

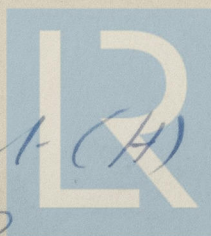
s.s. "ERA"

This ship was built in Port Glasgow 1921-8
and then classed #100A1.

The class was expunged from the Register Book
with a black line 7.9.54.

In a letter dated 27.5.55 Owners, through their
Hong Kong Representatives request the requirements for
Reclassification, and IT IS SUBMITTED they be informed that
in order to have the ship's character reinstated in the
Register Book as formerly it will be necessary for:-

- (1) The requirements of a SPECIAL SURVEY (D) to be
complied with, including the drilling of the shell
plating amidships, in the vicinity of the peaks,
the strength deck amidships and in such parts of
the structure where signs of wastage are evident.
- (2) Any major repairs which have been effected to the
structure since the ship was disclassed to be
specially examined in order to ascertain the
character of the workmanship and confirm that the
materials used are in accordance with the Rules.
- (3) Structural alterations which may have been carried
out since the ship's class lapsed and which affect the
longitudinal and/or or transverse strength of the
ship and Register Book to be reported.
- (4) Full particulars of the equipment on board (which
should be found or placed in accordance with Rule
requirements) including weights and tests of anchors
also length, diameter and tests, etc. of chain cable
to be furnished, and
- (5) the Special Survey to be held at a port where the
Society is represented by a Senior Surveyor in view
of the age of the ship (34 years) and the importance
of the Survey.



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When the ship's class was expunged there was a Condition and Endorsement of Class (B) as follows:-

Outstanding Conditions of Class: Subject to bulkhead plating between Nos. 1 & 2 holds (wasted) being examined and dealt with as necessary, and to permanent repairs to deck plating between beams Nos. 62/63 portside of E.R. also tank side bracket connections in engine space (p & s) being examined and permanently repaired by next Special Survey, to permanent repairs to 3rd pillar D.B. tank top connection (from F.P. bulkhead in No.1 hold) by next drydocking, and to permanent repairs to No.2 D.B. tank top plating in No.2 hold on ship's arrival Sydney from present voyage - tanks not to be pressed up meantime until repaired.

ENDORSEMENT OF CLASS (B).

Indents in bottom plating (p.s.a.).

Indented shell plate, etc. at break of poop (p.s.).

Shell plating in 2nd below sheer (s.s.) indented.

With reference to the request for copies of reports from previous surveys, IT IS SUBMITTED the attached extract of Syd.N.S. Rpt.No.27418 might be forwarded which will give an indication of the ship's condition so far as surveyed immediately prior to the class being expunged.

Admiral Hong Kong Surveyors

[Signature]

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