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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Port GIBRALTAR.14th September, 1945.

This is to Certify that

W. B. Morritt

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of the Owner's Agents, Messrs London Coal Co, and by consent of the Master, Captain S. Wilson, survey on the above and subsequent dates the British s/s "HOPESTAR", 5267 tons gross, of Newcastle on Tyne, whilst afloat, in a loaded condition, on account of defects to Boiler furnace fire grate and being unable to keep normal steam pressure.

The vessel was on a voyage from U.S.A. towards Italian Ports with a coal cargo, and it was stated that due to the bunker coal, all small, supplied in U.S.A. only 130 lbs per sq inch steam pressure could be maintained - the normal pressure being 285 lbs, and that the fire grate of the Centre furnace of Port Boiler was melted down and collapsed.

For further particulars see ship's log book.

I found and recommended as follows:-

Item & Condition..Port Boiler.

Fire Grate of Centre furnace melted into one solid mass and lying on bottom of furnace.

Not sufficient firebars on board to renew the grate and to make up others requiring part renewal.

Recommendations & Repairs Effected..

Damaged grate broken up and removed.

100 firebars made and put on board. Collapsed grate renewed and others made good and efficient.

20/9/45. Vessel Certified Seaworthy and be allowed to proceed, with her cargo, on her intended voyage.

Fee... .. £6. 0. 0.
Exp... .. 6. 0.
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W. B. Morritt
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Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.

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