

F "WAIKOUAITI"
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, & C.

WRECK DAY
No. 175-3

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No. 36303 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 99/39 Date of writing this report 6th May 1940

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. Waikouaiti of Wellington Tons (Gross 3926 Net 2379)

Built at Rostock When 1914 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner Owner's reply 25/1/40

Owner's Name Union S.S. Co. of New Zealand, Ltd.

Address 36 Custom House Quay, (P.O. Box 1521) Wellington, N.Z.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.
CL 30/11, 1/12, 2/12, 8/12, 22/2, 24/2.

Case previously before Classing Committee. Date Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
100A1 7.39	LMC 5.39
ss 2nd No 3-5.39	TS. 7.39 CL

Date of Casualty 28th November, 1939

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have stranded in the vicinity of Dog Island, Bluff, N.Z. in dense fog on the 28th November 1939.

The hull was ripped from the stem to about amidships and she subsequently broke in two.

The Owners concur.

ON DOG ISLAND

UNION CARGO STEAMER

ASHORE

TOTAL LOSS FEARED

CREW LANDS AT BLUFF

[PER UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

INVERCARGILL, November 29.

The Union Steam Ship Company's cargo steamer Waikouaiti ran ashore on the south-west corner of Dog Island in Foveaux Strait in fog at 9 last night and is still fast this morning. It is a calm day and all of the crew are safe.

The ship was bound from Sydney to Lytteleton direct. Captain J. Bruce is in command. The first officer is Mr S. C. Angus, the second Mr C. A. Spencer, and the third Mr J. W. Wilson.

Dog Island is three miles from Bluff. It is half a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide. On the highest point, which is 50ft above sea level, is the lighthouse tower, which is 150ft high. Only the keepers and their families live there.

The vessel struck the rocks on Dog Island 150yds out. The fore-part is 7ft under water at high tide, while the stern is high in the air, showing the propellers. The ship will probably be a total loss, but the cargo of hardwood poles, sleepers, and steel from Port Kembla, Newcastle, may be salvaged by the Gale and Waitaki, which are scheduled to arrive at Bluff this afternoon.

The crew of 25 took to the lifeboats with their personal effects and were towed to the Bluff by the Harbour Board launch, arriving at 9 this morning.

Captain King, marine superintendent of the Union Company at Dunedin, and other officials left Bluff in a launch at 11 a.m. to make an inspection of the vessel.

The weather is fine and the sea calm, and salvage will present no great difficulty if the weather remains calm, but the ship will be in a precarious position if it comes up rough.

RETAIN

For continuation see bag attached.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 11.39
TUE. 7. MAY 1940

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