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Port St. John's, Newfoundland,

August 28th, 1945.

This is to Certify that

D. M. MACFARLANE

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of Messrs. Bowring Brothers, Limited, Lloyd's Agents, on behalf of Salvage Association, London, survey the Steel Screw Steamer "ARGOS HILL", 7178 Tons Gross Register, of London, as she lay afloat at Bay Bulls, NFL., on August 16th, 1945, and subsequent dates, in order to ascertain the nature and extent of damage by fire sustained at sea while the vessel was on a voyage from London to Philadelphia, having been abandoned, and towed into Bay Bulls by H.M.R.T. "TENACITY".

UPON EXAMINATION FOUND:- Vessel anchored in the harbour of Bay Bulls, listed about 25 degrees to starboard, and badly damaged by fire above water line from forward to aft.

Shell plating along port side from sheer strake down for six strakes buckled, and starboard side shell plating so far as could be seen buckled.

Plating of upper decks and tween-decks, frames, beams, and bulkheads, buckled.

Forecastle, bridge, midship accommodation, boat deck, and poop, destroyed.

All hatch covers destroyed and coamings bent.

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Found sand ballast and 8 to 10 feet of water in holds, and water and oil in engineroom, stokehold, and former cross bunker.

Gasolene driven salvage pumps, and workmen from the Newfoundland Dockyard, were brought from St. John's to Bay Bulls on the Tug "AMERICAN".

Steam connection was made from the tug to one of the ship's winches and the pumps and gear placed on board.

Pumping water out of vessel was carried out during the night of August 16th, and during August 17th and 18th, when the workmen were returned to St. John's, and watchmen placed on the vessel.

Mr. Alec Glen, Surveyor to Salvage Association, London, arrived at St. John's on August 20th, and took over further surveys of the vessel on behalf of the Underwriters.

Submitted without prejudice,

D. M. Macfarlane.
Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.



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