

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 19th October 1931

Vessel's Name *Steel SS "Opal"* of *Glasgow* Tons (Net) *245* (Gross) *573*

Built at *Aberdeen* When *1919* 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner *29.9.31* Owner's reply

Owner's Name *W. Robertson*

Address *Gresham Chambers, 41 West Nile St, Glasgow C1*

Case previously before (Date) *1931*
Classing Committee. (Last Minute)

Particulars of Classification.

1100771 *SSM 5. 28*
5.31 *12M 1.5.28*
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Date of Casualty *4th September 1931*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer is reported to have foundered off the Longships on 4th September during heavy weather when trying to put into Mount's Bay for shelter; ten of the crew saved

A casualty notice was sent to the Owner on 29th September, but no reply has yet been received

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

OPAL—Land's End Wireless Station, Sept. 4.—Following received from British warship *Spey* at 3.32 p.m., G.M.T.:—4.22 p.m., B.S.T.: There is a ship in distress three miles southwest of Longships. Am unable to assist.

Land's End Wireless Station, Sept. 4.—Following received from British warship *Spey* at 4.7 p.m., G.M.T.:—Steamer foundered at 4.30 p.m., B.S.T. Survivors, if any, may have been taken off by steamer standing by.

Land's End Wireless Station, Sept. 4.—Following received from German motor vessel *Max Albrecht* at 4.19 p.m., G.M.T.:—Three steamers on position (Longships) southwest of Longships waiting for survivors.

Land's End Wireless Station, Sept. 4.—Following received from German motor vessel *Max Albrecht* at 4.55 p.m., G.M.T.:—One boat on starboard without people, half full water; cannot read name.

Land's End Wireless Station, Sept. 4.—Following received from German motor vessel *Max Albrecht* at 5.13 p.m., G.M.T.:—Drifting lifeboat, name "S.S. Opal, Glasgow."

London, Sept. 4.—It was stated at Moushole Lifeboat Station that a message received from the British warship *Spey* stated:—Steamer foundered at 4.30 p.m., three miles southwest of Longships Lighthouse. A German vessel having passed four lifeboats marked "S.S. Opal—Glasgow." The Moushole lifeboat has put out and not returned, also the Penlee lifeboat. A north-westerly gale is blowing and visibility is bad.

AL—Penzance, Sept. 4.—Mate and nine men from steamer *Opal*, of Glasgow, landed at Newlyn to-night by steamer *W. H. Rose*. *Opal* supposed foundered off Longships. Master and chief engineer at present not accounted for. They were on board when *Opal* foundered, so it is feared they will be lost with the steamer. Weather strong gale from north-west.

London, Sept. 4.—The body of the master of the steamer *Opal* was recovered by the Penlee lifeboat at 10.30 p.m. to-day and taken to Newlyn. The master and chief engineer refused to leave their ship.

Penzance, Sept. 5.—Steamer *Opal*. The master's body has been picked up near the spot where steamer sank and landed at Newlyn and is being sent to Glasgow for burial.

London, Sept. 5.—Steamer *Opal*, of Glasgow, Antwerp for Cardiff, cargo *...* entered heavy weather on the voyage. When off Pendennis on Sept. 4 the cargo shifted and endeavours were made to put into Mount's Bay for shelter, but eventually, when about three miles off the Longships, owing to the heavy seas, the vessel foundered. The master and chief engineer were lost.

Suggested Record *Foundered 9.31*

Date of Committee *TUE. 20 OCT 1931*

Committee's Minute *Foundered 9.31*



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