

Ship's name "BALKAN"Port

NWC

No. 788

12.9.63.

This ship was built in 1944-5 at Port Glasgow by Messrs.Lithgows Ltd., and classed *100A1 "With freeboard".

In view of the fact that no proposals had been received from the Owners with regard to various overdue surveys, the class of the ship was withdrawn on 15.2.63.

Prior to disclassing there was a condition of class - subject to top of rudder (E.W. & reinforced 10,60) being specially examined next drydocking, also an appendix note - indented shell plates No.4 in 2nd and 3rd below sheer (p.s.f).

In a letter dated 13.5.63 the Owners requested reclassification of this ship and the Newcastle Surveyors were suitably advised.

The Newcastle Surveyors report (9,63) this ship examined in drydock and the requirements of a Reclassification Special Survey (C) complied with.

On account of wear and tear repairs effected to shell and deck plating, framing, bulkhead plating and other items. On account of damage, cause unknown, repairs effected to bottom and side shell plating and the S.R.L.Appendix items as above.

The Surveyors further report the cargo hatch to the tween deck tanks amidships have been plated over and the midship deckhouse extended all in accordance with approved plan.

The particulars of anchors and chain cable on board as reported by the Surveyors are considered satisfactory.

The top of rudder (E.W. and reinforced 10,60) as above has been specially examined at this time and found to remain in satisfactory condition.

In view of the above, IT IS SUBMITTED the ship is eligible to have her class of ~~100A1~~ to *100A1 "With fbd" reinstated in the R.B. with all other particulars as previously, and to have the record of DS 7,63 and Notation of SS 9,63 assigned, subject as above.

DS 7,63

SS 9,63 Subject.

~~DELETE SRL APPENDIX.~~ *top of rudder (E.W. & reinforced 10,60)*

REINSTATE IN R.B.

*100A1 "With fbd."

All other particulars as previously.