

Messrs. John Harker's Yard No.146, "EMPIRE REAPER"

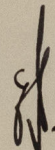
Dimensions:- 140' x 21.5' x 10.5'

This ship is similar to Messrs. Dunston's Nos. 393 to 396, and plans were approved on the 31st March, 1942, for the class 100A1 "For River and Estuary service on the Severn, limiting port seaward Cardiff".

A proposal to fit intermediate frames in lieu of double frames forward was approved on the 11th May, 1942. It was agreed on the 30th June, 1942, that the sternframe might be fabricated of flats $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ provided the brackets to the rudder post at the top and bottom of the aperture be increased from 9 x 9 to 12 x 12 and made of the same thickness as the similar bracket on the propeller post, namely, $(2\frac{1}{2})$. — 2

On the 10th August, 1942, the Builders, at the request of the D.M.B., enquired as to the additional strength, if any, which would be required to permit of the vessel engaging on coastal service. The Builders were informed on the 10th August, 1942, that provided the stiffeners to the poop front be made of 6 x 3 x .30 bulb angles or equivalent, the ship could be recommended for approval for the class 100A1 "Coasting service Great Britain and Ireland" and a load line corresponding to the minimum geometric freeboard assigned.

There is nothing further in the correspondence affecting the First Entry.


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