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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

DORIC STAR

WRECK BAY
No.

1939

No. 234/8 in R. B. Week Book, p. 102/39 Date of writing this report 1st January 1940
Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Doric Star" of London Tons {Gross 10086
Net 6347
Built at Pt. Glasgow When 1921 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 20/12/39 Owner's reply 23/12/39
Owner's Name Union Cold Storage Co., Ltd. (Blue Star Line, Ltd., Agents)

Address 40, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.
+100A1 with freeboard 7.39
SS. No 3-134
SS. No 1-38
Fitted for oil fuel 10.31
F. above 150°F.
+1 MC
MS 8.9
BS 1.44
+Lloyds
TS 7.39 CL

Date of Casualty 2nd December 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 2nd December, 1939.

The Owners concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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Times
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ATTACK BY "POCKET" BATTLESHIP

An Admiralty communique issued last night stated:—
"Information has been received that ss. Doric Star has been attacked by a German raider. As no further information has been received it is presumed that she has been sunk."
The Doric Star was on her way home from New Zealand and Australia. She was commanded by Captain W. Stubbs, a native of Liverpool who came to live in London. The ship had a crew of 70, but it is not known in London whether she had any passengers on board. There is accommodation for only six.
The German radio last night stated that they had sunk the Doric Star in the South Atlantic.
It is believed that the raider was the Admiral Scheer, a 10,000 ton "pocket" battleship, and sister ship to the Deutschland.

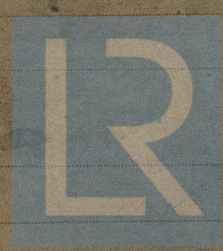
An official Admiralty communique issued late on Monday said:— "Information has been received that the ss. Doric Star has been attacked by a German raider. As no further information has been received it is presumed that she has been sunk."
The Doric Star, of the Blue Star Line, was homeward bound from New Zealand and Australia and was in the South Atlantic. It is believed that the pocket battleship Admiral Scheer was responsible for the sinking. The Admiral Scheer sank the Clement in the South Atlantic at the end of September, and is believed to have been the warship which sank the Africa Shell off the East African coast in the third week of November.
A vessel of 10,086 tons gross, the Doric Star was under the command of Captain W. Stubbs, and had a crew of 70. She was a single-screw turbine steamer with oil-fired boilers, having a service speed of 13 knots. She was built in 1921 by Lithgows, Ltd., Port Glasgow, and in 1931 was lengthened by 10 ft. and had a Murex-form bow.

Dec 6/12

Suggested Record
Date of Committee
Committee's Minute

SUNK - WRECK LOSS 12/39
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Sunk - loss 12/39



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It was also the South Atlantic, about 1,000 miles north-west of Cape Town, that the Blue Star liner Doric Star, 10,086 tons, was sunk on Saturday by a German raider, believed to be the "pocket" battleship Admiral Scheer. There is still no news of the liner's crew of 64. She carried no passengers.

62 SURVIVORS OF SUNK SHIPS LANDED

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14.—Sixty-two survivors of British ships sunk by the Admiral Graf Spee landed to-night from the German battleship. The ships included the Newton Beech (4,651 tons), Africa Shell (706 tons), Trevanion (5,350 tons), Huntsman (8,196 tons), Clement (5,051 tons), Doric Star (10,093 tons), and Ashlea (4,222 tons).—*Reuter*.



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