

WRECK SECTION  
No. 837

Wreck Report No. 15766

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 85047 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 62/61 Date of writing this report 19th April, 1961.

Ship's Name m.s. "VERAO" of Suva Tons { Gross 469 Net 189

Built at Amsterdam When 1934 Casualty notice sent to Owner 5.4.61 Owner's reply 11.4.61.

Owners W.E. Aspden & P.N. Dent

Address 117, Pitt Street, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

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### Classification details

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of Casualty 18th March, 1961.

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This ship foundered in heavy seas off the coast of Queensland.

The owners concur.

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

VERAO. — Brisbane, Mar. 18. — Motor vessel Vero: Press reports following radios received by Director of Navigation, Sydney: At 11 15 p.m., Mar. 17: Making water, listing badly. At 1 15 a.m. to-day: Preparing take to lifeboats; sea rough. At 1 50 a.m.: Only master and mate left on board. At 4 15 a.m.: Water up to bridge; rest on board taking to lifeboats.

Reported position about 230 miles east of Brisbane. Two ships proceeding to area, expected there about 10 p.m. to-day.

Sydney, Mar. 18. — Motor vessel Vero, registered in Fiji, 500-ton bulk liquid carrier, reported in seriously leaking condition early a.m., Mar. 18, on voyage from Bundaberg, Queensland, to Auckland, New Zealand, with a cargo of 479 tons of molasses. Last word heard at 4 15 a.m.

Sydney, Mar. 18. — Thirteen men were adrift to-day in a lifeboat in mountainous seas off the Queensland coast after their ship, motor vessel Vero, sank early to-day. Steamer Iron Flinders and motor vessel Houtman are going to their rescue. The crew of a Royal Australian Air Force Neptune said they saw the Vero, abandoned when she began to take in water last night, suddenly lurch on her side and sink this morning about 230 miles east of Brisbane. — Reuter.

Sydney, Mar. 18. — Motor vessel Vero sank this morning east of Brisbane. A Royal Australian Air Force Neptune was sent to the area and reported that it had sighted two lifeboats, one carrying 13 people and the other empty. — British United Press.

Brisbane, Mar. 18. — Royal Australian Air Force pilot reports that motor vessel Vero, Bundaberg for New Zealand with a cargo of molasses and other goods, sank at 8 25 a.m. to-day.

Sydney, Mar. 18. — Survivors of motor vessel Vero were rescued from a small lifeboat off the Queensland coast to-night after drifting in heavy seas for 11 hours. The men were rescued by steamer Iron Flinders. Radar of a Royal Australian Air Force Neptune which circled overhead was used to guide the Iron Flinders to the lifeboat. Captain D. K. Matheson is master of the Vero. — Reuter.

Brisbane, Mar. 18. — All 13 survivors of the crew of motor vessel Vero were rescued from a lifeboat to-day by steamer Iron Flinders. The survivors were rescued from heavy seas and were all suffering from exposure and minor injuries. — British United Press.

VERAO. — Auckland, Mar. 20. — Motor vessel Vero foundered at sea. Cargo approximately 479 tons of bulk molasses consigned Auckland. (See issue of Mar. 20.)

Sydney, Mar. 19. — Fifteen survivors of motor vessel Vero arrived at Brisbane to-day after 16 hours in a lifeboat. — "Daily Express."

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