

# NEWTON BEECH

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK DAY

No. 170

Section 3

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1939

No. 30386 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 102/39

Date of writing this report 11th January 1940

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Newton Beech"*of *Newcastle*Tons { Gross 4651  
Net 2816Built at *Sunderland* When 1925

YEAR. MONTH.

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Casualty notice sent to Owner 3/1/40

Owner's reply 8/1/40

Owner's Name *Tyneside Line, Ltd. (Jno. Ridley, Son & Tully, Mgrs.)*Address *Newton Hall, Stocksfield - on - Tyne.*Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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MS 4.38  
BS 11.38

SS No 3-438

TS 4.38CL

Date of Casualty 6th or 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 6th or 7th October, 1939.

The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Among the prisoners on board the Admiral Graf Spee are, it is believed:

Captain P. G. Dove, Eltham, of the 700-ton tanker Africa Shell;

Captain C. Pottinger, Bath of the 4,722-ton Newcastle steamer Ashlea, which is overdue;

Captain W. Stubbs, Liverpool, of the 10,000-ton ship Doric Star, attacked on December 4;

Captain A. H. Brown, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, master of the 8,000-ton Huntsman, of Liverpool, missing since early October;

Captain J. Robinson, South Shields, of the Newton Beech, 4,651-ton Newcastle steamer, missing since the end of September; and

Captain J. H. Edwards, of Barry, of the 5,000-ton London ship Trevanion, overdue since the middle of last month.

All of these ships are thought to have been victims of a surface raider in the South Atlantic and Indian Ocean.

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## "NEWTON BEECH"

The Newton Beech, of 4651 tons gross, stated to have been the second victim of the raider, left Cape Town for the United Kingdom on Sept. 27. Reports so far received give no news of her master and crew. She was owned by Messrs. John Ridley, Son & Tully, of Newcastle, and was built in 1925 by W. Pickersgill & Sons, Ltd., Sunderland.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

SUNK - WAR LOSS 10.39

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Sunk - War Loss 10.39

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# ESTIMATED COURSE OF THE "ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE"

From Sept. 30 to Dec. 13



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