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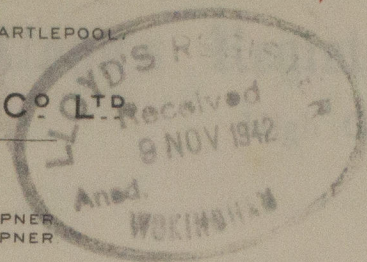
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6th Novr. 1942.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
Wokingham.

Dear Sir,

s.s. "REEDPOOL".

✓ N 27/10

We beg to refer to the report of your Newcastle Surveyor No. 99330 covering repairs to the hull of the above vessel between the 13th and 26th March 1941.

This report contains the following reference to damage sustained:- '(2) Encountering heavy weather during October 1940 whilst on passage from U.S.A. to Belfast (Belfast report 12815)'

The damage in question however, was actually sustained on the passage U.K. to Northern America during Decr. 1940/Janr. 1941.

Heavy weather was in fact encountered on the passage as mentioned in the above report, but according to our Surveyor's report at Belfast in Novr. 1940 all the recommendations of your Belfast Surveyor were carried out and the ship was reported to be in a sound and seaworthy condition.

The accuracy of the date is a matter of some importance, as it involves a claim. We shall therefore be obliged if you will look into the position and if you find that the October 1940 damage was finally disposed of at Belfast we shall be glad if you will write us a letter confirming the amendment which we can attach to our copy of the report No. 99330.

Yours truly,
SIR R. ROPNER & CO. LTD.

[Signature]
Chief Superintendent.



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