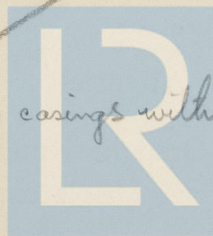


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It is submitted the Hull surveyors be informed that the owners desire a survey to be carried out ^{at this time} in ⁱⁿ ^{proposed} ~~conversion~~ ^{conversion} of this ship to an open shelter deckers. As it is not ^{however} the owners intention ^{at present} to open the tonnage hatch ^{will not now} nor to comply with the other conditions of assignment, ~~with~~ ~~an~~ revised freeboards ~~be~~ assigned but the survey is required to enable a computation of these freeboards to be made.

A copy of the preliminary assignment should be forwarded to Hull and the surveyors requested to check the dimensions marked & thereon. In particular, the moulded depth to Second deck should be carefully measured with the ship in ~~dry dock~~ ^{at present} as it is understood that the ship may not have been built to the dimension given. The following should also be reported:-

- (a) Width of shelter deck in way of tonnage hatch.
- (b) Full particulars of Second deck hatchway coamings, beams, covers, supports, bearing surfaces, tarpaulins and battering arrangements as now fitted.
- (c) the clear "daylight" opening of the tonnage hatch which will result when the present means of closing are removed, together with the position of this opening in relation to the tonnage well bulkheads.
- (d) Particulars of any openings in the machinery casings within the shelter, upper deck including the height of sills.



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