

WRECK SECTION

Rpt. 8.

(Received at London Office 3 FEB 1945)

No. 52728

REPORT OF SURVEY FOR REPAIRS, &c.

Date of writing Report 1/2/45 19... When handed in at Local Office FEB 1945 19... Port of Hull

No. in Reg. Book 40408 on the ~~Wreck~~ Steel S.S. "Blacktop" Date, First Survey 28/12/44 Last Survey 18/1/45 (No. of Visits 5)

TONNAGE: GROSS 1109 UNDER DK. 939 NET 654 Built at Newcastle By whom Wood Skinner & Co. Ltd. When 1910 5

Owners: "Taff" S.S. Co. Ltd. Managers: T.H. Donking & Sons Ltd. Owners' Address: (If not already recorded in Appendix to Register Book) Port belonging to: Huddersfield

Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock? BOTH Name of Dock: No 2 Dry Dock South Dock Destined Voyage: ✓

Cell D/Bor D/Ba: feet; uE & B: feet; f: feet total capacity: tons. FPT: tons; APT: tons; MT: feet. tons. Particulars of Classification (which must be inserted precisely as in Register Book & Supplements)

CHARACTER: 100A1 4.43	Machinery and Boiler Surveys (Including date of N.B., if any): LMC MS 6.38 B.S. 4.44
1.5. 9.02.24/103-5.34	1.5. 0-9. 8.42
2. P.B. 1/101-38	
Examined 5.4.43	
Cargo tanks 1/17	
filled	

N.B. All alterations in the existing records should be underlined. Last Report, No. 18537 Port Hull

(Periodical Surveys, when held, must be reported in detail and serially in the terms of the Rules and items remaining to complete the Surveys should be summarised. State clearly the cause of Repairs, if any, and, in detail, the nature and extent of Examinations and subsequent repairs. Repairs on account of Damage (the cause of which must be stated) should be separated from Repairs due to other causes; and besides being detailed in the body of the report, should be summarised in the form shown below. Whenever the replacement of Anchors or Chains is reported the particulars should be clearly stated in the space provided on the back of this form. State also the dates and initials of any letters respecting this case.

In damage cases where the Surveyor has not made a special damage report he is required to state whether he offered his services for this purpose and to whom and why they were declined. M. Clowes

Representations, stated by Repd: Was a damage report made by anyone else? if so, by whom? Yes M.O.W.T. & Transport Surveyors

REPAIRS, OR EXAMINATION AS PER RULE, FOR Damage, General Examination (12 mths), etc. Damage alleged sustained during operational duties to date. Keel placed in dry dock, bottom rudders cleaned examined found or placed in efficient condition or recoated. Damage Temporary Repairs stem set to Port slightly at 18 ft mark - RS stem plating in way distorted, rivets seams in way hardened up. Efficient meantime. Permanent repairs Owners convenience. Shell S.S. 'B' strake NO4 from forward, head, now fitted with an efficient spigot patch & outside doubling. 'G' & 'H' strake plating in way of Starboard bunker set in. Efficient meantime. Permanent repairs first opportunity. RS off a number of small welded plate doublings in 'E' & 'F' strakes, poop sheer 10" below, and cant plates, stated fitted to Adm's instruction & supervision in way of shrapnel damage, how examined but owing to local labour conditions remain to be dealt with. The above items considered efficient meantime. Permanent repair earliest opportunity. Other minor repairs effected. (Please see overpage)

SUMMARY OF DAMAGE REPAIRS :-	Shell Plates.	Frames.	R. Frames.	Floors and Bracket Floors	Beams.	Inner Bottom Plates.	Dk. Plates.	Other Items :-
Renewed ...								minor items per Rpt.
Removed and Faired or Repaired								
Faired or Repaired in place	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE		Bulkheads		Engine Room Skylights		Copper, or Y.M.	
Decks	Efficient	Top & Bow	Efficient	Engine Room Skylights	Efficient	Copper, or Y.M.	(State if on Felt.)
Caulking of Decks	"	Ceiling	"	Coal Bunkers, Openings, Covers, &c.	"	When fitted, Month	Year
Coamings	"	Cement or Asphalt	"	Oil Bunkers	✓	Boats	Efficient
Beams & Fastenings	"	Rudder	"	Scuppers	"	Masts, Yards, &c.	"
Outside Plating	"	Steering gear and its connections	"	Cargo Hatchways	"	Condition, how ascertained	from dks
" " in way of sidelights	✓	Windlass	Ginnally & Co. ✓	Hatches	"	(State if wedges removed.)	
Frames	Part Exam'd	Have pumps been examined and found efficient?	✓	Planking		Equipment letter	✓
Reverse Frames	✓	Have Sluice Valves been examined and found efficient?	✓	Caulking		Anchors, No. of	25.15
Longitudinals	✓	Have Watertight Doors been examined and found efficient?	✓	Treenails		Cables (State if now ranged)	
Transverses	✓	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Yes	Breasthooks & Stemson		" length	2195
Floors	Part Exam'd Efficient	Air and Sounding Pipes	Part Exam'd Efficient	Transoms, Pointers & Crutches		" Rule length	195
Keelsons	✓	Doubling Plates under Sounding Pipes	✓	Timbers of Frame at openings		" Rule length	195
Stringers	✓			" " at other places		Chain Locker	
Inner Bottom Plating	Part Exam'd Efficient			Stringers, Clamps & Shelves		Hawsers & Warps	Efficient
Have the Tanks been examined internally?	PKS			Salting	(State if examined.)	Standing and Running Rigging	Efficient
Have the Tanks been tested?	✓					Sails	✓

General Observations, Opinion as to Class, Recommendation, &c.:- State clearly whether any and, if so, what alteration is suggested to be made in the existing classification and notification of the vessel in the Register Book consequent upon this survey, thus, for example: "to remain as classed in the Register Book without fresh record of Survey," "to remain as classed and to have record of survey, 1,38," or "to remain as classed and to have record of survey, 1,38, and the notations of ss No. 1-38."

Eligible to remain as classed with fresh record 1/45 subject to Permanent repairs to stem stem plating owners conv. Permanent repair to shell plating S.S. 'B' & 'G' & 'H' strake plating in way Starboard bunker first opportunity. Permanent repair to shell plating (RS A) 'E' & 'F' strakes, poop side plating cant plates (P.S.) earliest opportunity. The vessel is also subject to items per S.R. h. Notation Examined 1/45 (12 mths) to be deferred until survey has been complete

Survey Fee (per Section 29)	Gen'l Ex m. 6	Fees applied for, FEB 1945
Special Damage or Repair Fee (if any) (per Sec. 29)	Minor Reps 3	Received by me, 19.
Travelling Expenses (if chargeable)	1 15 5	
Second Surveyor's Fee (if any)		

Committee's Minute: TUES. 20 FEB 1945 Character Assigned: Defered for Cont. G.E. B. W223-0157



