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Port Valparaiso

15th December 1942

S.S. "CELTIC STAR"

This is to Certify that

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of

Captain and Owner's Agents of the above named Vessel go on board for the purpose of surveying damage sustained (as per Log Book & Protest) when navigating off Cape Horn during very heavy weather from the 5th to the 9th inst. and now report as follows :-

Damage now seen :- Main deck plate on the Port side midships & I. board from the No. 34 Port winch cracked thwartship and close to line of deck beam a further crack of lesser extent on same plate in way of the forward Port bunker side pocket hatch near the after end,

The starboard arm of the Paravane "A" frame fractured and the top securing lug on the same side broken off with part missing.

The starboard buffer spring of the steering gear broken.

Black out screens over galley openings to main deck broken.

Recommended :-

Main deck plate where cracked to be wedged and welded and covering plates to be fitted over void and of sufficient extension for the stiffening of parts affected as indicated by the Undersigned, the covering plates to be securely welded to adjoining plate edges and to the damaged plate.

Paravane repair:- stage to be rigged and fracture welded without moving the paravane from the upright position. Buttstrap plating to be fitted and welded over the weld for further strengthening, the securing lug to be suitably repaired and fitted in place.

New buffer spring to be made for steering gear of same dimensions and best spring steel available and put on board in place of the spare spring which is to be shipped in place of broken spring.

Black out screens:- in view of the importance of these screens for the safety of the vessel and others when in convoy and the continual trouble that has been experienced with screens now fitted, these being of wood, it is recommended that steel screens be made with suitable fastenings as indicated by the Undersigned.

W. H. Hall

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