

Twin Screw Oil Tanker "F.J. WOLFE".

No.59244 in the Register Book.

The above vessel is in dry dock at Messrs. Silley Cox, Falmouth.

Mr. Wetherall, Superintendent of the Anglo-American Oil Company, called at this Office on Wednesday, the 20th instant, with regard to a proposed repair of the sternframe, which he stated had been fractured by contact with the seawall. The frame is fractured at the forward end of the solepiece.

The Owners and Repairers propose to repair this fracture by means of "Thermit" welding. It is understood that Messrs. Murex Limited, the operators of this process, have been called in with the object of carrying out the repair. This firm has on previous occasions carried out similar repairs on classed vessels.

It was stated to Mr. Wetherall that no exception would be taken to this repair provided it were efficiently and successfully carried out under proper control and subsequent radiographic inspection.

Mr. Moffatt was telephoned at the Falmouth Office and advised as above, and also that Mr. Wetherall and a representative of the Welding Company were proposing to visit the vessel and discuss with him the proposed repair.

Mr. Moffatt telephoned today, the 21st instant, to say that Mr. Wetherall and Mr. McConnell of Murex Ltd. had examined the sternframe in company with him, and it was considered that an efficient repair could be made by "Thermit" welding. Suitable precautions are to be taken by preheating and a correct composition of filling metal, precautions are to be taken to provide for contraction and subsequently the weld is to be radiographed. Messrs. Wetherall and McConnell are proposing to visit this Office on Monday next, the 25th instant, when a further discussion of the repair will be held.



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