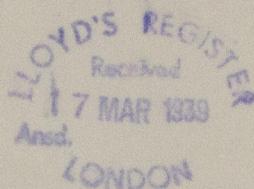




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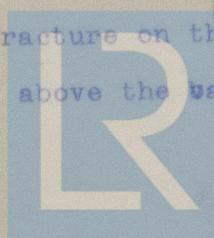
16th March 1939.

Dear Sir,

The s.s. "CORABELLA" is at present in dry dock at Wallsend and from an examination of the bottom and rudder it is found that the cheek plates, port and starboard, and the after keel plate (coffin plate) are fractured. The lignum vitae in the Stern Frame Gudgeon at the heel of the partially balanced rudder is missing, the brass bush is broken and the brass liner on the pintle is slack. A number of the rivets attaching the bilge keels, port and starboard, to the shell bar are slack and some missing.

Upon removing the fractured plates for renewal it is found that the lower portion of the stern frame (a forging which was renewed at Sunderland in April 1938) shows fractures of from approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " in length at about 20 rivet holes on each side of the stern post foot, in many cases the fractures extending both above and below the rivet holes in a vertical direction. There is also a horizontal fracture on the ^{port and} starboard sides at a rivet hole about 2'-10" above the base.

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s.s. "CORABELLA".

16th March 1939.

The Owners' Superintendent and Representatives of The Sunderland Forge & Engineering Co. Ltd. have been at the Dry Docks today and it has been arranged that the lower part of the stern frame will be renewed.

It is stated that the Propeller touched a wharf on the 17th May 1938 resulting in the tips of two blades being bent and the tip of one blade being chipped.

It is further reported that the vessel encountered heavy weather on a voyage from British Columbia to London between the 11th January and the 26th February 1939.

A sketch showing the position of the fractures in the foot of the stern frame is enclosed for your information.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
THE SURVEYORS,

per *A. G. Turnbull*

The Secretary,
LONDON.



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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor.

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Also for Mr. Hill to note.
Also for Mr. St. Alden to note.

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