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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

47, Church Street, West Hartlepool.

25th July, 1949.

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AND.....

Dear Sir,

s.s. "WARREN GROVE"

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant regarding the investigation into the foundering of the above ship, I have to inform you that I attended the inquiry to-day and the main cross-examinations of the Owner's Consulting Engineers and the Owner were centered on the following points:-

1. Length of time which had elapsed since the vessel had been dry docked. ✓
2. The fact that 2 rivets had been replaced by 2 bolts in the hold and a cement box fitted in way whilst the vessel was at Blyth prior to leaving for West Hartlepool in November, 1948, and why Lloyd's Surveyors had not been called to examine it. ✓
3. That a cement box fitted in the hold after the collision with the trawler "JOHN FITZGERALD" in March, 1947, had been replaced and extended without Lloyd's Surveyors being informed, the reasons for this being given that the original cement box had been found to be not quite adhering to the shell. It was stated that no leakage was found during the transfer of the cement boxes and it was not considered necessary to call in Lloyd's Surveyors.

Yours faithfully,

W. Craig

The Secretary,
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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,

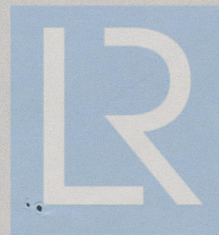
Also for Mr. Sladden to note.

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Notes.
Bearing in point (1) the foregoing
will as doubt arise that in the various
Rules this question of *personnel examinations*
in dry dock is *not specifically dealt with*

Mr. Bryden.

S.D.



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