

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 8843

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Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Queenmoor"* of *London* Tons (Net 2983 Gross 4863)Built at *South Shields* When *1924* - *1* Casualty notice sent to Owner *8/10/34* Owner's reply *9/10/34*Owner's Name *Moor Line Ltd. (W. Runciman & Co. Ltd., Mgrs.)*Address *Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.*Case previously before
Classing Committee. Date
Last MinuteDate of Casualty *7th September, 1934*

Precis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel stranded on rocks 4 miles W. of Cape Recife on the 7th September.

Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association reported on the 9th September that the hull was badly damaged, holed fore & aft; vessel full of water to sea level; & prospects of floating doubtful.

A further report dated 24th September from the same source stated that through heavy weather the vessel had completely broken up. The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 1. — British steamer Queenmoor reported ashore Chelsea Point, 2.10 p.m.

London, Sept. 7. — The owners of the steamer Queenmoor have received the following message from the master, dated Sept. 7, 1.30 p.m. via Algoa Bay Wireless Station: Queenmoor ashore off Cape Recife, all holds flooded, engine-room and stokehold also flooded.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 3. — Steamer Queenmoor: Dense fog still prevailing. Harbour tug taking off crew. Vessel apparently badly holed, fast on the rocks from fore to aft. Engine-room, lying about 1500 ft. from shore. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

London, Sept. 5. — The owners of the steamer Queenmoor have received the following message from Port Elizabeth dated Sept. 3: Fog lifting. We now proceeding by sea to steamer Queenmoor with Lloyd's surveyor. Weather calm.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 5. — Steamer Queenmoor: Visited vessel to-day with surveyors and owners' agent. Lying on rocks 4 miles west of Cape Recife, 1500 ft. from shore in a very exposed position. Hull badly damaged, holed fore and aft, vessel is full of water to sea level, rudder post broken in two. Very much fear prospects of floating doubtful. Deckload intact. We recommend obtain tenders immediately on Lloyd's Form of Salvage Agreement, percentage contract to save cargo, cargo to be delivered including cargo washed ashore and/or hull. Master and crew landed. Weather foggy. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

London, Sept. 11. — The owners of the steamer Queenmoor have received the following message from Port Elizabeth dated Sept. 10: Harbour tug taking off crew. Vessel apparently badly holed, fast on the rocks from fore to aft. Engine-room, lying about 1500 ft. from shore. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 10. — Steamer Queenmoor: Westerly wind freshening, but deck and tween-deck cargo still intact. In conjunction with owners' agent we have been unable to obtain lighters and craft from Harbour Authorities for salvaging cargo. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (Note: Owners' agents in conjunction with Lloyd's Agents have been instructed to invite salvage offers including Cape Town contractors.)

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 11. — Steamer Queenmoor: Position unchanged. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Port Elizabeth, Sept. 12. — Steamer Queenmoor: Have advertised for tenders (for salvage) due Sept. 15. Majority of crew sailing on Sept. 15. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 13. — Steamer Queenmoor: Nothing can be done to secure steamer, heavy sea running. Customs Guards permanently on the spot to protect any cargo washed ashore. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 14. — Steamer Queenmoor: Deck cargo washed ashore freely, owners' agents stacking same. Vessel cracked abait funnel. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Port Elizabeth, Sept. 17. — Steamer Queenmoor: Vessel broken in two, afloat and working ashore. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 19. — Steamer Queenmoor: Salvage of cargo continuing. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

QUEENMOOR. London, Sept. 21. — The owners of the steamer Queenmoor have received the following cable from their agents at Port Elizabeth, dated Sept. 21: Queenmoor: Inquiry completed, master, officers and crew completely exonerated.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Sept. 23. — Steamer Queenmoor: Vessel completely broken up, remains within 50 ft. of shore. Salvaging progress satisfactory. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

QUEENMOOR. Port Elizabeth, Oct. 6. — Steamer Queenmoor: Estimated cargo recovered, stacked and now being delivered to Port Elizabeth about 40 per cent. of cargo. Salvage continuing. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Suggested Record *Wrecked 9.34*Date of Committee *FRL 12 OCT 1934*

Committee's Minute

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