

SHIP FROM BULLI MAKES SEA MYSTERY:

Christina Fraser, collier which loaded at Bulli jetty in 1933, provides an unsolved sea mystery.

The ship had met trouble on 7th March, 1927 when it struck at the Jibbon bombora but was floated off and repaired.

The loss of the ship was brought to our research officer's attention by a telephone call from Mr. Col Mansell, who with other city council men, brought the matter to light in a discussion.

The Australian Encyclopaedia, Volume 10, page 11 gives details of the ship.

After loading at Bulli the collier sailed for Melbourne but, with its crew of 17, disappeared off Gabo Island on June 24. Nothing has ever been heard to show its fate.

Charles Kingsford Smith, famous navigator, then at the height of his fame carried out a search from the air but no trace of it was found.

The Bombo, blue metal boat out of Kiama, bound for Sydney, provides no mystery but a great tragedy. Loaded with 650 tons of blue metal it capsized and sank off Wollongong on February 22, 1949. Only two of the 14 crew members reached shore alive.