

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 09845 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 123/59 Date of writing this report 21st October, 19 59.
 Ship's Name s.s. "EMPIRE OBERON" of Calcutta Tons { Gross 242
 { Net ---
 Built at Hessle When 1947 No. 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner 30.9.59. Owner's reply ---
 Owners Commissioners for The Port of Calcutta
 Managers ---
 Address Calcutta, India.

WRECK SECTION
 No. 672

Classification details

* 100A1 Tug 2,59	* LMC M12,56 BS M12,58
ss 12,56	ts 2,59 OG

Casualty 7th September, 1959.

of Casualty

Capsized and sank in River Hooghly.
 No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the Owners on 30th September, 1959.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

EMPIRE OBERON.—Calcutta, Sept. 7.—Government survey launch Empire Oberon reported sunk at 9 55 a.m. on Sept. 7 near Akra, about nine miles from Calcutta; cause still unknown. Not expected to affect vessels' departures, but arrivals stopped for 24 hours pending investigation.

EMPIRE OBERON.—Calcutta, Sept. 8.—Survey launch Empire Oberon is partially blocking channel. Great danger of very fast siltation blocking river, deep sailing already reduced from four to two per diem. Port Commissioners appealed for immediate assistance of demolition expert who can fly to Calcutta in a matter of hours to counsel on blowing up without spreading wreckage over channel. (See issue of Sept. 8.)

EMPIRE OBERON.—London, Oct. 12.—In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Calcutta write under date of Oct. 7: The superstructure of survey launch Empire Oberon, which sank near Akra, River Hooghly, on Sept. 7, has since been completely removed. Cutting operations were supervised by Captain J. Fant, the Australian salvage expert. The hull will be left on the river bed. It is stated that the wreck will not cause an obstruction to shipping in the channel and will be completely under silt after about five spring tides. (See issue of Sept. 9.)

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Calcutta Surveyors 16.9.59.



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