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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

26th August, 1942.

S.S. "CHULMLEIGH".

I have to acquaint you that on examination of the port boiler of the above vessel at this Port recently it was found that one rivet head was missing in the starboard seam connecting the centre combustion chamber wrapper plate to back tube plate. Six rivets in this seam were removed, and it was observed that each rivet was fractured through the shank at the bottom of the countersink on the water side. All rivets in the seam were then removed, and fractures were discovered running from rivet-hole to rivet-hole in the wrapper plate on both port and starboard vertical seams.

Fractures shewing in the plate commenced in all cases at the faying surface, and rivet holes were out of line up to 1/16 of an inch, the holes being distorted to this amount.

The tube plate landing edge shewed signs of heavy caulking.

A portion of the defective wrapper plate and two rivets are being sent you under separate cover and I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to arrange to carry out an investigation of the same with a view to ascertaining the cause of the defects.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

L. Ripley, Esq.,
MIDDLESBROUGH.

Secretary.



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