

S.S. "VALVERDE" (continued)

accordance with the approved plan No. M/2934. The Secretary's letter of the 18th November '53, and the rule requirements.

Oil fuel tanks have been built into vessel under survey from approved plans, See Trieste Report 8, and the necessary oil gutterways, and drip trays over the boilers fitted. Steam heating coils fitted in tanks have been tested to rule requirements.

The two service pumps and the oil fuel transfer pump, all steam driven, together with the two oil fuel heaters, were originally made to be fitted in an Italian warship and have not been built under survey. They have, however, now been examined opened out, and under full working conditions, and the Owners Representative has requested that they be accepted without the Vessels machinery class losing the ~~2~~. This request could, in my opinion, be recommended for favourable consideration in this instance.

Both oil fuel heaters, the pipe lines, fittings and appliances, have been tested under pressure to rule requirements and later examined under full working conditions, with satisfactory results.

Lead pipes originally fitted in the Boiler room have been replaced with mild steel pipes, an efficient steam smothering installation, with remote control, fitted and tested under working conditions.

Remote controls, by track rods, have also been fitted to the water valves to the O.F. burning installation and the Boiler Room fan, and tested.

Track rods, to rule requirements, have been fitted to oil fuel valves.

The funnel damper has been removed.

The necessary additional fire extinguishing appliances have been placed aboard vessel.

The workmanship is good and the whole installation is, in my opinion, suitable for a classed vessel.

J. Wilson

Note. A Boiler Survey was carried out at Trieste in March & May 1953, and recommended for notation B.S. 5, 53, which was assigned. (Trieste Report No 13853.) This record is not shown however in the new Register Book or in the Supplements.