

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

11640

Ship's Name ~~SS~~MS "FIJIAN TRADER"

Gross tons 662

Date of  
Build 1944Casualty notice  
sent to Owners

28.10.64 Owners' Reply ---

Owners Fijian Shipping & Trading  
Co., Ltd.

## Details of classification

100A1	LMC CS11,62
Eastern Australia coasting service & to New Zealand	
	ts p5,61 CL
1,64	Ns9,59
ss 6,62	
Classed 12,53	

## Details of casualty

This ship stranded Jomard Reef,  
in lat. 11 16 7S., long. 152 8 6E.  
and attempts to refloat have failed.

No reply has been received to  
a letter addressed to the owners on  
28th October, 1964.

Date of casualty 14th October, 1964.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

11/10/64  
FIJIAN TRADER. — Samarai, Oct. 17.  
—Motor vessel Fijian Trader aground  
Jomard Reef in vicinity of wreck of  
motor vessel Dorothea, ex Karu. Motor  
vessel New Guinea Trader proceeding  
to assist; expect arrive there to-day.—  
Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.  
(Note.—Dorothea grounded southern side  
of Jomard Reef in lat. 11 16 7 S., long.  
152 8 6 E.)

13/11/64  
FIJIAN TRADER. — Samarai, Nov. 2. —  
Motor vessel Fijian Trader: Boarded  
on Oct. 31, finding vessel aground 100 ft.  
inshore of motor vessel Dorothea in  
one-foot depth of low water. Spring  
tide range 3-5 ft. Require 8-ft. depth  
to refloat. Vessel not making water  
and all machinery said to be workable.  
No visible structural damage but suspect  
some bottom indentation, also salt-spray  
damage to machinery. After some  
attempts to refloat when vessel in 8-ft.  
depth of water, owner master and crew  
abandoned on Oct. 18, removing part  
salvage equipment and leaving caretaker,  
who still on board. Since abandonment,  
vessel driven farther 40 ft. inshore.  
Vessel is ex American Y-type tanker  
of unconventional construction. Part  
salvage equipment remains on board  
in good condition, possible salvage.—Sal-  
vage Association's Salvage Officer. (See  
issue of Oct. 22.)

20/10/64  
FIJIAN TRADER. — London, Oct. 19.—  
Motor vessel Fijian Trader: The follow-  
ing cables have been received from  
Sydney:  
Dated Oct. 16: Fijian Trader, while  
proceeding salvage and/or towage  
motor vessel (Dorothea ex) Karu, re-  
ported aground Jomard Reef Oct. 14.  
Dated Oct. 19: Master considers no  
practical means of refloating Fijian  
Trader and returning with most of  
crew to Port Moresby. Small watch-

keeper crew left in vicinity of Fijian  
Trader. (See issue of Oct. 19.)

22/10/64  
FIJIAN TRADER. — Samarai, Oct. 19.—  
Motor vessel Fijian Trader: As far as  
is known, crew of Fijian Trader has  
been picked up by motor vessel New  
Guinea Trader, proceeding Samarai or  
Port Moresby. Understand three native  
crew remaining on board Fijian Trader  
for watch-keeping purposes. — Lloyd's  
Agents per Salvage Association.

27/10/64  
FIJIAN TRADER.—Port Moresby, Oct. 20.  
—Motor vessel Fijian Trader grounded  
while attempting salvage of motor ves-  
sel Dorothea (ex Karu) on Jomard Reef.  
Now abandoned except for caretaking  
crew. All reports from personnel on  
board now returned to Port Moresby  
indicate constructive total loss. No loss  
of life. Harbour authorities now con-  
ducting inquiry.—Lloyd's Agents per  
Salvage Association. (See issue of  
Oct. 20.)

Suggested record "WRECKED 10,64"

Date of Committee

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