

W/61-0133

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 80201 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 93/40

Date of writing this report

19

Vessel's Name *S.S. Niagara* of *London*

Tons { Gross 13415  
Net 7582

Built at *Glydebank* When *1913*

Casualty notice sent to Owner

Owner's reply

Owner's Name *Canadian Australasian Line Ltd.*

Address *999, West Hastings Street, Vancouver*

Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

## Particulars of Classification.

+100 A.I. +L.M.C.  
Shelter OK. +Lloyd's RMC 1239  
with freshboard M.S. 5.36  
4,40 B.S. 10.39  
S.S. Syd. 2 No. 3-637 T.S. P. 2,38  
Fitted for Oil Fuel 3,13 F.P. 6, 8, 38  
above 150°F. S, 8, 39

Date of Casualty *19th June 1940*

Précis of particulars of Casualty *Sunk by mine on the 19th June*

*about 80 miles North of Auckland and 15 miles off  
the coast.*

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

### THE WAR

NIAGARA. — San Francisco, June 18.—  
British steamer Niagara, owned by the  
Canadian Australasian Line, is sinking  
after an explosion, according to a wire-  
less message from the vessel picked up  
by the Globe Wireless Marine Station. The  
message added that the vessel was full  
of water and going down by the bow.  
A second S.O.S. said the order to abandon  
ship had been given. — Reuter.

Auckland, June 19.—British  
steamer Niagara has sunk in the Pacific  
only a few hours after leaving Auckland.  
The passengers and crew have been  
rescued. — British United Press.

Auckland, June 19.—  
Mr. Fraser, the Prime Minister,  
announced this evening that a mine was  
discovered near the scene of the sinking  
of the liner Niagara, and all doubt as to  
how she met her fate was at an end.  
Sweeping is proceeding in the area. All  
of the 135 passengers and 200 crew are  
safe and are being brought to Auckland  
where three hotels have been placed in  
readiness to accommodate them. —  
Exchange Telegraph Company.

### "NIAGARA" SUNK BY MINE

#### Fate of "All-Red" Route Liner

Messages, reproduced in our War  
Casualties column, state that the  
British steamer Niagara sank, follow-  
ing an explosion soon after leaving  
Auckland, and the discovery  
of a mine in the area is regarded  
as removing all doubt as to how  
the vessel met her fate. Her  
passengers, numbering 135, and crew  
of 200 were rescued. The Niagara, one  
of the two vessels owned by the  
Canadian - Australasian Line, Ltd.  
(jointly owned by the Canadian Pacific  
Railway Company and the Union  
Steamship Company of New Zealand  
Ltd.), maintained the "All-Red"  
route from Australasia via the Pacific.  
3,415 tons gross, the Niagara was  
built for the Union Company in 1913  
by John Brown & Co., Ltd., of Clyde-  
bank. She was a triple-screw vessel,  
fitted with reciprocating and L.P.  
turbine machinery, giving her a speed  
of about 17 knots, and had accommo-  
dation for about 520 passengers. For  
some years the Canadian Australasian  
Line have had under consideration the  
question of replacing the Niagara and  
the Aorangi (the other vessel on the  
service) by new vessels of the super-  
liner type.

### BRITISH LINER MINED

#### SUNK OFF NEW ZEALAND

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

WELLINGTON, JUNE 19

The British liner Niagara (13,415 tons),  
of the Canadian Australasian Line, was  
lost early this morning some hours after  
leaving New Zealand. It is believed that all  
on board are safe and are returning to  
Auckland. Mr. Fraser, the Prime Minister,  
announced in the House that a mine had  
been swept up in the locality, which  
answered the question of how the disaster  
occurred. All steps have been taken to  
remove the mine menace.

Air Vice-Marshal S. J. Goble, Austra-  
lian Air Liaison Officer, and Mrs. Goble  
were among the passengers on board the  
Niagara (says Reuter). A message sent  
out from the ship said that she was full of  
water after an explosion in No. 2 hold,  
and that she was going down by the bows.  
A second S.O.S. said that the order to  
abandon ship had been given. A number  
of ships hurried to the assistance of the  
Niagara after picking up her S.O.S. and  
rescued her crew and passengers. The  
weather was fine.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

OMITTED FROM R.B.

TUE. 18 AUG 1940

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