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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 907168-8199 R.B. Wreck Book, p. 52/56 Date of writing this report 9th August, 1956.

Ship's Name s.s. "VICKY" of Panama Tons Gross 760 Net 281

Built at Aberdeen When 1930 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner 9.7.56. Owner's reply ---

Owners Compania Naviera Lanena Ltd.

Managers ---

Address P.O. Box 2616, Manila, P.I.

RETAIN

Classification details

* 100A1	* LMC11,51
1,55	BS1,56
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Date of Casualty 25th June, 1956.

Details of Casualty

Capsized and sank in heavy weather off Wilsons Promontory, S. Victoria.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the Owners on 9th July, 1956.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

VICKY.—Melbourne, June 25.—Steamer Vicky, ex Caldare, Sydney for Melbourne, carrying coal, thence Manila, towing a dredger, reported foundered 70 miles off Wilsons Promontory to-day with the loss of seven Filipino seamen; 16 survivors, including the master.

Hongkong, June 25.—The agents of steamer Vicky, Sydney for Melbourne, have received the following message from Manila, dated June 25: Vicky sailed from Sydney at 10 30 a.m. on June 21. Agent reports that on Sunday evening (June 24) both engines had stopped, due to both boilers check valve having failed in lat. 38 40 S, long. 147 50 E., and that at 5 30 a.m. to-day master engaged motor vessel King David to tow the Vicky to Melbourne, but at 7 35 a.m. to-day agent reported again that he had received a radio message from the King David stating that the Vicky had foundered and that 15 of the crew, including the master, had been rescued. King David and a Shell tanker are still searching for eight more crew.

Melbourne, June 25.—Steamer Vicky foundered and sank off Wilsons Promontory, southern Victoria, to-day. The Vicky had a crew of 23 Filipinos. Motor vessel King David proceeded to the assistance of the Vicky, after the Vicky had reported that she was listing in heavy seas. The King David made four attempts to take the Vicky in tow, but was prevented by heavy seas.—British United Press.

Melbourne, June 25.—Steamer Vicky was struck by gale force winds and heavy seas 55 miles from Wilsons Promontory, took in water and started to sink. The master of the Vicky is among those reported saved. Motor vessel King David picked up 15 survivors and the turbo-electric tanker Trochurus picked up one. The Trochurus also picked up two bodies. The two ships searched in vain for other seamen of the Vicky.—Reuter.

VICKY.—Melbourne, June 26.—British motor vessel King David, Kobe for a South Australian port, in ballast, put into Queenscliff to-day to land rescued seamen from foundered steamer Vicky, ex Caldare. (See issue of June 26.)

VICKY.—Melbourne, July 6.—According to a protest made by her master, steamer Vicky, ex Caldare, Sydney for Melbourne, with 23 persons, and cargo and bunkers totalling 603 tons of coal, had trouble with the feed valve to boilers on June 24, and stopped to effect repairs when between Gabo Island and Wilsons Promontory. At between 2 and 3 p.m. it was found that the trouble could not be remedied and four hours later, in reply to a radio message asking for assistance, motor vessel King David arrived and made four attempts to put a tow line on board. At about 5 a.m. the next morning the vessel was listing to starboard about 15 deg. and was rolling heavily. After vessel had taken a further list, preparations were made to abandon ship. The starboard lifeboat was smashed while being lowered, and the crew having jumped overboard, the vessel capsized within a minute. The King David then lowered a motor boat, which was smashed by heavy seas, but later rescued 14 members of the crew by the use of lines. Three others were picked up by turbo-electric tanker Trochurus, two of whom died later. No reason could be given for the listing of the vessel. (See issue of June 27.)

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Suggested Record "FOUNDERED 6/56"

Date of Committee TUESDAY 14 AUG 1956

Committee's Minute Foundered 6.56

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