

WRECK SECTION  
No. 540  
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.  
13326  
No. 540

No. 53289 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 13/49  
Vessel's Name *S.S. 'Bombo'*  
Built at *Leith* When *1930* 2 of *Sydney N.S.W.* Tons Gross *540* Net *282*  
Owner's Name *Quarries Pty Ltd.* Casualty notice sent to Owner *22.8.49* Owner's reply *18.3.49*

Address *Ocean House, Martin Place, Sydney N.S.W.*

Case previously before  
Classing Committee. { Date  
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
<i>+100A1</i>	<i>+LMC 747</i>
<i>1,49</i>	<i>BS 748</i>
<i>ss Syd-7,47</i>	<i>TS 6,47</i>

of Casualty *22nd February 1949*  
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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

THE CASUALTY LIST

**Australian Coaster Capsizes**  
While the Australian coaster *Bombo* (540 tons gross) was hove to in heavy seas part of her cargo shifted. When trying to run for port, the vessel capsized and sank. She was on a voyage from *Kiama* to *Sydney*.

**BOMBO.**—*Sydney*, Feb. 23.—Coastal steamer *Bombo*, *Kiama* for *Sydney*, reported missing to-day off *New South Wales* coast in vicinity of *Bulli*. *Bulli* police are investigating.  
*Sydney*, Feb. 23.—One of the only two survivors so far reported from the wreck of the *Sydney* coastal steamer *Bombo* was washed ashore on the beach at *Wollongong*, 40 miles from *Sydney*, after floating all night with his lifebelt. This survivor, seaman *Fitzsimmons*, from *Sydney*, was found wandering along the beach. He gave the first news of the wreck. A second survivor, able-seaman *Thompson*, also from *Sydney*, was picked up at sea later. An air-sea search is going on. The *Bombo* had a crew of 14 and sailed under the command of Captain *A. R. Bell*, formerly of *Hull*. The ship sank late last night, some hours after the cargo had shifted. —*British United Press*.

*Sydney*, Feb. 23.—Steamer *Bombo* capsized and sank last night when 30 miles from *Sydney*. A survivor said that after being hove to in heavy seas the *Bombo* developed a list and the master decided to run for port. The ship had gone only a few miles when the list increased and she turned over and sank. About four men went down with her. The others had lifebelts and floated until dawn, when they decided to try to reach the coast. —*Reuter*.  
*Sydney*, Feb. 23.—It is now almost certain that 12 of the crew of 14 of the steamer *Bombo* have perished. Already two bodies have been washed up and a search by land, sea and air is going on for the others. —*Exchange Telegraph Company*.

**BOMBO.**—*Sydney*, Feb. 24.—Steamer *Bombo*: Cargo of 580 tons blue metal shifted while en route from *Kiama* to *Sydney*, resulting in a port list which increased suddenly, causing vessel to founder and sink immediately at 10 p.m. on Feb. 22 approximately four miles from coast, east slightly north of *Wollongong*, in about 20 fathoms of water. Consider even if vessel located salvage hopeless due to depth of water, strong currents, weather conditions and non-availability of adequate equipment. As vessel is registered with *Maritime Services Board, N.S.W.*, a full inquiry will be held by competent authorities. Meteorological report from noon to mid-night, Feb. 22, in area concerned states sea rough with long southerly swell and southerly wind 25 to 30 knots. Of 14 members of crew, two safe, two bodies recovered, 10 still missing. Coroner's inquiry being held at *Wollongong* to-morrow. —*Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association*. (See issue of Feb. 24.)  
*Canberra*, Feb. 24.—Bad weather has compelled Air Force planes to abandon to-day their search for the 10 missing members of the crew of the coastal steamer *Bombo*, which sank off *Wollongong*, *New South Wales*, on Tuesday night (Feb. 22). Little hope is now felt of finding them alive. A tug from *Wollongong* and the trawler which last night recovered the body of the master also gave up the search to-day. —*Reuter*.

During heavy weather, part of this vessel's cargo shifted, and in running for port, she capsized and sank about four miles from the coast of *Wollongong, N.S.W.*, on the 22nd February, 1949.  
The Owners concur.

Suggested Record *Capsized & sunk 2.49*  
Date of Committee *FRI. 1 APR 1949*  
Committee's Minute *Capsized & Sunk 2.49*

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Character Assigned

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*(with endorsement)*

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