

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Vessel's Name *Star* M/S. *Wellington* of *Belfast*

Tons Gross 13212  
Net 9422

Built at *Belfast* When *1939* *9* Casualty notice sent to Owner *—* Owner's reply *—*

Owner's Name *Union Gold Storage Co. Ltd.,*  
(Mps. *Blue Star Line, Ltd.,*)

Address *40, St. Mary Ave, London, E. C. 3.*

Case previously before  
Classing Committee. { Date  
Last Minute

## Particulars of Classification.

+100 A.1. +LMC 9,39  
WITH FREEBOARD  
2,40 +Lloyd's RMC 2,40  
Oil Engine T.S. C.L.

Date of Casualty *16th June 1940.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty Sunk by submarine off Finisterre

on the 16th June, 1940.

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## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

### BLUE STAR LINER SUNK

#### ALL THE CREW SAFE

All the crew of the Blue Star cargo and passenger liner *Wellington Star* (which according to Reuter has been sunk off Cape Finisterre) have been landed from two boats, it was learned in London yesterday.

Captain Williams and 51 of the crew reached Casablanca in one boat and 17 others landed near Oporto.

The *Wellington Star* was completed last year for the New Zealand trade and had the most modern refrigerator arrangements. The German wireless claimed the sinking of the liner a week ago.

There were no passengers on board.

Times  
25/6

### WELLINGTON STAR.—London, June 24.

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### EIGHT DAYS IN AN OPEN BOAT

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

LISBON, JUNE 26

Seventeen members of the crew of the Blue Star liner *Wellington Star*, which was reported on June 16, arrived at Figueira da Foz on Monday after eight days in an open boat in bad weather. They were all very exhausted. They have since reached Oporto.

\*\* The captain and the remainder of the crew were recently reported to have arrived at Casablanca in another boat.

Times  
27/6

### The Lost Blue Star Liner "Wellington Star"

BELFAST, Tuesday

The loss of the Blue Star liner *Wellington Star*, sunk by a U-boat off the coast of Spain, brought to a premature end the career of a ship of which Belfast was more than usually proud. Completed as recently as July last, she was a splendid example of the modern refrigerated vessel built for the rapid shipment of foodstuffs from Australasia, a type in which Harland & Wolff, Ltd., are acknowledged to excel. With a tonnage of 11,400 her cargo-carrying capacity was in the region of 500,000 cubic feet and with diesel engines giving her a speed of 17 to 18 knots she could accomplish the passage from New Zealand in a valuably short space of time. In the Blue Star Line Belfast workmanship is still represented by the Auckland

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*Star*, *Imperial Star* and *New Zealand Star*, ships of largely similar design and performance.

The loss of a vessel like the *Wellington Star* is particularly serious in times like these when every foodship is in the utmost demand. It is something to know, however, that the yard in which she was built can continue to produce ships which can fulfil the same purpose. Considerable amendments, of course, have been introduced into the design and the same emphasis is not given to the refrigerating facilities, but in general the ships are so economically designed as to be extremely well suited to the present emergency.

The sinking of the patrol vessel *Pathan*, of the Royal Indian Navy, is a reminder of a war effort of other days. Formerly the *P.C. 69*, she was one of the familiar type of craft evolved during the last war and a product of Messrs. Workman Clark's Lagan yard.

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Date of Committee

TUE. 20 AUG 1940

Committee's Minute

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