

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Barge A.B. 195

Location

2 miles west of Bell Point, Waratah Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S887

Date lost

26 Jun 1943

Construction material

Other

Hull

Hopper barge, pointed bow

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Date lost

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Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Port Moresby via Sydney

Cargo

4,222 pounds worth of stores

Owner

Department of Defence

Weather conditions

Heavy seas

Cause of loss

Towline broke in heavy seas, collided with other barge and foundered

VHR history

Army Barge 195 was being towed along with two other 'C.S.R. barges' by the tug James Paterson to Sydney. The barges were laden with stores and not exhibiting navigation lights due to wartime rules that vessels not travelling in convoy could not exhibit lights. In heavy seas the towline broke between the tug and the barges, during the night AB 195 a hopper barge collided with the other barges sustaining damage.