-
pert labour leaving Ichang to-morrow.
Salvage prospects uncertain at present.
Owners making every effort.—Lloyd's
Agents per Salvage Association.

KIA-WO.—Hankow, Sept. 29.—Steamer
Kia-Wo: There is danger of buckling
or breaking amidships between two
reefs. Owners endeavouring to obtain
shores to jam from outside. Arrange-
ments for salvage under owners' instruc-
tions who are employing labour and
material available.—Lloyd's Agent per
Salvage Association.

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KIA-WO.—Hankow, Sept. 30.—Steamer
Kia-Wo: Centre keelson broken No. 1
hold after compartment, bows sagging.
—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Associa-
tion.

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KIA-WO.—Hankow, Oct. 3.—Steamer
Kia-Wo shored up, probably safe for
winter as river level has fallen. Lies
high and dry on a reef.—Lloyd's Agent
per Salvage Association.

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KIA-WO.—Shanghai, Jan. 7.—Steamer
Kia-Wo: Contract signed John Tah (for
refloating by) slipway method. Rock
cutting permit obtained, work commencing
forthwith.—Lloyd's Agents per Sal-
vage Association. (Note.—Kia-Wo
stranded below Chungking on Sept. 26.)

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KIA WO.—Shanghai, Apr. 4.—Steamer
Kia Wo: First ship move 172 ft. com-
pleted.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage
Association. (Note.—Kia Wo stranded
below Chungking on Sept. 26. See
issue of Jan. 10.)

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KIA-WO.—Shanghai, Apr. 11.—Steamer
Kia-Wo now at position for launching.
—Lloyd's Agent, Hankow, per Salvage
Association. (Note.—Kia-Wo stranded
below Chungking in September.)

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