

June 3, 1964

"C.T.C.O. 177" ex. "TEXACO 398"

Built 1936.

This barge was owned by the Texas Company and was classed:-

"A-Barge to be towed for service on the Great Lakes New York State Barge Canal and between Eastport, Maine and North Virginia carrying petroleum in bulk".

This ship was inactive for some time and her particulars were subsequently removed from the Register Book. She has now been purchased by the Cenac Towing Company, Inc. and the barge has been under survey at New Orleans for re-classification when the drilling survey was carried out.

There has been prolonged correspondence with the surveyor regarding the drilling report and the plates which were renewed.

A drilling report is now attached herewith and the strength of the vessel has been investigated and is considered adequate for the service intended.

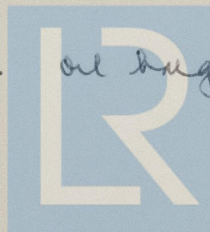
In the circumstances, it is submitted that the barge should be re-classed:-

"A-Barge to be towed. For service between Mobile, Alabama, and Houston, Texas - not more than twenty miles off shore. Carrying petroleum in bulk.

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A. oil tanker Mobile - Houston coasting service

Description notation :- oil barge.



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