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THE LLEWELLYN DISASTER
THE SHIP'S COMPANY

It will be seen from a telegram published in this issue that the search for the missing Government steamer Llewellyn, which left Rockhampton for Bowen on the 16th of July last, has been abandoned and that the vessel is now regarded by the Treasury Department as having foundered at sea, in a gale, with all hands. **Mr John Beaton**, fireman on the Llewellyn, was a native of the Isle of Coll, Scotland. He was sixty-four years of age on the 28th of March last. He learnt the trade of shipwright and came to Rockhampton about forty-five years ago in the ship Bertie. He married here Miss Elizabeth Noonan, a native of Tipperary, Ireland. He at first followed his trade for a living here, but had to add cottage and bridge building to his efforts. Whenever he struck a period of slackness of payable shore work, he tried the sea for a living. Hence he was for a few trips a deck hand on the Fitzroy under Captain Sykes about thirty years ago, and recently he shipped on the Llewellyn as a fireman. Between these periods he did stevedoring work on Messrs McLeod and King's steam Timaru. Mr Beaton has left in addition to his wife, three sons, the youngest of whom, Mr Frank Beaton, of the Twenty-fifth Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, recently returned from the front, and who suffered the loss of his left leg as a result of a wound received in action in France.

[transcription by Jean Little]