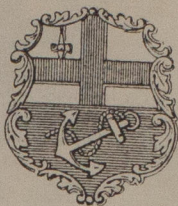


JOHN A. THOM



PERNAMBUCO

LLOYD'S AGENT

SURVEY ON SHIP

E. J. Loader

Certify

at the request of JOHN A. THOM, Lloyd's Agent PERNAMBUCO,

surveyed the U.S.A. tanker "Altair" on the 20th

of May 1943, in consequence of her having touched bottom
on subsequent dates when entering this port on the 16th May
1943.

On examination of this vessel on the day named I found that all
had been discharged and it was possible to examine most tanks,
and water tanks having been kept under observation since the
with only the normal working differences noted.....
The extent of damage found was as follows :- No 3 main cargo tank
Bottom set up slightly from just aft of forward bulkhead to about
forward of after bulkhead and between frames nos 9-10 from centre
out with no leak apparent. / No 5 Main cargo tank, Port. Bottom set
slightly between longitudinals nos 9-10 in way of forward transverse
6 rivets had been started and were leaking, the transverse web
so slightly buckled. / No 7 Main cargo tank Port. Bottom set up
ly and transverse frame buckled between longitudinals nos 9-10
various rivets started and leaking. Between longitudinals nos 8-9
all plate was found to be cracked for an extension of about 2",
entering the vessel at this point. The forward bulkhead bracket
side buckled slightly with various rivets between 6 and 7 tanks
the ship's side being tight.
Recommend that leaks should be plugged and stopped, afterwards
cement boxes.

Ship only touched bottom forward and the propeller and rudder
affected, all being found in order when working.
On a change of vessels trim on the 21st May, it was found that a
started in no 3 port cargo tank, the water entering in way of
transverse frame, between longitudinals 9 and 10.
Work of building the cement boxes was carried out by the ship's
and was finished on the 25th May.

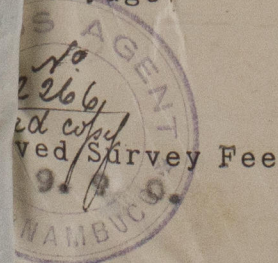
From the survey that we have been able to make, as far as
possible, I conscientiously believe the said vessel can proceed
on voyage.

Pernambuco, 25th May

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