

Mr Sladden
Cooke

"ZEITOUN"

T.2. Tanker.

This ship was under survey at Newcastle in September 1952 when the structure was drilled. At that time the deterioration was ~~stated as~~ not severe and it was submitted that one further crack arrester should be fitted at each side as is standard practice, and that the question of further strengthening should be considered not later than the Special Survey. The ship has now undergone Special Survey (see Newcastle report 110857) and the additional crack arrester has ~~now~~ been fitted. Certain renewals have been made to the bottom shell and internal structure and the pitting in the bottom shell plating in cargo tanks built up by electrical welding. It is reported further that no deterioration of any magnitude in the thickness of the structure has taken place since the previous examination.

Mr ~~H~~, making allowance for the repairs and renewals which have been effected, it is apparent that the main structural strength of the ship does not attain the standard required by the Committee, it is therefore considered that the following additions should be made within one year.

1. The H beams below the upper deck should be connected to the longitudinals by $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick intercostal plates in accordance with usual practice.
2. A doubling 72 x ^{.75}~~.8~~" thick should be fitted to the bottom shell P. and S. for about .5L amidships.

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