

"MEREL"

WRECK DAY No. 167 Section 4 9740

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 29632 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 105/39 Date of writing this report 1st January 1940
 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Merel" of London Tons {Gross 1088
 Net 467
 Built at Irvine When 1925 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 20/12/39 Owner's reply 23/12/39
 Owner's Name General Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.
 Address 15, Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before
 Classing Committee. Date 8th Dec 1939
 Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
<u>100A1</u> <u>with freeboard</u> <u>10,39</u>	<u>FLMC 10,38</u> <u>BS 9,39</u> <u>Lloyds RMC</u> <u>10,39</u> <u>TS 9,39CL</u>
<u>SS No 3-10,38</u>	

Date of Casualty 8th December, 1939.

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have sunk in four minutes after striking a mine off the southeast coast on the 8th December, 1939.

The Owners concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

LONDON STEAMER MINED
 The London cargo steamer Merel (1,088 tons), belonging to the General Steam Navigation Company, sank within four minutes after striking a mine off the south-east coast yesterday. Of a crew believed to number about 17 only two survivors—both injured—were picked up by a rescue boat. Another was dead when picked out of the water.

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Sank In Four Minutes
 The Merel, belonging to the General Steam Navigation Company, sank within four minutes. Of a crew believed to number 17 or 18 only two survivors—both of whom were injured—were picked up by rescue boats. Another was dead when taken out of the water.
 One of the crew of a motor-boat which raced to the spot said the Merel "must have been blown to smithereens."
 The two survivors are Joseph Mark Neville, of Plymouth Road, Canning Town, E., and Frank Read of Harpham Road, Holloway, N.

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"MEREL"
 The British steamer Merel struck a mine off the south-east coast yesterday and sank within a few minutes. Two of her crew have been landed at a British port, two were killed and 13 are missing. The Merel, which had a gross tonnage of 1088, was owned by the General Steam Navigation Company, Ltd. She was built by the Ayrshire Dockyard Company, Ltd., in 1925.

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Suggested Record

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Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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