

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

Ship's Name **SS "FIJIAN TRADER"** Gross tons **662** Date of Build **1944**
 Casualty notice sent to Owners **28.10.64** Owners' Reply **---** Owners **Fijian Shipping & Trading Co., Ltd.**

Details of classification

100A1	LMC CS11,62
Eastern Australia coasting service & to New Zealand	
	ts p5,61 CL
1,64	Ns9,59
ss 6,62	
Classed 12,53	

Details of casualty

This ship stranded Jomard Reef, in lat. 11 16 7S., long. 152 8 6E. and attempts to refloat have failed.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the owners on 28th October, 1964.

Date of casualty **14th October, 1964.**

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

11/10/64
FIJIAN TRADER. — Samarai, Oct. 17. — Motor vessel Fijian Trader aground Jomard Reef in vicinity of wreck of motor vessel Dorothee, ex Karu. Motor vessel New Guinea Trader proceeding to assist; expect arrive there to-day. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (Note.—Dorothee grounded southern side of Jomard Reef in lat. 11 16 7 S., long. 152 8 6 E.)

13/11/64
FIJIAN TRADER. — Samarai, Nov. 2. — Motor vessel Fijian Trader: Boarded on Oct. 31, finding vessel aground 100 ft. inshore of motor vessel Dorothee in one-foot depth of low water. Spring tide range 3-5 ft. Require 8-ft. depth to refloat. Vessel not making water and all machinery said to be workable. No visible structural damage but suspect some bottom indentation, also salt-spray damage to machinery. After some attempts to refloat when vessel in 8-ft. depth of water, owner master and crew abandoned on Oct. 18, removing part salvage equipment and leaving caretaker, who still on board. Since abandonment, vessel driven farther 40 ft. inshore. Vessel is ex American Y-type tanker of unconventional construction. Part salvage equipment remains on board in good condition, possible salvage.—Salvage Association's Salvage Officer. (See issue of Oct. 22.)

20/10/64
FIJIAN TRADER. — London, Oct. 19. — Motor vessel Fijian Trader: The following cables have been received from Sydney:
 Dated Oct. 16: Fijian Trader, while proceeding salvage and/or towage motor vessel (Dorothee ex) Karu, reported aground Jomard Reef Oct. 14.
 Dated Oct. 19: Master considers no practical means of refloating Fijian Trader and returning with most of crew to Port Moresby. Small watch-

keeper crew left in vicinity of Fijian Trader. (See issue of Oct. 19.)
 — Samarai, Oct. 19. — Motor vessel Fijian Trader: As far as is known, crew of Fijian Trader has been picked up by motor vessel New Guinea Trader, proceeding Samarai or Port Moresby. Understand three native crew remaining on board Fijian Trader for watch-keeping purposes. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

27/10/64
FIJIAN TRADER. — Port Moresby, Oct. 20. — Motor vessel Fijian Trader grounded while attempting salvage of motor vessel Dorothee (ex Karu) on Jomard Reef. Now abandoned except for caretaking crew. All reports from personnel on board now returned to Port Moresby indicate constructive total loss. No loss of life. Harbour authorities now conducting inquiry.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 20.)



Suggested record **"WRECKED 10,64"**

Date of Committee

Minute

FRIDAY 27 NOV 1964

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