

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, COMMANDER S. H. BUTLER, R.D., R.N.R., DID AT THE REQUEST OF LLOYD'S AGENT, LAGOS, SURVEY WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE VARIOUS INTERESTS CONCERNED, THE S.S. "HOPESTAR" OF 5,267 TONS GROSS, OF NEWCASTLE, WHILST THE VESSEL LAY AT ANCHOR IN THE POOL, LAGOS HARBOUR, ON 2nd. MAY, 1945, FOR CORROSION OF THE ASH CHUTE AND FOR DEFECTIVE WELDING NEARBY WHERE TWO DECK PLATES ABUT.

The undersigned, on examination,

Found

and Recommended.

1. A hole caused by corrosion, where the ash chute passes through the steel deck above

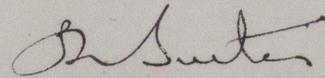
The ash chute to be blanked off by a plate fitted to the ship's side.

No.2 A Lower hold.

2. Defective welding where two of the deck plates abut, on the Starboard side of the deck above No. 2 A Lower Hold.

Re-weld and test, taking every precaution to prevent sparks from falling on to the cargo in the lower hold.

The above recommendations having been carried out, tested, and found efficient, this vessel as now seen is in my opinion in a seaworthy condition and may continue her normal voyage, but as the repairs to the Ash Chute are temporary, I recommend that permanent repairs be carried out at the first opportunity when the hold is empty of cargo.



SURVEYOR APPOINTED BY LLOYD'S AGENT

No. of visits...².....



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