

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
YEAR. MONTH. No. 672
Built at Hessle When 1948 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 ss 12,56	✱ LMC 12,56 BS 12,58 ts 2,59 OG
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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

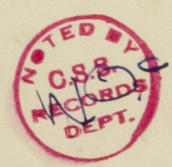
EMPIRE OBERON.—Calcutta, Sept. 7.—
Government survey launch Empire
Oberon reported sunk at 9 55 a.m. on
Sept. 7 near Akra, about nine miles
from Calcutta; cause still unknown.
Not expected to affect vessels' depar-
tures, but arrivals stopped for 24 hours
pending investigation.

EMPIRE OBERON.—Calcutta, Sept. 8.—
Survey launch Empire Oberon is par-
tially 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 mat-
ter of hours to counsel on blowing up
without spreading wreckage over chan-
nel. (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.

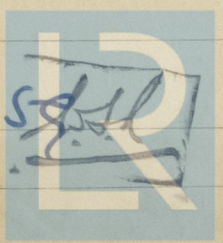


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Committee FRIDAY 6 NOV 1959

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Capsized & Sank 9.5.59



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