

17th July, 1945.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acquaint you that the subject matter of your letter of the 28th ultimo regarding the motor tanker "SAN ELISEO" has been very carefully looked into.

As you say, the only reference to hogging in the Surveyor's damage report is found on page 5. and I regret to say that the Surveyor's official report to the Committee does not throw any further light on the matter or quote any findings.

I notice, however, that when she was drydocked at Colombo in January 1944, the Surveyor's report makes reference to the fact that the vessel was docked on one row of blocks with bilge shores, the caps of the blocks being built up in accordance with the particulars of the hogging received from your goodselves. The Surveyor's report adds that a new table was prepared by the Ship's Officers, the method being checked by him, and he recommended that at the next drydocking the caps should be set to the new measurements.

The natural assumption is that between these two surveys you had in fact received particulars of the hogging, but ~~that~~ if you are still in doubt and would like further documentary evidence from the Mobile Surveyors, I should be pleased to cable an enquiry to the Surveyor concerned.

Yours faithfully,

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