

EXTRACT FROM THE LOG OF THE

S.S. "GRETASTON"

VOYAGE 1. Glasgow towards Bahia Blanca, February 9th,
1924.

CONDITION OF SHIP. All double bottom tanks, deep tank aft
and after peak tank full, side bunkers and bridge 'tween
deck bunkers full, cross bunker from boiler room
bulkhead to frame 110 and 'tween deck space above same
full. Total 1954 tons coal. Draft 17' 0" ^{aft,} 12' 0"
forward.

Weather fair. Before leaving Glasgow with vessel in
above condition control rod for steering gear, led along
from bridge on top of engine and boiler casing not
working satisfactorily, had to be uncoupled and
expansion joint adjusted.

Sunday, 10th. Moderate sea.

Monday, 11th. Westerly swell increasing, heavy confused sea
deck panting slightly.

Tuesday, 12th. Fresh gale, high confused sea, bridge deck
plating panting considerably from side bunker hatches
forward to end of saloon house. Noon, 12th. Strong
S.W. gale. Heavy confused sea. 10.10 p.m. Still bad
weather, panting increasing, reduced speed and kept
away to ease ship. 10.30 p.m. Bridge deck plating
taking decided set or sagging abreast stokehold doors
port and starboard side.

Wednesday, 13th. Gale continues from S.W. 2 a.m. ship
labouring heavily. 4 a.m. Captain examined bridge
deck and found sagging 2 1/2" deep., on starboard side,
with plate cracked about 9" long from casing: sagging
on port side 1 1/2". 10 a.m. weather moderating.
2 p.m. plate still cracking. Bored hole to try and
stop crack extending. 5 p.m. kept away to ease ship
before strong N.N.W. gale. weather moderating later.

Saturday, 16th. Fresh wind rough following sea. Deck panting
from casing to bulwark on both sides, rivets in rising
plate at aft end bridge slack.

Sunday, 17th Rough confused sea. Rivets slack in bulwark
on bridge abaft chief's room. 4 p.m. Ship rolling
heavily and throwing water out of relief valves on deep
tank. 5 p.m. Moderate gale, heavy sea. Bridge/plate
cracking on port side. 7 p.m. Pressed deep tank with
hose from deck service pipe. Ship kept away before
wind and sea.

Monday, 18th . 12.30 a.m. Course steered to give ship
every chance. Deck panting all morning.

Tuesday/

W282-0177

1/2
Foundation

Tuesday, 19th. Slight leak on starboard side aft end
aft hold one rivet in frame 14 about 6 feet above
cement chock. cement box fitted.

Monday, 3rd March. Moderate fine weather, deep tank full
since leaving. Chief Engineer reported deep tank
bulkhead forward (engine room B.H.) panting on port
side $\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " starboard side and aft end showing no
signs of panting. this reported at 8.40 p.m.
decided at 9.4 p.m. to empty tank to relieve same.



© 2020

Lloyd's Register
Foundation

W282-0177

2/2