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PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR

April 14th, 1942

Sir:

S.S. "OCEAN LIBERTY"
New York Rpt. 42307

With reference to the First Entry Report on the Machinery of the above vessel, it is thought well to explain that the Forging Reports have not been forwarded along with the reports. They are being retained for the 60th vessel.

These engines were made practically on a Mass Production Basis, that is, 60 sets of forgings were ordered at one time, and the Forging Reports were made out promptly for each shipment, in order of date.

On reaching the engine works 30 (say for example) crank pins were machined at one time and placed in a pile. When the men building a crankshaft required a crank pin, the same was simply taken off the pile without regard to Forging Number or date.

On some crankshafts, therefore, as many as a dozen forging reports may be involved, and it would be a Herculean labor to report every forging number. Towards the end of the programme, indeed, it became necessary to build one or two crankshafts with part American Bureau and part Lloyd's tested forgings.

Every forging entering into the construction of these engines has been tested in accordance with the Rules, and in the special circumstances, it was thought that all of the forging reports could be forwarded with the 60th engine and that this could safely be accepted by the Committee.

The above is respectfully submitted for their information.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

John S. Heck

Principal Engineer Surveyor.

The Secretary,

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