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"BANCREST"

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK BAY

No. 161

Section 2

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No. 38283 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 16/40

Date of writing this report 7th March, 1940

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Bancrest"* of *London* Tons {Gross 4450
Net 2658Built at *Stockton* When 1925 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner 27/2/40 Owner's reply 28/2/40Owner's Name *Crest Shipping Co. Ltd.*Address *Stone House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.*Case previously before
Classing Committee. { Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

<i>H 10091</i>	<i>F LMC</i>
<i>with freeboard</i>	<i>MS 537</i>
<i>1139</i>	<i>BS 139</i>
<i>SS No 3-537</i>	<i>TS 1039 CL</i>

Date of Casualty *30th January, 1940.*Précis of particulars of Casualty *This vessel is reported to have been sunk by enemy aircraft off the North Scottish Coast on the 30th January, 1940.*

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

"BANCREST"

The British steamer *Bancrest*, of 4450 tons gross, sent out a distress call off the North Scottish coast and another vessel went to her assistance. It is understood that of the crew of 32 all but one were rescued. Captain R. Helton Tuckett, of Cullercoats, was master of her. The *Bancrest* was owned by the Crest Shipping Company, Ltd., of London, who acquired her, as the *Ambassador*, last June. She was built by the Ropner Shipbuilding & Repairing Company (Stockton), Ltd., in 1925.

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Ships sunk by air attacks number four, all British. They were the *High-wave* (1,178 tons), whose crew of 18 were landed in a Dutch vessel; the *Bancrest* (4,450 tons), all but one of whose crew of 32 were understood to have been saved; the *Stanburn* (2,881 tons), bombed off the Yorkshire coast; and the *Giralda* (2,178 tons), whose crew of 23 were all drowned.

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SUNK-WAR LOSS. 140

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Committee's Minute

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