

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING.

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Port of M A L T A .

27th January, 1944.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
I, Ronald Wyatt

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of the acting Master survey the S.S. "KING EDWIN" Official No. 149964, G.R.T. 5224 of London whilst ship lay sunk in Grand Harbour, Valletta for damage reported to be caused by Oiler M/V "EMPIRE TRAVELLER" on 16th January and also did survey the "EMPIRE TRAVELLER" whilst ship was afloat in Grand Harbour, Valletta, at the request of the Master of that ship.

Damage to "KING EDWIN".

Stem of "EMPIRE TRAVELLER" rammed the "KING EDWIN" and the latter was holed from the sheer strake (uppermost outer bottom plate to a depth of 5 strakes of plating, (down to 13'0" below the water line as reported by diver) the fracture being V shaped, measuring 8'0" across at the top, between No. 4 and No. 5 frame stations. The ship side plating between No. 3 Frame and No. 8 Frame being distorted.

All framing in this vicinity is demolished.

Bulwark plating from stem to 12 frame is demolished.

The plates above waterline have a very clean fracture showing the plating to be very brittle indeed, probably deteriorated by the intense heat when ship caught fire on 14th April, 1943.

It will be necessary to make this fracture watertight before salvage operations, (actual pumping for lifting) can be carried out.

Damage to "EMPIRE TRAVELLER".

Lap of plating at 27'0" waterline port and starboard over 3 frames from the stem is slightly indented. Rivets were caulked.

Rivets in cable chafing piece fitted at lap of plate on port side were loosened - these were repaired by welding. Chafing piece edges were welded. Strake of plating between 23'0" and 27'0" waterline port and starboard over 3 frames from the stem is slightly indented.

Other repairs are necessary. Ship is ready, fit to carry oil in bulk.

Fees = £5 per ship.
Expenses = Nil.

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