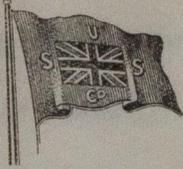


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UNION STEAM SHIP COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND, LIMITED.

WELLINGTON, C.1.,

25th January, 1940.

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Surveyor to Lloyd's Register,

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Dear Sir,

Wreck of "Waikouaiti".

This is to confirm that "Waikouaiti" left Sydney on 23rd November for Lyttelton via Foveaux Strait, this routeing being fixed by the Commonwealth Naval Authorities, and when passing through Foveaux Strait on 28th November the ship struck Dog Island about 8.30 that night and subsequently became a total loss. We would mention that Lloyd's Agents at Bluff, Messrs. Broderick & Company, were fully seized of the position in this connection, and a copy of the Court of Enquiry's finding into the disaster which was held at Wellington on 21st December, was handed to these people by our Invercargill Manager during the last few days.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. Shell
Assistant General Manager.



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