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*British Cavalier*

# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

23rd April, 1943.

Dear Sir,

S. Reverting to your letter of the 6th and my acknowledgment of the 22nd instant having reference to the propeller of the motorship "EMPIRE CAVALIER", I beg to acquaint you it appears from enquiry now made of the Newcastle Surveyors that this propeller was machined by Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie & Co., but was not delivered to the North Eastern Marine Engineering Co. until after the shaft had been installed by the latter firm on board the vessel.

It was forwarded by wherry to the vessel when fitting out at Wallsend-on-Tyne, together with a spare propeller for the motor vessel "NATICINA", the two vessels having similar machinery but with some difference in the taper of the propeller bosses.

Unfortunately, the propeller for the "EMPIRE CAVALIER" was delivered to the "NATICINA" and vice versa.

It is understood that Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie & Co. are making arrangements to recover the spare propeller from the "NATICINA" for delivery to the "EMPIRE CAVALIER", and the Surveyors add that, owing to the late arrival of these spares, no opportunity was afforded in the case of the "EMPIRE CAVALIER" to carry out the firm's usual practice of testing the fit of the shaft cone in the spare propeller.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Secretary of the Admiralty (D.M.B.)  
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For the attention of Mr. F.J. Colvill.

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