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30th July, 1959.

Dear Sirs,

s.s. "CHARO"

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RNC

With reference to the Special Survey held at Santander in 1957 (Bilbao Rpt.12291), the retiring Deputy Chairman of this Society has informed us that quite a substantial claim has arisen in regard to a cargo of round steel bars which were damaged and excessively corroded owing to shell leakage on a voyage from Amberes to Corpus Christi, last May.

On looking into the past records of the ship it is found that defective shell riveting has had to receive attention on most occasions when the ship has been visited by one of the Society's Surveyors, including visits paid in March, April, June, September and November 1958.

I forward herewith six photographs which were taken at Corpus Christi last May, which I shall be obliged if you will return after perusal. It may be deduced from these photographs that the rust had not been removed from the steelwork at the last Special Survey as required by the Rules.

It is understood the vessel has since been sold for breaking up.

It is considered desirable to inform you of these circumstances as although it is of course appreciated that deterioration through neglect may quickly take place, it is somewhat embarrassing to the Society to know that a ship can be found in this condition more than two years before the next Special Survey is likely to fall due.

The fact that the ship was built in 1928 has of course been noted, and I feel sure it will be of assistance to you in future surveys to know of possible developments in the case of the older type of ship having passed Special Survey.

Yours faithfully,

assessed
Tumbull
The Surveyors,
BILBAO.

Clerk to the

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