

WOKINGHAM COPY.

28th November, 1944.

Dear Sir,

s.s. "APPLELEAF"

With reference to my letter of the 25th April last, I beg to acquaint you that the Committee have now had before them a report of survey held afloat at Trincomalée in August/September last, from which it is noted that two strakes of plating in way of No.4 cofferdam were found to be corroded through. The shell and deck plating in the vicinity were drill tested and the side plating and stringer plates were found to be satisfactory but the remaining strakes were thin and holed and a number of brackets and bulkhead stiffeners were corroded through.

It was consequently considered that the hull was not in a fit condition to carry petroleum in bulk but that the vessel was fit to proceed to the U.K in ballast after discharge of her cargo at Addu Atoll and a certificate was issued to this effect.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

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