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VESSEL'S NAME "EMPIRE ANNAL" REPORT Mdb. No. 17917

The remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

The MIDDLESBROUGH Surveyors report this ex-German vessel placed in dry dock, a GENERAL EXAMINATION carried out and notation of "Examined L.R. 9.45" valid for six months recommended to be assigned.

It is pointed out that about a thousand corroded shell rivets in E, F & G strakes (p & s) have been renewed. The Surveyors state that a sulphur print test of the rivets was taken and it was proved that rivets were of "rimmed" steel.

The rivets in three forward floors in fore peak were found sheared and the after pillar in A.P. fractured at stringer. Nothing could be done to these items due to lack of labour but it is considered they are efficient for 6 months. The Surveyors recommend the shell riveting and fore peak floors to be examined at the next dry docking and permanent repairs effected to the shell (s.s.) in way of No.2 hold at the first convenient opportunity. — see letter 5/11/45

The Bridge ~~room~~ tween deck accommodation has been removed and sidelight and storm valve holes blanked off.

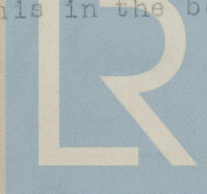
IT IS SUBMITTED the vessel is worthy to have record of docking survey 9.45 subject to examination of shell riveting (rimmed steel) ~~at each dry docking~~ and fore peak floors at next dry docking, to permanent repairs to shell (s.s.) in way of No.2 hold at the first convenient opportunity, and to have notation of "Examined L.R. 9.45" valid for 6 months assigned as recommended.

9.45 Mdb. subject.

"Examined L.R. 9.45" (6 months)

16.10.45

X The Surveyors should be requested to confirm the length of chain cable on board as it would appear there are 254 fathoms and not 234 fathoms as stated. They should clarify their recommendation regarding repairs to shell (s.s.) in way of No.2 hold, as there is no mention of this in the body of the report.



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