

# REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIRS, &c.

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9308

No. 88265 Supp  
in R. B.

Wreck Book, No. 31/37

Date of writing this report

3rd May 1937

Vessel's Name

Steel M/S. "Fiji"

of

Panama

Tons

Net 2109  
Gross 3381

Built at

Jacksonville, Fla.

when 1919 - 12

Casualty notice sent to Owner

6/4/37

Owner's reply

19/4/37

Owner's Name

Carriso Inc. (Flood Bros. Mps).

Address Board of Trade Building, 444, Market Street, San Francisco, Cal. U.S.A.

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100 A1  
10.36

SS N.Y. 3-6.35

+LME 6.35  
DBS 8.36  
+NE 3.25

Date of Casualty

26th March, 1937.

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have sunk on the 26th March near Aukh Island, Marshall Group, mid-Pacific, following an explosion in the forehold.

The Owners concur.

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

FIJIAN, Honolulu, Mar. 24. — The crew of the Panamanian motor vessel Fijian have been forced to take to the lifeboats after an explosion in her forward hold according to a report received at Honolulu from the United States Coast-guard. — United Press.

Honolulu, Mar. 24. — A wireless message from the Panamanian motor vessel Fijian picked up by coast-guard here states that her crew are abandoning ship following an explosion on board. Her position is about 2000 miles south of Honolulu. The nearest known vessel is the cutter Shoshone at Jarvis Island, about a thousand miles away. It is learned that the Shoshone has not sufficient fuel to proceed to the aid of the Fijian. — United Press.

Honolulu, Mar. 24. — The coastguard cutter Shoshone now reports that she has intercepted a wireless message from the Fijian saying that some of the crew were injured by a terrific explosion on board. No further details are given, but the position of the Fijian at the time was given as five miles from Arutua Island. It is assumed that the crew are heading for the land in the boats; most of the crew are Chinese. The vessel carried no passengers. It is stated that the vessel is doomed. — United Press.

FIJIAN, Honolulu, Mar. 24. — Panamanian motor vessel Fijian reported explosion in forehold and crew took to the boats in approximately 10° 30' N. 157° 47' W. No casualties are reported.

London, Mar. 25. — Forty seamen of the Panamanian motor vessel Fijian, who were in the boats following a terrific explosion while the vessel was in mid-Pacific, are said to return to the vessel after a skeleton crew had overpowered the pirates. — The Daily Telegraph.

London, Mar. 26. — In reply to inquiry asking for latest news of motor vessel Fijian, Lloyd's Agent at Papeete cabled Mar. 26. Wireless message from Government vessel reports no signs of Fijian in approximate position indicated. Nothing known at Kauri Island.

FIJIAN, Honolulu, Mar. 26. — Panamanian motor vessel Fijian reported sunk on Mar. 26, five miles off Aukh Island. Crew picked up by steamer Shinko Maru (? Shinko Maru).

San Francisco, Mar. 26. — Forced to abandon ship owing to fire on board, the crew of the Panamanian motor vessel Fijian have been rescued after being rescued for 20 hours on the Pacific. The Fijian has sunk, according to wireless reports, near Aukh Island in the Marshall Group. — Reuter.

FIJIAN, San Francisco, Mar. 30. — The following cables have been received by the owners of the motor vessel Fijian:

Mar. 25. — Gasoline explosion forehold; two Chinese badly injured; fire now under control; ship five miles off Aukh Island, Marshall Group.

Mar. 26. — After explosion Nos. 1 and 2 holds leaking badly; had to abandon ship Mar. 26 forenoon; ship sank 15 minutes after leaving her; all men saved after 20 hours in boats; boat swam and one sailor badly injured; crew saved by steamer Shinko Maru (? Shinko Maru); all men proceeding Japan, Marshall Islands; must place three men in hospital.

Suggested Record

Sunk after explosion 3.37

Date of Committee

TUE 4 MAY 1937

Committee's Minute

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