

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 38251 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 64/39

Date of writing this report 11th October, 1939

Vessel's Name

Steel No. 1 "British Influence"

of London

Tons

Gross 8431

Net 4855

Built at

Newcastle

When

1939

5

Casualty notice sent to Owner 6/10/39

Owner's reply 9/10/39

Owner's Name

British Tanker Co. Ltd.

Address

Britannic House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

H100A1

H1MC 5,39

5,39

CL

Carrying Petroleum
in bulk OIL ENGINES

Date of Casualty

14th September, 1939.

Description of particulars of Casualty

This vessel is reported to have been sunk by submarine in the Atlantic on the 14th September, 1939.

The Owners concur.

VICTIMS' CHEERS FOR
U-BOAT CREW

RESCUE VESSEL FETCHED

The crew of the British ship British Influence, which was sunk by a U-boat on Thursday, cheered the submarine crew after her commander had seen them safe aboard the Norwegian ship Ida Bakke. The men on board the submarine responded with cheers for the British seamen.

Captain Hugh McMichael, of Falmouth, and the members of the crew were brought ashore yesterday. John Atkinson, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, said he was on watch about noon when he saw the submarine surfacing. He added:—

An order was given by the submarine commander to lower the boats. The submarine had by this time come alongside. The commander asked the crew if they had sufficient food, tobacco, and clothing. He then said that he was going to sink the ship. The submarine again came alongside the lifeboats, and the commander said that a rescue ship was on the way. He fired three rockets in the air to attract the rescue ships.

Mr. Atkinson also said that when the rescue ships did not seem to be appearing, the submarine commander told the crew to wait where they were and he would go and get the rescue ships. After some time the submarine returned with the Norwegian ship, which took the men on board. After mutual cheers the submarine submerged.

She picked up the survivors of the British Influence when she

The Secretary,

LONDON.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee

BOTTOM. Machinery space.

Floors, thickness and spacing

42 x 62 under Engines

Are Frame and Reversed Frame joggled?

Yes

Floors, breadth and thickness at middle line

None

breadth and thickness at margin plate

None

Poop Deck, Angle E or F

Spacing

Bridge Deck, Angle E or F

Spacing

Forecastle Deck, Angle E or F

Spacing

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Lloyd's Register
Foundation

42 x 40 x 37

8 x 3 x 35

every

7 x 3 x 33

every

9 x 3 x 42

8 x 3 x 35

every