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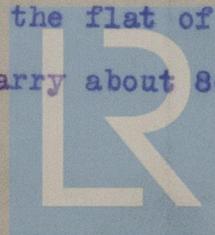
S. S. "POLYCARP" - NO 540

We are advised by the Builders that your Glasgow surveyors have raised the question of coating the inside of Blast Tanks on flat of shell with bituminous enamel instead of portland cement. Messrs. Barclay, Curle wish us to confirm that this procedure has been adopted at our express desire, and we now have pleasure in doing so.

Perhaps the reason for this departure from the more usual practice of cementing may be of interest to you, namely :

Early last year the Ministry of Shipping issued a circular directing Shipowners to make provision to carry as much deadweight as possible.

We therefore set about to reduce the weight of the ship as far as practicable, and by coating the flat of shell with bituminous enamel instead of cement, we can carry about 80 tons more cargo.



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Deck Stringer Plate,
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