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Tugs "ARTHUR BEMELMANS"  
"VIVI"

(Owners: Office d'Exploitation des Transports Coloniaux)  
("Otraco")

These ships are based at Matadi in the Belgian Congo,  
at which the Society is not represented.

In the case of the "ARTHUR BEMELMANS", which was built  
under survey at Glasgow in 1929, on the occasion of the  
First Periodical Survey, which became due in 1932 (T.S.) the  
Committee's approval was given to this inspection being  
held by the Chief Engineer of one of the vessels belonging  
to Compagnie Maritime Belge (Lloyd Royal) which called  
at Matadi, the necessary instructions regarding the survey  
being given by the Antwerp Surveyors.

From that time until the War, similar authorisation was  
granted for all Periodical Surveys, including the Special  
Surveys Nos. 1 and 2.

During the War, it was arranged with Lloyd's Agents at  
Matadi (Cie. Francais du Haut et du Bas Congo) that they  
should appoint Surveyors to hold surveys on the Society's  
behalf, and such surveys were, in fact, held by the  
Resident Engineer of "Otraco."

In November, 1946, the question of a Special Survey  
(D) was raised by the Owners, and the Antwerp Surveyors  
were instructed to arrange for this survey to be carried  
out by the Chief Engineer of one of the Cie. Maritime Belge  
ships as originally.

This arrangement is still in force.

Since the vessel was built, no surveys have been held  
by Exclusive Lloyd's Register Surveyors, although the  
Antwerp Office receive all survey reports from the Acting  
Surveyors at Matadi and collate the information on forms  
Rpt. 8 and 9.

As regards the "VIVI", which was not built under survey  
but was submitted to part Classification Survey at New York  
in 1948, at the suggestion of Mr. Lascelles at Antwerp,  
approval was given to the completion of the Classification  
Survey being held at Matadi by the Resident Engineer of the  
Otraco Company and by the Chief Engineer of one of the Cie.  
Maritime Belge boats.

Periodical Surveys since that time have been held by  
Cie. Maritime Belge Chief Engineers including a Special  
Survey (due 7.52), in respect of which the Reports Departments  
now recommended notations of s.s. Matadi 8,51 and LMC 8,51  
should be assigned.

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