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No. 519



Port BANGKOK

28th August, 1947.

This is to Certify that

N.A. RICHARDSON

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of

The Menam River Towing & Lighter Co., Ltd., Bangkok, attend on board the steel lighter M.L. 2 on the 27th August 1947, as she lay at the river bank in Bangkok, for the purpose of examining damage stated to have been caused by bombing on or about the 18th April, 1945, and recommending repairs necessary to re-class this lighter with Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

This lighter is set up in the bottom plating to a maximum of approximately 2'-11" at frame No.29. This setting up of the bottom plating commences at approximately frame No.9 and stretches to frame No.41, over the full breadth of the lighter. Bottom plating at the centre of the damage is very badly buckled, and bent and stretched fore and aft.

Intercostals, floors, frames, brackets etc. are all damaged and cracked to a varying extent.

In addition to the above, the whole lighter has taken a twist. The port side of the deck, for the full length of the hatch coaming, is set up and the starboard side down, and the hatch coaming is buckled from port to starboard.

To put this vessel into class, it will be necessary to completely strip all, hull and deck plating, intercostals, frames, floors, deck angles, hatch coamings and brackets from approximately frame No.9 to No.41.

A large amount of the above material cannot be used again due to excessive buckling and cracking, and it will also be found that a proportion of the balance will also be useless for rebuilding due to the fact that stretching of the material has taken place, and when fairing has been carried out, rivet holes will not coincide.

It will also be necessary to examine all material for wasting, which will have occurred during the war years, and any plates, frames etc., that are not up to the required thicknesses, will require to be renewed, whether damaged by bombing or not.

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In my opinion, the stripping and rebuilding of this lighter will entail considerably more time and labour than for the construction of a new one, and it is also likely... that a large amount of the existing material will require to be scrapped.

In my opinion, the condition of this lighter has not altered since the previous inspection which took place on 23rd December 1946.

K. Williams

Surveyor.

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