

LLOYD'S LIST

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"MAGDALENA'S" CONSTRUCTION

Question in the House

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. ANTHONY GREENWOOD (Lab., Heywood and Radcliffe) asked the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty whether the plates of the R.M.S. *Magdalena* were riveted or welded.

Mr. W. J. EDWARDS (Civil Lord) replied that the whole of the shell plating of the *Magdalena* was riveted, and all the deck beams, ship's side framing and double bottom flooring were riveted to the plating. The plates for the decks, bulkheads and tank tops were welded.

Mr. GREENWOOD asked whether any departure had been allowed from British standard riveting, centre-boring.

Mr. EDWARDS: I am afraid I cannot answer that, but an inquiry is taking place under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, and this would no doubt come out in the report to the Ministry of Transport.

Noted
J.H. *RMS*



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