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December 21, 1948.

Dear Sirs,

S.S. "OPHELIA" now "WENSLEYDALE"

With reference to your letter of December 6, the following information indicates what should be done to make the double bottom tanks in this ship suitable for the carriage of fuel oil having a flash point not lower than 150° Fahrenheit.

1. The centre girder should be made intact except in way of end tanks.
2. Cofferdams should be provided in order to separate compartments which will contain fuel oil or lubricating oil from each other and from compartments which will be used for feed or fresh water.
3. Ceiling should be laid over double bottom on  $\frac{1}{2}$ " battens, or bedded in a substantial body of mixed tar and cement or other suitable material. (See Section 26 para 23). Alternatively, if a ceiling is not fitted a light run of welding should be laid on the caulking edge of seams and butts of tank top plating.
4. Air pipes should be not less than 4" in diameter.
5. The double bottom tanks should be tested upon completion of work and proved watertight.
6. Pumping arrangements etc. should be fitted in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of the Society's Rules.

Yours faithfully,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The Surveyors,  
HULL.



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