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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close, Wiltshire Road,
Wokingham, Berks.

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21st December, 1939.

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R. Dear Sirs, Register of Shipping.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant respecting the steamer "TAIROA", and beg to express the deep sympathy of the Committee of this Society in the loss you have sustained through the sinking by the "Admiral Graf Spee" of this vessel in the South Atlantic at the beginning of this month.

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,

pro Secretary.

Messrs.
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