

WRECK SECTION No. 540
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 13326
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 Date of writing this report 30th March 1949
 Vessel's Name *S.S. 'Bombo'* of *Sydney, N.S.W.* Tons Gross 540 Net 282
 Built at *Leith* When 1930 2
 Owner's Name *Quarries Pty Ltd.* Casualty notice sent to Owner 28.4.49 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.	
		+100A1	+LMC 747
		ss Syd-7,47	TSB,47

Date of Casualty *22nd February 1949*
 Particulars of Casualty

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 off Wollongong, N.S.W., on the 22nd February, 1949. The Owners concur.

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 moon 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 tomorrow. —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.

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 REFR. JAA/CM.
 No. 493533
 Dear Sir,
 A copy of the report of the inquiry into the foundering of the *Bombo* and Mr. Harry G. King's report on the inquiry is being sent to you in due course.
 I should be glad to receive your certificate relating to the above.
 The Chief Surveyor, Sydney, is registered at 4 Bridge Street, Sydney.

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 *1.49 Syd (with endorsement)*
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