

WRECK SECTION

Wreck Report No. 14544

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 681

76494 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 1/57 Date of writing this report 28th January, 1957.

Name s.s. "SAN ANTONIO" of Panama Tons { Gross 3702 Net 2342

at P. Glasgow When 1911 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner 17.1.57. Owner's reply 21.1.57.

Owners San Antonio Steamship Co., S.A.

Managers John Manners & Co., Ltd.

Address Alexandra House, HONG KONG.

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Classification details

* 100A1	* LMC5,52
4,56	BS3,55
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Smk 5,52	ts 11,54 CL

M.C.C. 349

Date of Casualty 6th January, 1957.

Details of Casualty

Wrecked on Mathien Reef off Ouaco, west of New Caledonia, during hurricane.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

SAN ANTONIO.—Noumea, Jan. 7.—Following received by Mercantile Marine, Noumea, at 1.30 p.m., Jan. 6: Panamanian steamer San Antonio, 6100 tons deadweight, needs urgent assistance. Heavy weather, route NW., force 7 (moderate gale), drifting five (knots) with broken propeller shaft or loose propeller, position lat. 20 31 S., long. 163 11 E.

From further message vessel now reported on reef at Teoudie, west coast, position considered dangerous.

Sydney, Jan. 7.—Local agents of steamer San Antonio, owned by San Antonio Steamship Company, on voyage from New Zealand to Japan, advise reports received from master informing vessel aground on reef near New Caledonia.

Noumea, Jan. 7.—Panamanian steamer San Antonio went aground during the night on the north-west coast barrier reef after losing her propeller in a 60 mile-an-hour hurricane. The French Navy repair ship Vulcain has left Noumea to go to the vessel's aid.—Reuter.

Sydney, Jan. 7.—Forty members of the crew of the Panamanian steamer San Antonio were still on board the vessel to-night, according to reports reaching here. The ship's agents here stated that the San Antonio, carrying a cargo of scrap iron, went aground after being battered by a cyclone yesterday.—Reuter.

SAN ANTONIO.—Sydney, Jan. 8.—French naval repair ship Vulcain is reported to have rescued 27 of the crew of 36 of the Panamanian steamer San Antonio, which ran aground on a New Caledonian reef on Sunday (Jan. 6). A radio-telephone message to-day describing the rescue operation said that the San Antonio, which ran aground after losing her propeller in a storm, may become a total loss from pounding on the reef. A radio message picked up in Brisbane said all the holds and tanks of the San Antonio were leaking. Lifeboats from the Vulcain were reported standing by until the seas are calm enough for them to rescue Captain E. Tufté, the ship's master, and the four officers and four seamen still on board.—Reuter. (See issue of Jan. 8.)

London, Jan. 8.—The following message, dated to-day, has been received from the master of steamer San Antonio: Vessel total wreck, breaking up on rocks, ship condemned by Lloyd's. Crew left on Navy ship for Noumea, master and officers leaving later to-day.

SAN ANTONIO.—Melbourne, Jan. 9.—Lifeboats have rescued nine crew members who spent more than two days on the holed and flooded Panamanian steamer San Antonio off the west coast of New Caledonia, according to a radio-telephone message received here to-day.—Reuter. (See issue of Jan. 9.)

SAN ANTONIO.—Noumea, Jan. 11.—Steamer San Antonio: Surveyor reports Jan. 8 vessel's bottom dislocated and water to sea level in Nos. 1 to 4 holds; considers hull a total loss. Possibility of salvaging maximum gear and equipment if immediate action. We recommend call tenders for sale of hull as it now lies on Mathieu Reef opposite Ouaco; urgent decision necessary owing to rapid deterioration of vessel. Crew to be evacuated to-day by French naval vessel Vulcain.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 10.)

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Suggested Record

WRECKED 1,57

Date of Committee

TUESDAY 29 JAN 1957

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 1.57

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