

Texaco 379

Non-Propelled Barges "TEXACO 396", "TEXACO 397" & "TEXACO 398".

It is submitted the attention of Mr. Bennett be directed to the case of the Oil Barge "C.N.S.C.NARVAL" (Mobile First Entry Report No. 1317) in which considerable damage was sustained in service. Some correspondence took place at that time with Mr. French, who made the suggestion that in future cases it would be better for the transverses to be attached directly to the shell plating.

Nothing appears to have been done to give effect to this suggestion, and Mr. Bennett might be requested to state his opinion about the method of construction adopted in these barges, and say if the experience which has been found in service in the case of barges already built is such as to suggest that the method is efficient. In any case arrangements should be made for the Surveyors to take every opportunity of examining the structure of these vessels.

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