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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.

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