

TAKORADI
13th March, 1948

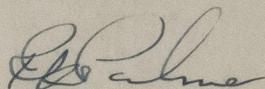
I have this day on behalf of Messrs. West African Lighterage & Transport Co. Ltd., Lloyd's Agents at Sekondi and Takoradi, made a survey of the heated coal of the s.s. "FORT VERMILLION", Official No. 168376, Reg. Ton. 4243.42 tons of London, Master S. L. Stanton.

An extract of the Log Book reads as follows:-

0240 p.m. Sunday 7th March 1948, smoke seen coming from Portside ventilator of side bunker. All hands on board turned out and commenced removing coal to deck and to No. 3 hold through side pockets and stokehold. Hoses and smoke helmets in use.

0520 p.m. After removing heated coal (approximately 15 tons) no further trace of heated coal found and crew knocked off, but hoses kept handy.

I inspected the coal in No. 3 Hold, and the bunkers, and saw no trace of smoke or heat. All hatches were open, and everything looked normal. The heated coal was being used to maintain steam. At the time of survey I could find no trace of fire or heated coal, except that mentioned in the extract of Log. In my opinion the outbreak had been promptly and efficiently dealt with, and at the time of survey there was no evidence of any danger of a further outbreak.



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