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Ployd's Register of Shipping,

Your Ref: General RDS/EVM. 71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

13th December, 1943.

Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 6th instant from which I much regret to learn that your motorship "BIRCHBANK" has been sunk by enemy action.

The Committee of this Society have requested me to send an expression of their sincere sympathy with you in this unfortunate loss, and I should add that they are pleased to learn that the loss of life in this case was small.

I am, Dear Sirs, Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Andrew Weir & Co., Birklands, London Road, St. Albans, Herts.

