

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 29128 in R. B. Wreck Book, 12/42

Date of writing this report No. 19

Vessel's Name ss "Navemar"

of Seville

Tons {Gross 5473  
Net 3291

Built at Newcastle When 1921 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner

Owner's reply

Owner's Name Cia Espanola de Nav Maritima S A

Address Paseo de Colon 24-30-1a, Barcelona, Spain

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date  
Last Minute

### Particulars of Classification.

+100 AI  
shelter deck  
with free board  
L41  
SS No 3-5, 39  
Tilted for oil fuel 10, 21 FP above 150°F

Date of Casualty About 24th January, 1942

Precis of particulars of Casualty Torpedoed in the Atlantic about  
24th January, 1942 and is now presumed sunk.

### THE WAR

NAVEMAR. — London, Jan. 25. — The Italian Official News Agency claims that the Spanish steamer Navemar, coming from America with a cargo of vegetables, was torpedoed off Cadiz by a submarine. The entire crew of the Navemar perished. — British United Press.

### ATTACKS ON ANISH SHIPPING

#### Axis Charge of British Torpedoing Denied

The Admiralty yesterday issued an official communique denying Axis broadcasts that the Spanish steamer Navemar (5473 tons gross) had been torpedoed by a British submarine. It is stated that no British or Allied submarine was at the time anywhere near the scene of the incident, and so far from being responsible for the attack, the British Admiralty sent two surface warships to search the area, but the majority of the Navemar's crew are stated to have been saved by another Spanish vessel. The text of the communique is as follows:

"Another Spanish ship, the steamship Navemar, has fallen a victim to the Axis U-boats and, as is their practice, the Axis have put out broadcasts asserting that the ship was torpedoed by a British submarine. The Admiralty have previously pointed out in connection with the sinking of the Spanish vessel *Navarra* that the object of the Axis in making these lying allegations is to create trouble between Britain and Spain. In view of the long record of attacks by Axis U-boats upon neutral merchant ships, it is obvious where to look for the authors of this latest outrage. Nevertheless, the Admiralty state that no British or Allied submarine was at the time anywhere near the scene of the incident.

The circumstances of the sinking of the Portuguese ship *Corte Real* and the Spanish ships *Badajoz* and *Castillo Orpesa* make it plain that it is the deliberate policy of the Axis to deal ruthlessly with the shipping of the Iberian Peninsula. In each of these three cases the sinking was clearly premeditated, and in the first two the U-boat responsible was identified as German, while the torpedo which sank the *Castillo Orpesa* was subsequently proved to have been of Italian manufacture. This new attack on a ship carrying supplies from across the Atlantic may indicate that they are now hoping to cut off Spain from all trade with the outside world.

So far from being responsible for the brutal attack on the steamship Navemar, the British Admiralty, mindful of the ready assistance given in the past by the Spanish mercantile marine to British seamen in similar circumstances, diverted two British surface warships to search the area where the Navemar was reported to have been attacked. The majority of the crew are now stated to have been saved by another Spanish vessel, so that their relatives have been relieved of the cruel anxiety caused by menacing Axis reports that the whole crew had been lost."

R. SECTION  
No 62

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

24 FEB 1942



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