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"ASHLEA" REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 20127 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 102/39 Date of writing this report 11th January 1940
Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Ashlea" of Newcastle Tons Gross 4222 Net 2565
Built at Sunderland When 1929 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 3/1/40 Owner's reply 6/1/40
Owner's Name Bliffside Shipping Co. Ltd. (John Morrison & Son, Agents)
Address 28 & 30 Mosley Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Case previously before Date Particulars of Classification.
Classing Committee. Last Minute
#10091 with freeboard 6.39
#L.M.C. MS 5.37 BS 11.38
SS No 2-38 TS 7.36 CL

Date of Casualty 7th October, 1939.
Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been sunk by the "Admiral Graf Spee" in the South Atlantic on the 7th October, 1939.
The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ASHLEA
The Ashlea was one of the four vessels... lost was last reported... Cape Town home-ward bound on... a day after the... built by Sir J. Priestman & Co., Sunderland, in 1929, the Ashlea was... of 4222 tons gross, owned by Messrs. J. Morrison & Son, Newcastle.

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Sixty-one prisoners were stated to have been landed, consisting of six ship masters, nine engineers, 25 officers and 21 men. The masters were: Captain P. G. H. Dove, of the Africa Shell, Captain C. A. Pottinger, of the Asplen, Captain J. N. Edwards, of the Pervasion, Captain William Stubbs, of the Toric Star, Captain J. J. Robinson, of the Streonshoth, and Captain W. H. Brown of the Huntsman. The master and chief engineer of the Ashlea had previously been transferred to a wreck steamer. Thirty-two of the survivors came from the Streonshoth. According to the Blue Star Line, in addition to the master of the Daric Star, there had been landed in Montevideo the chief officer, the wireless officer, the chief engineer and the chief refrigerating engineer. Other members of the Daric Star crew, it was stated, were placed on board other enemy ships and are still missing. The chief engineer and the chief officer of the Huntsman were also among those landed. The owner, J. J. Robinson, received a message from Master Captain J. J. Robinson stating that the vessel was safe.

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WB No 160
SECTION 4

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Suggested Record X
Date of Committee JAN 12 1940
Committee's Minute Sunk - War loss 10, 39

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White Lloyd's W421-0001
Character Assigned 10091 with freeboard

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