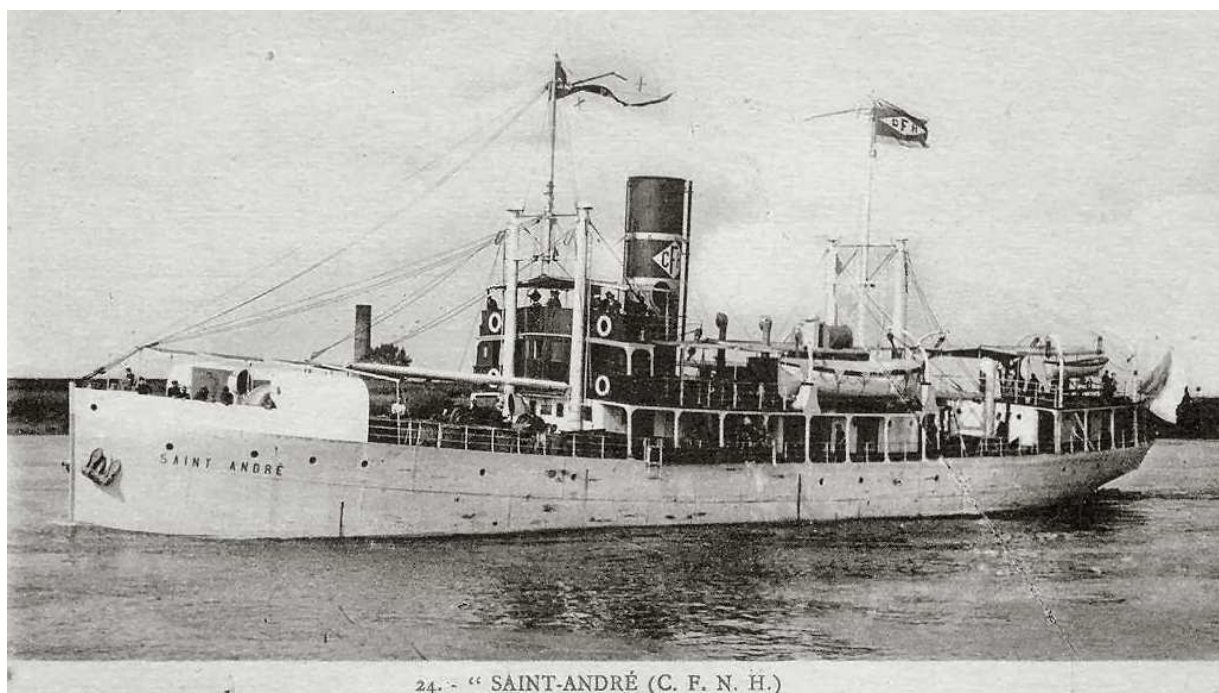


**THE NEW HEBRIDES RUNS OF THE "LE BUCÉPHALE"
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
23 January 2012**



24.- " SAINT-ANDRÉ (C. F. N. H.)

Le Bucéphale, ex Saint André, was built in 1925 at Hoboken, Belgium, for the Société Navale de l'Océanie (Compagnie Ballande) and later bought by the Comptoir Français des Nouvelles Hébrides (C.F.N.H.). In 1931 she was chartered and in 1932 bought by the Messageries Maritimes for the inter island runs in the New Hebrides and collecting of copra in the islands. She ran on a reef and was lost on 14 June 1937 in Teouma Bay (south west Efate). Debris of the ship is still lying on the beach there.

Information thanks to <http://www.es-conseil.fr/pramona/bucephale.html>, Philippe Ramona's Messageries Maritimes site.

Year	SYDNEY departure	arrival at SYDNEY	port destination
In November 1932 the BUCÉPHALE was involved in rescuing the crew of the stranded SOUTHERN CROSS at Aneityum.			
1933	1933-02-28	1933-03-03	Noumea
1933-34	1933-03-08	abt 1934-01-20	Noumea
1934	1934-01-25	1934-03-16	for New Hebrides via Noumea, mail too
1934	1934-03-28	abt 1934-11-08	for New Hebrides via Noumea, mail too
1934	1934-11-13	1935-03-07	for New Hebrides via Noumea, mail too
1935-36	1935-03-21	1936-03-09	for New Hebrides via Noumea, mail too
1936-37	1936-03-18	1937-03-11	for New Hebrides via Noumea, mail too
1937	abt 1937-03-22	---	for New Hebrides via Noumea, mail too
14 June 1937 Bucephale ran on a reef in Teouma Bay, Efate, and was a wreck.			

Bucephale Calls for Help.

The Deputy Director of Navigation (Captain Roskrige) yesterday received advice from Townsville that a wireless call for help from the small French steamer Bucephale had been intercepted. The message stated that the Bucephale was ashore at Teouma Mele, a small island in the New Hebrides group. No indication of the seriousness of the grounding was given.

The Bucephale is a steamer of 900 tons, belonging to a French company in New Caledonia. She is employed mostly in trade between New Caledonia and the New Hebrides, but occasionally makes trips to Sydney.]

French Steamer Wrecked

SYDNEY, Wednesday.—A message received by Messageries Maritimes says that the French steamer Bucephale, which ran aground on Efate Island, New Hebrides, on Monday, is a wreck. The passengers and crew are safe. On Monday a radio message relayed to Sydney from Townsville said that the steamer had run aground and was in need of help.