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Name PRINS WILLEM V (Dutch)

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Ship Information and Data Record

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BUILT: 1948 at Hardinxveld by NV Schpsw. & for Oranje Line, Operator Rig Hull Steel
Mchfbk. "De Merwede" v/h van Vliet & Co.

OPERATING DATA		DIMENSIONS		
ENGINES	BOILERS	GR.T 1567	NET T. 812	
Type:	Type:	LENGTH 250.5	BEAM 42.1	DRAFT 14.7
Cyl. & St.:	No.:	HATCHES	No.	SIZE
H.P.:	Size:	Cap.		CENTERS
Rev.:	Press.:	COMPARTMENTS		
Built by:	Built by:	No.		
Year built:	Year built:	Cap.		

HISTORY:

The Dutch PRINS WILLEM V was a St. Lawrence canal size vessel engaged in regular trade between North European ports and the Great Lakes. She was built in 1948 and operated by the Oranje Line. She was the only total loss on the Great Lakes for the year 1954. The collision between her and the tug SINCLAIR occurred about 5 PM on October 14, 1954, about four miles off the Milwaukee Light, Lake Michigan, and resulted in the sinking of the PRINS WILLEM V in about 80 feet of water. All 30 officers and crew members of the Dutch motorship were rescued by the Coast Guard Cutter HOLLYHOCK without casualty or injury. The vessel struck the tow line between the SINCLAIR and her barge No. 12 which was loaded with fuel oil. They both made port safely. At the time of her loss, she was outbound from Milwaukee for lower lake ports and Europe on her third round trip voyage of the season. She had made four such trips in 1953. Several salvage attempts have been made. See clippings for more details. She is a popular dive site.

To view the five sheets of vessel plans, ask the Milwaukee Public Library Humanities Librarian.

For more information, see the additional 12 file folders of newspaper clippings, correspondence and photos.

ILLUSTRATIONS:

Oversize; 8 x 10; 5 x 7; small.

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