

29th April, 1949.

Dear Sirs,

Steamer "BENGKALIS"

S. With reference to your First Entry Reports No. 16774 on this vessel, I have to inform you that this vessel has today been classed 100A1 "Fitted for oil fuel F.P. above 150°F", subject to a temporary bower anchor on board being replaced by an anchor complying with the Rules by 9.49, together with notation as recommended by you, except that notation of S.S.Ams. - 11.48 (Dr) has been assigned.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo respecting the case, and to acquaint you that your remarks have been duly noted.

In the circumstances, in view of the Owners' special request, I have to inform you that the bulkheads will be accepted as fitted subject to the bulkhead omission notation as set forth below being made in the Register Book; the fire bulkheads in the tween decks being recorded as divisional watertight bulkheads in accordance with the practice adopted in similar instances during the war.

"Upper Tween Deck B.H's except coll. B.H. dispensed with. 8 B.H's (Coll to W.Dk. 7 B.H's to 2nd Dk. 2 divisional W.T. B.H's in Upper Tween Dks."

I shall be glad if you will confirm that only two divisional watertight bulkheads are fitted in the upper tween decks.

With reference to the pen-ultimate paragraph of your letter of the 8th ultimo it is concluded that the correct length of the poop is 39.7' which is in accordance with the plan of general arrangement and the freeboard report, and not 25.8', but I shall be glad if you will state if this is so.

It is concluded that provision has been made for blank flanging the bilge suction to the deep tanks abaft the

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engine room and that the oil fuel suction have been removed, in view of the fact that these deep tanks are not to be used for the carriage of dry cargo or water ballast, and that the boilers which were apparently examined as long ago as June, 1948 have been generally examined again, and found not to have suffered any deterioration, since the notation of LMC 11.48 is recommended, but I shall be glad to receive confirmation on these points.

Yours faithfully,

Copy Ret.

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,
AMSTERDAM.