

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 27494 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 67/39 Date of writing this report 16th October, 1939

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. Kensington Court of London Tons {Gross 4863 Net 2951

Built at Glasgow When 1927 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner 10/10/39 Owner's reply 11/10/39

Owner's Name Court Line, Ltd. (Haldin & Philipps, Ltd. Agents)

Address 1, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Previously before Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
	Last Minute	<u>18/9/39</u>	<u>FI 10071</u>
		<u>638</u>	<u>BS9,38</u>
		<u>SS No 2-34</u>	<u>TS6,37CL</u>

Casualty 18th September, 1939

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been sunk by submarine in the Atlantic on the 18th September, 1939.

The owners concur.

SINKING SHIP'S CREW SAVED BY R.A.F.

FLYING-BOATS COME DOWN BESIDE WRECK

Two flying-boats have rescued the crew of the steamer Kensington Court (4,863 tons), sunk in the Atlantic. This is the first time that the Royal Air Force has rescued shipwrecked sailors from the sea and flown them to safety.

FLYING-BOATS SAVE TORPEDOED SHIP'S CREW

Swift Response To Atlantic SOS

34 MEN FLOWN TO SAFETY

Two R.A.F. flying-boats' dramatic Atlantic rescue of the entire crew of a torpedoed British tramp steamer was announced yesterday.

The vessel, the 4,863 tons Kensington Court, with a crew of 34, sent out an SOS when she was torpedoed by a U-boat.

The flying-boats, states the Ministry of Information, were on patrol duty over the Atlantic when they picked up the message saying that the Kensington Court was sinking.

They set off at full speed and reached the spot 10 minutes before the steamer sank.

The pilots saw a tiny boat crowded with men, while others were in the sea clinging to the sides.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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