

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

55, Fawcett Street,

Sunderland, 5th January, 1945.



Dear Sir,

S.S. "APPLELEAF". No. 69644 in Register Book.

The above vessel is undergoing general examination and freeboard survey and, judging from the parts examined, considerable repairs would be necessary in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 cofferdams and to the upper deck in order to place her in condition to resume her duties as a fleet tanker.

The Superintendent states that the Admiralty, whilst desiring to keep the vessel in class, propose using her as a mobile hulk for use in home waters. She will proceed to a home base and will be in use at that place only.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4 cofferdams are in bad condition and it is proposed to repair the forward bulkhead and stiffening of No. 4 as this is the only cofferdam bulkhead with which oil comes in contact.

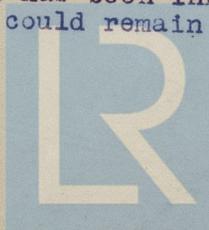
It is clearly understood that only No.1 cofferdam may be used for water ballast.

The peaks, deep tanks and cargo tanks are satisfactory so far as seen.

Repairs will be carried out on the upper deck at the after end where the plating is wasted and holed but a number of deck plates considerably under Rule requirements will not be dealt with.

The general examination and freeboard surveys will be completed and all tanks tested.

The Superintendent has been informed that it is considered that the vessel could remain in class subject



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to being used as a mobile hulk in home waters and to all outstanding repairs being effected before resuming her normal duties as a Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

We shall be glad to learn if this action meets with the approval of the Committee.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
THE SURVEYORS,
PER:

P. Horwood

The Secretary,

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