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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &C.

DORIC STAR

WRECK BAY No.

1939

No. 23418 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 Date Last Minute Classing Committee.

Particulars of Classification. 100A1 with freeboard 7.39 ss. No 3-134 ss. No 1-38 Fitted for oil fuel 100 F above 150°F. L.M.C. N.S. 8.2 BS 1.14 Lloyd's 1.39 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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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.

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An official Admiralty communique issued late on Monday said: Information has been received that the Doric Star has been attacked by a German raider, as no further information has been received it is presumed 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 Cleopatra 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 Mastern bow.

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Suggested Record Date of Committee Committee's Minute

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Sunk - total 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 U-boat, 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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