

# REPORT ON ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

(OTHER THAN FOR THE PROPULSION OF THE VESSEL)

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No. in Survey held at West Hartlepool Date, First Survey 18-7-42 Last Survey 1-10-1942 Reg. Book. 84274 on the S/S. "EMPIRE CENTAUR" (Number of Visits 9)

Tons Gross 7041.34 Net 5044.18

Built at West Hartlepool By whom built Wm Gray & Co. Ltd Yard No. 1134 When built 1942

Owners The Ministry of War Transport Port belonging to West Hartlepool

Electrical Installation fitted by Wm. Gray & Co. Ltd Contract No. 1134 When fitted 1942

Is vessel fitted for carrying Petroleum in bulk No Is vessel equipped with D.F. Yes E.S.D. Yes Gy.C. No Sub.Sig. No.

Have plans been submitted and approved Yes System of Distribution Two-Wire insulated Voltage of supply for Lighting 110

Heating Power 110 Direct or Alternating Current, Lighting 400 Power 400 If Alternating Current state periodicity Prime Movers,

has the governing been tested and found as per Rule when full load is suddenly thrown on and off Yes Are turbine emergency governors fitted with a trip switch as per Rule Generators; are they compound wound Yes, are they level compounded under working conditions Yes, if not compound wound state distance between generators and from switchboard Where more than one generator is fitted are they arranged to run in parallel No, are shunt field regulators provided Yes Is the compound winding connected to the negative or positive pole positive Have machines over 100 kw. been inspected by the Surveyors during manufacture and testing None fitted Have certificates of test for machines under 100 kw. been supplied Yes and the results found as per rule Yes Are the lubricating arrangements and the construction of the generators as per rule Yes Position of Generators engine room floor level starboard outboard of main engine, is the ventilation in way of generators satisfactory Yes, are they clear of inflammable material Yes, if situated near unprotected combustible material state distance from same horizontally and vertically, are the generators protected from mechanical injury and damage from water, steam and oil Yes, are the bedplates and frames earthed Yes and the prime movers and generators in metallic contact Yes Switchboards, where are main switchboards placed engine room on raised platform above generators

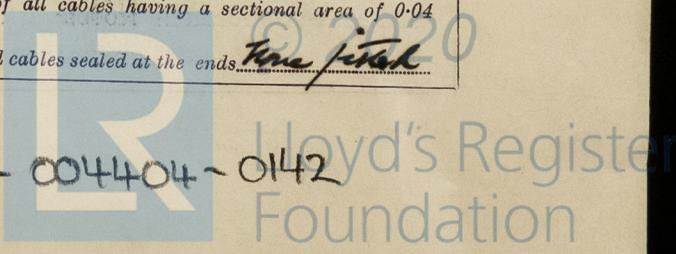
are they in accessible positions, free from inflammable gases and acid fumes Yes, are they protected from mechanical injury and damage from water, steam and oil Yes, if situated near unprotected combustible material state distance from same horizontally and vertically, what insulation material is used for the panels "Sindacryl" if of synthetic insulating material is it an Approved Type Yes, if of semi-insulating material (slate or marble) are all conducting parts insulated therefrom as per Rule Is the frame effectually earthed Yes

Is the construction as per Rule Yes, including accessibility of parts Yes, absence of fuses on the back of the board Yes, individual fuses to pilot and earth lamps, voltmeters, etc. Yes locking of screws and nuts Yes, labelling of apparatus and fuses Yes, fuses on the "dead" side of switches Yes Description of Main Switchgear for each generator and arrangement of switches a double-pole single-throw quick-break knife switch and double-pole fuses. A double-pole double-throw quick break changeover switch for supplying 240 volt from D.G. Generator and for each outgoing circuit a double-pole quick-break knife switch and double pole fuses.

Are compartments containing switchboards composed of fire-resisting material or lined as per Rule Yes Instruments on main switchboard two ammeters two voltmeters synchronising devices. For compound machines in parallel is the ammeter connected on the pole opposite to the equaliser connection Earth Testing, state means provided E lamps coupled to E through two fuses.

Switches, Circuit Breakers and Fuses, are they as per Rule Yes, are the fuses an approved type Yes, are all fuses labelled as per Rule Yes If circuit breakers are provided for the generators, at what overload current did they open when tested, are the reversed current protection devices connected on the pole opposite to the equaliser connection, have they been tested under working conditions, and at what current did they operate Joint Boxes, Section Boards and Distribution Boards, is the construction and position as per Rule Yes

Cables, are they insulated and protected as per the appropriate Tables of the Rules Yes, if otherwise than as per Rule are they of an approved type, state maximum fall of pressure between bus bars and any point under maximum load less than 44V, are the ends of all cables having a sectional area of 0.04 square inch and above provided with soldering sockets Yes Are paper insulated and varnished cambric insulated cables sealed at the ends None fitted





The Electrical Equipment is installed in accordance with the approved plans and the requirements of the Rules.  
 All Insulated Conductors are guaranteed to have been tested at the maker's works as specified in the Rules.  
 The foregoing is a correct description.

FOR WILLIAM GRAY & CO. LIMITED.

*J. S. Simpson* GENERAL MANAGER

Electrical Engineers.

Date 5th Oct. 1942

COMPASSES.

Minimum distance between electric generators or motors and standard compass 146'

Minimum distance between electric generators or motors and steering compass 139'

The nearest cables to the compasses are as follows:—

A cable carrying .14 Ampères 7 feet from standard compass on the feet from steering compass.

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Have the compasses been adjusted with and without the electric installation at work at full power Yes

Has the effect of switching on and off circuits, motors and other electro-magnetic apparatus within the vicinity of the compasses been noted Yes

The maximum deviation due to electric currents was found to be Nil degrees on every course in the case of the standard compass, and Nil degrees on every course in the case of the steering compass.

FOR WILLIAM GRAY & CO. LIMITED.

Builder's Signature.

Date 5th Oct. 1942

*J. S. Simpson* GENERAL MANAGER

Is this installation a duplicate of a previous case? Yes. If so, state name of vessel S/S "Empire Builder"

Plans. Are approved plans forwarded herewith? No. If not, state date of approval 6-11-41

Certificates. Are certificates of test for ~~motors engaged on essential services~~ and generators forwarded herewith? Yes.

General Remarks (State quality of workmanship, whether insulation tests, etc., have been made, opinions as to class, etc.)

The electrical equipment of this vessel has been installed under special survey in accordance with the approved plans and the Ministry of Shipping Specification and requirements thereto. The materials used are of good quality and design and the workmanship is good. On completion the equipment was operated under load with satisfactory results and the insulation resistance of each circuit was measured and found good. This equipment is in my opinion suitable for a classed vessel.

*Noted*  
*J. S.*  
 17/10/42

Total Capacity of Generators (2x15) 30 Kilowatts.

The amount of Fee ...	£22. 10. 0	When applied for,	10/10/1942
<i>Specification</i>	5-12-6	When received,	.....19.....
Travelling Expenses (if any) £	:		

*S. D. Ward*  
 Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

TUE 20 OCT 1942

Committee's Minute

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