

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1918.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Register Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1917.													
Mar. 3	Mountaineer, p.s., 38 years	Ferry-boat	66	8	..	..	Fire; damage, £300	..	Wharf, Queenstown ..	..	..	Whilst lying at the wharf the vessel was found to be on fire. No damage to hull or engines	J. Kennedy.
" 12	Talune, s.s., 27 years	Schooner	1,370	56	15	General	Stranded; damage, £400	..	Egeria Channel, Nukualofa	S.E.	Fr. breeze	When entering Egeria Channel vessel struck an uncharted pinnacle rock, and damaged her plates and frame	J. Morrison.
April 6	Flora, s.s., 35 years	Schooner	818	40	..	Fruit ..	Struck wharf; trifling damage	..	King's Wharf, Auckland	..	Calm ..	When berthing bumped against one of the piles and damaged a plate	L. C. Adkins.
" 16	Eagle, p.s., 31 years	Ferry-boat	138	4	30	..	Struck wharf; trifling damage	..	Ferry Wharf, Auckland	N.	Light ..	Bumped into the wharf when berthing ..	T. A. Lynch.
" 18	Wootton, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	90	11	..	Motor-cars	Collision; damage, £100	..	Wharf, Wellington ..	S.	Moderate	The "Queen of the South" was backing out from the wharf when a squall struck her and caused her to bump into the "Wootton," damaging the latter's stanchions, bulwarks, and decking	J. Larsen.
" 18	Queen of the South, s.s., 40 years	Schooner	121	12	..	General	Collision; no damage	..	Wharf, Wellington ..	S.	Moderate	..	W. T. Brigden.
May 6	Progress, s.s., 34 years	Dredge	112	..	..	..	Foundered; damage, £1,000	..	Carey's Bay, Port Chalmers	N.E.	Gale ..	Vessel was moored undergoing repairs, and was partially dismantled. No one was on board, and during the gale she filled and sank	..
" 16	Tuirangi, s.s., 8 years	Cutter ..	72	8	25	..	Struck wharf; no damage	..	Tokatoka Wharf, N. Wairoa	S.W.	Strong ..	Vessel ran into the wharf on a dark night ..	Thomas Ross.
" 27	Waikonini, scow, 16 years	Schooner	23	5	..	Shingle	Stranded; trifling damage	..	Waiara, Hauraki Gulf	W.	Gale ..	The vessel's anchor-chain parted, and she was driven on to the beach	J. J. Doyle.
June —	Wairuna, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	2,530	43	..	General	Sunk; total loss	..	In vicinity of Kermandecs	..	..	Sunk by enemy raider ..	H. C. Saunders.
" 2	J. D. O., s.s., 24 years	Dredge	87	5	..	..	Damaged plate; trifling	..	Port Ahuriri	..	..	Vessel was found to be sinking, and when pumped out a hole was found on the port bow, which is supposed to have been made when letting go or heaving up the anchor	F. W. Green.
" 6	Kotare, s.s., 13 years	Ketch ..	79	10	..	..	Stranded	..	Waikawa ..	S.E.	Light ..	Vessel was moored at wharf, and on the tide falling she settled amidships on some obstruction, which caused fracture of the keelson	D. Hanning.
" 11	Eunice, o.e.v., 15 years	Schooner	129	9	..	Chaff ..	Damaged gear; £150	..	Off Cape Egmont ..	S.E.	Gale ..	Heavy seas damaged the bulwarks, stanchions, and davits, and carried away a lifeboat	R. Sproule.
" 12	Laura, 28 years ..	Barquentine	326	..	..	Granite-blocks and oats	Loss of life ..	1	16 days out from Melbourne to Auckland	S.E.	Gale ..	A heavy sea came on board and washed W. Gibson, an O.S., overboard. Everything possible was done to save him, but no boat could have lived in the sea that was running	John Johnson.
" 14	Kowhai, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	483	19	..	Coal ..	Struck wharf; slight damage	..	Gladstone Pier, Lyttelton	..	Calm ..	When berthing, the order "full astern" was given, but the engines failed to act, and the vessel struck one of the piles with the crown of the anchor, and damaged the hawse-pipe and one of the plates	E. C. Vellonoweth.