

Janko

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Motor Tanker "JANKO" ex "JAGUAR", No. 39664 in Supplement

This vessel was built in November, 1928 at Gothenburg and classed +100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk". On the night of the 17th January, 1939, while on a voyage from Puerto Mexico to the Continent, the vessel broke in two in the North Atlantic, the fore part sinking and the after part being salvaged and towed to Rotterdam. At the time of the casualty the weather was blowing a fresh gale with high seas, water was being shipped, and speed had been reduced by 25%. The Officer on watch, the Third Officer, reported the coincidence of two very high seas which lifted the ship and flooded the decks.

The after part of the vessel was seen by the Chief Ship Surveyor and Mr. Lewis, Special Surveyor for Steel, in Rotterdam. The break had occurred immediately aft of the pump room, not through any line of rivet holes but mainly in the solid material. The condition of the ship in way of the break was good, and there was no evidence of any serious reduction of thickness due to corrosion.

An investigation which was afterwards made shewed that this vessel, which was constructed on the transverse system with two longitudinal bulkheads, was fully equal to the Committee's requirements, and, in fact, the arrangements of the deck plating were superior to the average standard found in vessels of this kind. A strength investigation shewed that although the vessel was not loaded in the best possible manner, she was not improperly loaded. The steel material was subjected to critical tests and was found to be of good quality, so that on a consideration of

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all the facts available, it may be said that the failure was due to an unusual combination of weather and sea, which must have been of short duration but long enough to cause the casualty.

~~The Committee have authorised the Chief Ship Surveyor to begin a series of experiments to determine, if practicable, the effect on the endurance of the shell plating in tankers of fatigue begun or accelerated by corrosion.~~

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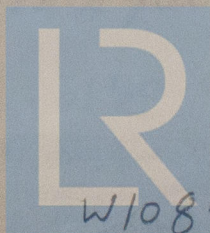
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