

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 30113 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 19/40Date of writing this report 14th March 19 40Vessel's Name Steel Twin M.S. "Munster" of Dublin Tons Gross 4305 Net 2323Built at Belfast When 1938 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner 28/2/40 Owner's reply 1/3/40Owner's Name Coast Lines, Ltd.Address 2, Grosvenor Road, Kingston-ThamesCase previously before  
Classing CommitteeDate  
Last Minute

## Particulars of Classification.

F100A1 F1MC 338  
with freeboard OG  
4,39 OIL ENGINES  
For Irish Channel Service

Date of Casualty 7th February 1940

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been  
 sunk by a mine in the Irish Sea on the 7th  
 February, 1940.

The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

## "MUNSTER"

The British motorship *Munster* has sunk off the West Coast after an explosion. The crew and passengers, numbering about 200, and including many women and children, took to the boats and were landed at a British port. The explosion occurred in the fore part of the vessel. As the wireless aerial was damaged the vessel was unable to send out a distress call, but a tramp steamer went to her assistance in response to distress flares. According to survivors, there was a blue flash and a terrific explosion. The ship sank in about an hour and a half, and apart from one of the lifeboats becoming waterlogged, the rescue work went through as quickly as possible. About twenty people were taken to hospital. The *Munster*, of 4302 tons gross, was owned by the British & Irish Steam Packet Company (1936), Ltd., Dublin, which is controlled by the Coast Lines. She was built in 1937 by Harland & Wolff, Ltd., Belfast, and, together with her sister ship the *Leinster* was among the largest cross-Channel motorships in the world. The two vessels were specially designed for the overnight Dublin-Liverpool service, being 18-knot ships, with accommodation for 425 passengers. At the time of her sinking the *Munster* was running in the Belfast Steamship Company's service, and left Belfast on Tuesday night with 180 passengers. Captain William James Paisley, of Liverpool, was in command.

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## "MUNSTER"

The Admiralty state that it has been established that the sinking of the Irish cross-channel motorship *Munster* was due to an enemy mine.

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Section 2

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

SUNK-WAR LOSS. 240  
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Sunk-War Loss 2.40  
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