

# THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER OF SHIPPING AND AIRCRAFT

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Hamburg, March 26, 1949.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undersigned Surveyor to this Corporation did at the request of Messrs. United Baltic Corporation Ltd., Kiel, agents for Messrs. France Fenwick Co. Ltd., managers, attend the single screw steamer "WILLIAM HOMAN" of London, Official Number 168 491 as she lay afloat at Zerssens Quay, Holtenau on March 4, 1949 and in No. 3 Floating Dock, Howaldtswerke, Kiel on subsequent dates in connection with mine explosion near ship on February 27, 1949 between buoy P.14 and lightship P.15 in North Sea. For further particulars see vessel's Log book and note of protest.

Upon examination it was found that Sheerstrake No. 7 from forward on portside was fractured from deck to lower seam plate immediately below fractured from upper seam to a depth of 18" upper deck stringer plate port, in way of sheerstrake plate No. 7 from forward, fractured from shell to inner seam. Two frames on port shell transversely fractured in way of sheerstrake plate No. 7 between frames. "B" strake No. 5 from forward fractured. Nos. 1, 2 & 4 hold coamings fractured. Considerable damage in Engine and Boiler spaces and in shaft tunnel.

Permanent repairs were effected by cropping and part renewing No. 7 sheerstrake plate from forward port, upper deck stringer plate in way and plate in second strake below sheerstrake port. Cropping & part renewing "A" strake No. 8 from forward & "B" strake No. 5 from forward, vee-ing out and rewelding fractures in Nos. 1, 2 & 4 hold coamings.

Repairs to Main Engine, boilers, auxiliaries etc. carried out at this time.

The undersigned considers the vessel so far as affected by this mine damage to Hull and permanent repairs to Hull to be in a fit condition to be towed to the United Kingdom.

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