

COPY OF AIR LETTER

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3

RNC

22nd July, 1952.

Classn.

Dear Sir,

m.s. "FORT HEARNE"

The Committee have today had before them your letter of the 11th instant together with the previous correspondence which has taken place in this case.

It has also been pointed out to them that the survey position is as follows:-

Vessel last seen on slipway July 1949.
Intermediate Survey of Oil Engines due April 1951.
Screwshaft Survey due July 1951.
Last Annual Survey record 7,51.
Special Survey due April 1953.

They note the Owners' comments in their letter of the 8th instant but do not feel that they should be called upon to accept the responsibility of maintaining the vessel in class for another year with surveys so long overdue.

In the circumstances the Committee are of opinion that if the Owners decide to keep the ship based on the Arctic where of course it is not possible to dry dock her or to hold the overdue Screwshaft Survey, the Owners might well consider the advisability of requesting withdrawal of class until they are able to submit the ship to the overdue surveys.

If, on the other hand, the Owners are able to suggest any reasonable arrangements in this difficult case the Committee will of course be prepared to give the matter further sympathetic consideration, but as explained above they are not prepared to maintain class until the autumn of 1953 without a more definite proposal being made.

I shall therefore be obliged if you will confer with the Owners in the matter and suggest to them that it might be preferable to request withdrawal of class forthwith.

Yours faithfully,

A. R. Riddell, Esq., Assistant Clerk to the Classification Committee.
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