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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 recommend notations of s.s. Matadi 8,51 and LMC 8,51
should be assigned.

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