

EXTRACT FROM LOG BOOK " S.S. FARNE"

On Thursday 6th February 1947 at 10.30 a.m., an explosion took place in the Starboard bunker out of the stoke hole.

3rd Engineer Irvine and Stoker Burns, who at the time were in the stoke room were injured and they had to be taken to hospital for examination and treatment.

It was found clear signs of fire in the bunkers and very thick smoke in the stoke room. The Fire Brigade was called immediately and started to locate the fire. Fire hoses were laid out and the firemen discovered that there was fire in the bunkers, and they succeeded in stopping the fire at approximately 1400 hours.

Some of the bunkers had to be thrown into the stoke room to enable to put out the fire, and all these bunkers plus ashes will have to be taken out of the stoke room before we can start a fire under the boilers.

The two injured returned from Hospital later, after having received attention. They were not more seriously injured than they could start work again at once.

According to the Chief of the Fire Brigade, the cause of the explosion was that the bunkers had self ignited and evidently been burning for some time. Gasses had evidently been formed and this of course, caused the explosion.

Whether any further damage has been done, cannot be defined at the moment.

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