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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close, Wiltshire Road,
Wokingham, Berks.

HC 360/59

20th December, 1939.

R. Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 9th instant respecting the steamer "MEREL", and beg to express the deep sympathy of the Committee of this Society in the loss you have sustained through the sinking by mine of this vessel off the southeast coast on the 8th instant.

As permission has been received from the Government to record in the Society's Register Book, with Owners' consent, such Shipping War Losses as are reported in the Public Press, I have to acquaint you that it is proposed to make a record of "Sunk - War Loss 12,39" against this steamer's name in the Register Book, but before taking any action I shall be glad to learn whether you have any objection to this course being adopted in this instance.

An early reply on this point will be appreciated.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

Messrs. The General Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.,
15, Trinity Square, E.C. 3.

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