WRECK
SECTION

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK SECTION No._____

Wreck Report No. 15380 WRECK SECTION

No._____ 14605 _____ in R.B.   Wreck Book, p. 166/59   Date of writing this report _____ 6th January, 1960.

Ship's Name ___ m.s. "HOLMGLEN" R.M.C. ___ of _____ Wellington   Tons { Gross 485 / Net 219

YEAR.   MONTH.

Built at _____ Martenshoek _____ When _____ 1956 ___ 3 ___ Casualty notice sent to Owner _____ 9.12.59.   Owner's reply ___ ---

Owners _____ Holm Shipping Co., Ltd.

Managers _____ Holm & Co., Ltd.

WRECK SECTION No. 696

Address _____ National Insurance Building, 22, Customhouse Quay, Wellington, New Zealand.

Classification details

✠ 100A1   ✠ LMC 3,56
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Casualty _____ 24th November, 1959.

Casualty

Foundered off Timaru during gale.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed

to the owners on 9th December, 1959.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

HOLMGLEN.—Wellington, Nov. 25.—Motor vessel Holmglen signalled late last night that she was listing badly about 18 miles off Timaru. New Zealand naval motor launch Takapu reported at midnight that she had reached the reported distress position but could find no sign of the ship, which carries a crew of 15. She is continuing to search with searchlights. New Zealand naval motor launch Tarapunga, has reported that weather conditions in the area are worsening. A number of other ships have headed for the area to join in the search and a Royal New Zealand Air Force 'plane has taken off from Wigram.—Reuter.   LL 25/11/59

HOLMGLEN.—Wellington, Nov. 25.—Six Britons are among the crew of 15 believed to have died when their ship, the motor vessel Holmglen, sank in a gale off the east coast of the South Island last night. Ships searching the area in deteriorating weather to-day found wreckage, including bags of flour from the cargo of the Holmglen. Two bodies have been picked up among debris floating over the spot where the wreck lies in 30 fathoms of water, and to-day there seemed little hope of finding survivors. The Holmglen, which sent out a distress signal last night while on a voyage from Oamaru to Wellington, is believed to have sunk about 22 miles off the coast near Timaru. Despite high winds and heavy seas, ships, assisted by aircraft, continued to search the area. The chief signalman at Taiaroa Lighthouse, who picked up the S O S call, said the ship's operator called over the radio " Heeling hard to port, accommodation awash," and then faded out. The Holmglen was spotted by search aircraft and a marker buoy was later dropped from a rescue ship in the area above the wreck, swirling with wreckage and oil slick.—Reuter. (See issue of Nov. 25.)   LL 26/11/59

Timaru, Nov. 25.—Motor vessel Holmglen foundered on voyage Dunedin for Wanganui. Vessel located in 30 fathoms in lat. 44 33 S., long. 171 44 E. Two bodies recovered, still searching.

Wellington, Nov. 25.—The search for survivors of motor vessel Holmglen was called off later to-day. The two bodies recovered were identified as Sidney Mackenzie and James McEwan.—Reuter.

HOLMGLEN.—London, Dec. 16.—The New Zealand Government Office has received the following report from the New Zealand Press Association, Wellington: The Royal New Zealand Navy is to send a specially-trained deep-sea diving team and its underwater television camera to examine the wreck of motor vessel Holmglen, which sank with all 15 hands in the night of Nov. 24 off the east coast of the South Island. Two ships will be used in the operation, the fleet auxiliary Tui and the diving tender Manawanui. The diving team, which has been making training dives of 180 ft. and more in readiness, consists of an officer and nine ratings. The Holmglen is lying at a depth of 230 ft. The team has been doing its deep-sea training off Great Barrier Island, and it was hoped that they would sail for Timaru on Dec. 15 to start operations. (See issue of Nov. 26.)   LL 17/12/59

HOLMGLEN.—Wellington, Dec. 23.—New Zealand Navy men, using an underwater television camera, yesterday found the motor vessel Holmglen, which foundered off Timaru on Nov. 24.—New York Maritime Association. (See issue of Dec. 17.)   LL 1/1/60
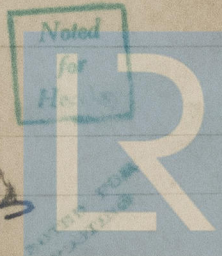
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Date of Committee _____ FRIDAY - 5 FEB 1960

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