

SUVA: Fiji

7th March 1942.

Messrs. Morris, Hedstrom, Limited,  
 Lloyd's Agents,  
SUVA.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Surveyor, have at the request of Messrs. Morris, Hedstrom, Limited, Lloyd's Agents at Suva, Fiji, surveyed the defects in the fore peak tank of the s.s. BRITISH COLONY as she lay at the King's Wharf, Suva, and hereunder is my report thereon.

On examination I found that grooving of the shell plating had taken place just abaft the No. 9 frame in C strake on the starboard side, just forward of the collision bulkhead, and that a crack had developed some five inches long, and that water was finding ingress into the hull in consequence.

After the plate had been cleaned, the crack was welded up by electric welding, and made watertight.

A further defect was found to exist at the junction of the lower panting stringer on the starboard side with the collision bulkhead. The plating was wasted at this point, and a hole some two inches long was found to exist. This defect was repaired by cutting away portion of the stringer, and welding a patch over the defective plate. This made an effective repair and stopped the leak.

This vessel, as far as these defects are concerned, is seaworthy, and I recommend that she be allowed to proceed on her voyage.

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Surveyor appointed by Lloyd's Agents

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