

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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Department of Navigation,
Sydney, 28th April, 1927.

IN RE FOUNDERING OF STEAM COLLIER 'GALAVA' OFF TUGGERAH REEF
ON THE 9th FEBRUARY, 1927.

The Court of Marine Inquiry held at Sydney on the 24th March, 1927 before His Honor Judge Cohen, assisted by Captains William Newton and Charles Zachariah Lindbergh, Assessors, delivered the following decision in the matter of the inquiry into the circumstances attending the foundering of the steam collier 'Galava' off Tuggerah Reef on the 9th February, 1927.

G.H. Faulks,
Secretary.

COPY OF THE DECISION OF THE COURT.

In the Court of Marine Inquiry)
at SYDNEY) No. 2 of 1927.

The Court having carefully inquired into the circumstances attending the abovementioned shipping casualty, comes to the following decision:-

1. The British Ship 'Galava' (Official No. 124391) foundered off Terrigal on the 9th February, 1927, whilst on a voyage from Catherine Hill Bay to Sydney.
2. The 'Galava' was well-found, and provided with the necessary life-saving appliances.
3. The weather was moderate Southerly, with a choppy sea.
4. The Court finds that the ship left Catherine Hill Bay with 421 tons of coal on board at 9.30 p.m. on the 8th February, 1927. The draft forward was 10 feet 4 inches, and aft, 12 feet. The Plimsoll mark was 2½ inches clear. About twenty minutes after leaving Catherine Hill Bay, the ship proceeded on a South by West course, and at about 12.40 a.m. when off Terrigal, she suddenly listed to port and sank within a few minutes, seven lives being lost.
5. The ship had recently undergone an extensive overhaul and repair, and had received re-classification at 100 A.1. Lloyds.
6. The Court is unable on the evidence to arrive at any conclusion as to the cause of the disaster.
7. The Court is of opinion that the Master and Officers did all that was possible under the circumstances.

DATED at Sydney this 24th day of March, 1927.

John J. Cohen,

Judge.



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