

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 8904

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Date of writing this report 24 February 1935

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Kenkerry" of Newcastle

Tons { Net 2412
Gross 3930

Built at Newcastle When 1924 - 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner 5/2/35 Owner's reply 6/2/35

Owner's Name Guardian Line, Ltd.

Address Atlantic Buildings, Cardiff.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100 AI	55. Net No 1-31
2.34	FLMC 2.31
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Date of Casualty 18th January, 1935

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel ran ashore at Black Rock Point, near Halifax, on the 18th January.

She was stated to be pounding heavily in a fierce gale & in danger of breaking up.

The Salvage Association's Surveyor reported on the 19th January that she was broken broken off at the boiler-room bulkhead, with after portion submerged; twisted & broken in way of No. 2 hatch; seas breaking over all; & it was anticipated that very little equipment would be recovered.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

KENKERRY. — Halifax, Jan. 18. — British steamer Kenkerry is ashore at the entrance to Halifax harbour. Crew landed. Assistance sent.

New York, Jan. 17. — An SOS from the Newcastle steamer Kenkerry, 3930 tons gross, owned by the Guardian Line, Ltd., has been picked up by the Radio Marine Corporation. The Kenkerry is five miles SE. of Halifax. Her message states that she is aground and that immediate assistance is needed. The Radio Marine Corporation adds that a gale is blowing in the region where the vessel is aground and the seas are extremely rough. — Reuter.

Halifax, Jan. 17. — The Newcastle steamer Kenkerry is aground on the Sisters Shoal, not far from the natural harbour. — Reuter.

Halifax, Jan. 18. — Steamer Kenkerry reported ashore Black Rock Point, near Portuguese Cove, close inshore, broken in two. At present unapproachable from here by sea or land owing to snowstorm. — Salvage Association's Surveyor.

Halifax, Jan. 18. — Steamer Kenkerry reported broken in two. Master drowned.

Halifax, Jan. 18. — The steamer Kenkerry is pounding heavily on the rocky ledge in a fierce gale and is in danger of breaking up. The Kenkerry was bound for Halifax for the purpose of loading grain when she struck the rocks in a blinding snowstorm. Within half an hour she was taking water in her hold. Then her lights failed, and flares were sent up and SOS calls sent out. Heavy seas began to break over her, and about midnight her crew started to lower the boats and attempt to get away. In the meantime the Marine Department had ordered two tugs and a lifeboat to her assistance, but owing to the snowstorm they were unable to locate her. Then, using emergency wireless, the Kenkerry gave a more exact position, and the Government steamer Aranmore was sent out from Dartmouth to reach her. It is not yet known whether the Aranmore has found the Kenkerry, and fears are expressed that she may break up or roll over before dawn. Fishermen at Portuguese Cove are busy erecting a breeches buoy in the hope of taking off the crew of the Kenkerry. (Later.) When the blizzard lulled a little the position of the Kenkerry was seen to be about 100 yards from the shore, on the Black Rock. It was hoped that the crew would be able to shoot a line to the shore and then land hand over hand. The steamer Aranmore is believed to be unable to approach the Kenkerry owing to the treacherous nature of the shoals. — Reuter.

Halifax, Jan. 18. — A breeches buoy has now been set up on the Kenkerry. The landing of the seamen will be started at dawn. The gale and the snow have not abated. — Reuter.

London, Jan. 18. — The Cardiff owners of the steamer Kenkerry received a cable this afternoon reporting the loss of the vessel and stating "Crew safe, except master drowned."

Halifax, Jan. 18. — Twenty-eight persons were saved from the steamer Kenkerry. Captain Duncan Milne was drowned. The vessel is being pounded to pieces by heavy seas. Nothing can be saved from it and she is a total wreck. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

KENKERRY. — Halifax, Jan. 19. — Steamer Kenkerry is broadside on Black Point Rock, broken off at boiler-room bulkhead and after portion under water. Twisted and broken in way of No. 2 hatch, forward part upright drawing 10 ft. water, after part 25 deg. starboard list; seas breaking over all. Anticipate very little equipment will be recovered later. — Salvage Association's Surveyor.

Suggested Record

Wrecked 1.35

Date of Committee

FRI. 8 FEB 1935

Committee's Minute

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