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Date of writing this report: 7th February 1940

Tons { Gross 7016
Net 4260

When 1935

5- Casualty notice sent to Owner 2/2/40

Owner's reply 3/2/40

Address *N^o 7 Fenchurch St London E.C.3.*

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Date _____

Particulars of Classification.

Last Minute

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 Y P C L 4-38

Date of Casualty

4th January 1940

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel stranded on

the rocks at Sanaig Point, Isle of Islay and was badly damaged. On account of the heavy seas and swell and her exposed position salvage attempts were unsuccessful and she ultimately broke her back and settled aft being abandoned as a Total loss.

The Owners concur in the record to be assigned.

LINER ON REEF

FEAR THAT SHE MAY
BREAK BACK

It was learned yesterday that the Union-Castle liner **Rothsay Castle** (7,016 tons) struck a reef on the West Coast of Scotland last Thursday and was damaged. There are fears that the liner may break her back.

The crew was transferred by a lifeboat, which answered signals for assistance, to a tug. The lifeboat stood by for nearly two days before the crew was taken off. The *Rothsay Castle*, it is understood, was on charter to the Anchor Line, of Glasgow. She is reported to be resting on a jagged reef. Twelve of the crew, including the captain, have remained on board. A hold is damaged, but the crew remaining aboard are not in any danger.

Liner Aground May Be Total Loss

IT was revealed yesterday that the Union-Castle Line's 7,000-ton Rothesay Castle ran aground on the coast of Islay, off the West of Scotland, last week-end.

It is feared that the Rothesay Castle, in spite of efforts now being made to salvage her, may be a total loss.

Her captain and 11 men are standing by the ship while a salvage attempt is being made, but with the pounding seas threatening to break her up on the jagged rocks they are ready at a moment's notice to leave in a salvage tug.

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ELUDED GERMANS

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Back Broken, Feared a Total Loss

The Union-Castle Line motorship *Rothsasy Castle* went ashore last week on rocks off Islay. The vessel has broken her back and it is feared that she will become a total loss. The vessel is still on the rocks and 12 of the crew, including the master, have remained on board. The *Rothsasy Castle* is a vessel of 7016 tons net. She was built at Belfast in 1935 by Harland & Wolff, Ltd.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Stranded, Lunk 1-40

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Stranded Lunk 140

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