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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

19th November, 1942.

Dear Sirs,

S. With reference to your letter of the 6th instant respecting the steamer "REEDPOOL", I beg to acquaint you that this case has now been carefully looked into and the following facts emerge :-

In November 1940 the Belfast Surveyors reported No.2 D.B. tank examined on account of reported leakage, and no leakage was found but the pumping arrangements which were overhauled and cleared were afterwards tried and found satisfactory. All the Surveyors' recommendations were carried out to their satisfaction but the vessel's class was continued subject to the vessel being further examined at the next drydocking as previously recommended by the Halifax Surveyor.

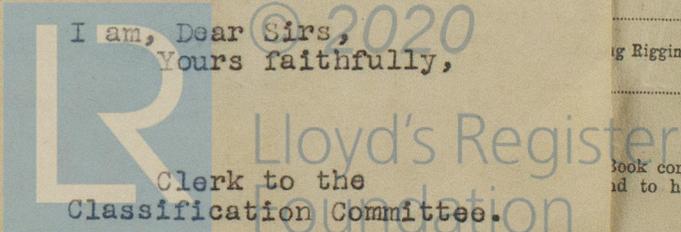
In January 1941 the Baltimore Surveyors reported that on account of damage stated to have been caused through heavy weather whilst on a voyage from Glasgow to Baltimore from 8th December 1940 to 8th January 1941, temporary repairs were effected to riveting in Nos.2 and 5 D.B. tanks.

The Newcastle Surveyors' Report No.99330 dated March 1941, refers to permanent repairs effected to heavy weather damage in Nos.2 and 5 D.B. tanks but it appears that the Surveyor, in reporting that this damage was stated to have been sustained during heavy weather in October 1940, was misinformed on this point.

I trust that this now places the matter in order.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Sir R. Ropner & Co. Ltd.
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