

MR. HEPBURN.

"British Liberty" & "British Crown"  
Coreograph surveys at Falmouth

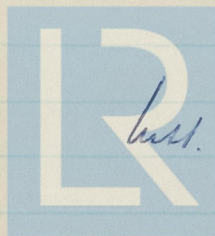
I have explained the position to Mr. Firman and he will be quite happy to receive a letter from us to the effect that, at the time of these surveys, we were thinking of a root radius in the keyway of  $0.015 \times$  the diameter of the shaft and consequently the Bureau reported that the keyways of the above 2 ships did not comply with C1002 & no crack detection was made.

However, although we are still recommending the above root radius for new shafts, we have had second thoughts as regards existing ships and will accept ~~the~~ shafts provided there is no sharp corner at the root of the keyway & the remaining provisions of C1002 are fulfilled.

Consequently if the shafts of these 2 ships are crack detected & found in order at the next surveys due - (3 years), later surveys may be held at 12 yearly intervals.

I also informed him that there may be some other similar cases which we will deal with in the same way.

Will you please write the letters, in which it might be as well to refer to our telephone call to Mr. Firman, and send copies to Mr. Lewis so that they can explain the position to the local B.P. Dept.?



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