

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Ixia" of N Shields Tons (Net 1825 Gross 2085)
 Built at Sunderland When 1922 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner 7. 29 Owner's reply
 Owner's Name Stag Line & J Robinson Don
 Address 1 Howard Street N Shields

Case previously before Date 100A1 27
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Date of Casualty 30th June 1929

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer went ashore off Cape Cornwall on 30th June on a rocky reef. On 5th July it was stated she had parted amidships, and on 9th July Lloyd's Agents reported that she had gone to pieces.

A casualty notice has been sent to the Owners, but no reply has yet been received.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

IXIA.—Penzance, July 1.—Steamer Ixia of North Shields, Swansea for Constantinople, cargo coal, went ashore off Cape Cornwall, seven miles N.W. of Penzance, at 5 p.m. yesterday. Position very critical, fear bottom badly holed. Steamer lies about 600 yards from cliff on rocky ledge exposed to northerly and all westerly winds. Weather fine at present but if weather changes would soon become a total wreck. We fear little hope of saving steamer. All crew landed as impossible to remain on board. Lloyd's Agents.

Penzance, June 30.—The British steamer Ixia, bound for Constantinople, with a crew of 51 this afternoon ran on the Brisons, a treacherous set of rocks off Cape Cornwall, near Land's End. Five minutes later she rolled, but was soon in difficulties again and sent out distress signals. Thousands of visitors watched the launching of the St. Ives lifeboat. Shortly after 5 p.m. the Ixia again went ashore, this time on the Ayrecks, three-quarters of a mile from Cape Cornwall. The sea took her and she was seen after a rough passage to be on a rocky reef. The Ixia is likely to be on a rocky reef. It is believed that strong currents carried the ship off her course and on to the rocks. "Daily Mail" Correspondent.

Penzance, July 1.—Steamer Ixia. Master has been on board this morning. About 100 yards of tarpaulins, damaged and tarred, are left on board. Steamer has taken 100 tons of water, about forty degrees, but hull appears to be still intact. We fear not possible save ship but have got Salvage Association's officer in Penzance inspecting the position. Lloyd's Agents.

Penzance, July 1.—Steamer Ixia. Master's position open to all. Vessel is about half mile off shore. Master was on board this morning at low water, mainmast then awash and all tarpaulins and cargo gone. We fear prospects of salvage. We will meet your officer. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

IXIA.—Penzance, July 2.—Steamer Ixia was towed about low water on Great Ledge, Cape Cornwall, on rocky bottom. Towed by tug "Lion". Examined last night, when water to be seen when after hatch openings on starboard side just uncovered. Vessel sitting on pinnacle rocks after end apparently overhanging stern engine room. Forward holds and engine room tilted, etc. holds holding water, evidence of serious bottom damage throughout forepart vessel. Sea now smooth in case any small vessel would break up quickly. My opinion prospects practically hopeless, unless localities reflecting view of condition. Recommended prompt tapping of side out-right as lying. Cargo salvage owing heavy lift, difficult. Salvage Association's Special Officer.

IXIA.—Penzance, July 2.—Steamer Ixia. Stripping and salvage contract for ship and cargo signed. Steamer Lady of the Isles is now proceeding to the wreck. Salvage Association's Special Officer.

IXIA.—Penzance, July 3.—Steamer Ixia. Heavy sea today. Steamer has parted amidships and is breaking up. Steamer Lady of the Isles returned, recovered small salvage yesterday but fear further salvage improbable. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

IXIA.—Penzance, July 5.—Steamer Ixia. During the night a gale came up from the south-west with a heavy sea, and early this morning the steamer broke in two, and is now all submerged and gone to pieces. We fear there are owing to the exposed place and strong tide-way there is little hope of further salvage as there is 10 to 15 fathoms water about the rocks in which the steamer was lying. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

IXIA.—Plymouth, July 6.—All hope of saving the steamer Ixia, which went ashore off Cape Cornwall on Sunday afternoon, June 30, has now been abandoned, for a change in the direction of the wind has resulted in the steamer being smashed to pieces in a single night. Masts and funnels and all her superstructure have been swept away and the beaches in the neighbourhood are littered with wreckage. "Western Morning News."

IXIA.—Penzance, July 9.—Steamer Ixia. We have examined the position and find steamer entirely gone to pieces and nothing now visible above water except two or three pieces of spars attached to wreck. We fear further salvage improbable owing to exposed position and strong tide-way. Lloyd's Agents.

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Date of Committee

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Committee's Minute

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