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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

2nd April, 1938.

Dear Sirs,

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant regarding the plans of shell plating at the fore and after ends of your Nos. 1561 & 1563 Ships, and your remarks have been noted.

In reply I beg to state that, while it is agreed that the number of rows of rivets in the plating on the bottom forward should be regulated by the normal thickness of the plating without any increase for local strength, it is considered that the diameter of the rivets should, in general, be related to the actual thickness of the plating. This is the general practice of the Committee, and it is considered that No. 1545 Ship, to which you refer, should not be maintained as a precedent in this respect.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham
Richardson, Ltd.,

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