

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 34641 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 110/39

Date of writing this report 15th January, 1940.

Vessel's Name *Steel Twin S.S. "Tairoa"* of *Southampton* Tons {Gross 7983
Net 5021Built at *Newcastle* When *1920* 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner *24/12/39* Owner's reply *10/1/40*Owner's Name *Norfolk & North American Steam Shipping Co. Ltd. (Shaw Savill & Albion Co. Ltd. Agents)*Emgcy. Address *63, The Crescent, Badley Woods, Berts*Case previously before
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

F10091
 Shelter dk
 with freeboard
 739
 ss. No 5-11/32
 ss. No 1-37
 LMC
 MS 936
 BS 139
 Lloyd's RMC 739
 TS 739CL

Date of Casualty *3rd December, 1939.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have
 been sunk by the "Admiral Graf Spee" off South
 America on the 3rd December, 1939.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

MRS. ANNIE WALKER, of Rane-
 lagh-gardens, Ilford, returned to
 her home with her 13-years-old daughter
 from Aberdeen to prepare for the
 return of her husband, Mr. Oliver
 Walker, chief engineer of the S.S.
 Tairoa.

She heard the German radio boast-
 ing of the sinking of his ship on Thurs-
 day night. She could get no more
 news.

WAR CASUALTIES

Two New Victims of
German RaiderFOUR UNTRACED SHIPS
ACCOUNTED FOR

The sinking of the British steamers
Streonsfjall, of 3895 tons gross, and
Tairoa, of 7983 tons gross, was made
 known when prisoners from nine
 British ships sunk by the German
 pocket battleship *Admiral Graf Spee*
 were landed at Montevideo on Thurs-
 day evening. Of the other ships, the
 loss of the *Clement*, *Africa*, *Shell* and
Doric Star were known, and the
 remaining four, the *Norton Beech*,
Trecannon, *Huntsman* and *Ash* were
 considered lost, having been long
 overdue.

"TAIROA"

The *Tairoa*, which was a twin screw
 cargo steamer of the Shaw Savill &
 Albion fleet, had a gross tonnage of
 7983, and was built in 1920 by Arm-
 strong-Whitworth & Co. Ltd., New-
 castle. She is stated to have been sunk
 off South America.

WB no 174
Section 3

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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