

WRECK SECTION

No. 611

13527

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 78633 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 75/50

Date of writing this report 3rd January, 1951

Vessel's Name *S. tug "Terawhiti"* of *Melbourne* Tons { Gross 236
Net 91

Built at *Leith* When *1907 5* Casualty notice sent to Owner *1.12.50* Owner's reply *12.12.50*

Name *Australian Steamships Proprietary, Ltd. (Man Agts, Howard Smith, Ltd.)*

Address *P.O. Box 1599, Sydney, N.S.W.*

Previously before Committee. { Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

*BS*550 MBS*448*
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A.S. 550 msh 248
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Casualty *30th September, 1950*

Particulars of Casualty

While trying to re-connect a parted tow line, this tug came into collision with the motorship "CITY OF KHARTOUM" in Port Philip Bay, Victoria, on the 30th September, 1950, and sank, coming to rest on her port side.

It was stated that refloating did not present insurmountable difficulties.

In reply to the special casualty notice, the Owners state that the tug was a Constructive Total Loss and has been abandoned to the Underwriters.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

TERAWHITI.—Melbourne, Sept. 30.—Tug Terawhiti sunk in Hobson Bay; one crew member missing, one seriously injured. It is understood tug was towing motor vessel CITY OF KHARTOUM from Williamstown to Port Melbourne.

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Melbourne, Sept. 30.—The Australian tug Terawhiti sank today in 40 ft. of water in Port Philip Bay, Victoria, after being in collision with motor vessel CITY OF KHARTOUM. One man is missing, six others of the crew were saved. The tug was moving the CITY OF KHARTOUM between berths when the collision took place. The tug sank in 35 seconds half a mile off Williamstown. The survivors were picked up by the tug Marimba, which was towing another vessel nearby. The CITY OF KHARTOUM was undamaged.—Reuter.

The Australian tug Terawhiti (236 tons gross) sank after being in collision with the British motorship City of Khartoum (9955 tons gross), which she was towing from Williamstown to Port Melbourne.

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TERAWHITI.—Melbourne, Oct. 2.—Tug Terawhiti: Line parted and while manoeuvring for another line was in collision with motor vessel CITY OF KHARTOUM and rolled over. Tug is now lying on her side in 20 ft. of water with no apparent hull damage, and clear of ship channel. (See issue of Oct. 2.)

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TERAWHITI.—Melbourne, Oct. 3.—Tug Terawhiti is lying on port side in 29 ft. of water, half a mile off breakwater pier, Williamstown, exposed to weather from SW, through S, to E.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 3.)

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TERAWHITI.—Washington, D.C., Oct. 3.—Tug Terawhiti has sunk on the west side of Port Melbourne channel in lat. 37 51 54 S., long. 144 55 32 E. The position is temporarily marked with a ship's lifebuoy. (See issue of Oct. 5.)

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TERAWHITI.—Melbourne, Oct. 6.—Tug Terawhiti: Diving operations did not reveal any structural damage vessel appears in normal order and condition, lying with 90 deg. list to port in few feet of mud amidships, no evidence of silting. United Salvage consider up-righting and lifting by means of floating craft and removal to shallow water do not present insurmountable difficulties. Owners of tug holding motor vessel CITY OF KHARTOUM liable. Court marine inquiry on Oct. 18. Harbour Trust have served notice for removal of wreck.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 7.)

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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