

Rpt. 8.

# REPORT OF SURVEY FOR REPAIRS &c.

Date of writing Report 12<sup>th</sup> AUG 1944 When handed in at Local Office 15 8 1944

No. in Survey held at NORTH SHIELDS Date, 15 8 1944  
Reg. Book. on the Wood, Iron or Steel T.W.S.M/V. EMPIRE DIPLOMAT

TONNAGE: GROSS 6498 Built at CLYDEBANK. By whom J. DUNN & CO. LD. When 1926 7.  
UNDER DK. 5820 Owners. MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT. Owners' Address  
NET 4521. Managers. BRITISH TANKER CO. LD. Port belonging to LONDON.

Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock? D.D. Name of Dock SMITHS DOCK CO. LD. 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: \* for Special Survey. Date of last Survey and of Periodical Surveys. Machinery and Boiler Surveys (Including date of N.B., if any).  
+100 A.1. +L.M.C 8.40  
1.44 0.B.5. 1.44  
Mod. S.S. 40. Shl. T.S. 12.43 - C.L.  
S.S. N.W.C. No 2-33. Oil Engg.

Last Report, No. 24893. Port. Gt. Superheater of Stbd. A. 1.44  
N.B.—All alterations in the existing records should be underlined.

(Periodical Surveys, when held, must be reported in detail and seriatim 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. *yes*

Was a damage report made by anyone else? if so, by whom? *not required*

REPAIRS, OR EXAMINATION AS PER RULE, FOR DAMAGE stated to have been caused through Grounding on middle channel rocks at Milford Haven on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1944.

(See also Newport Report No. 24893. June 1944).  
Now DONE. Vessel placed in Drydock, bottom rudders examined.  
The following damage found:-

STARBOARD D.E.&F. strakes in way of No 4.5.6.&7 main cargo Tanks badly set up and holed. The internal structure in way badly damaged.

A&B strakes slightly set up in places in way of No 4.5.6.&7 main cargo Tanks.  
A&B. strakes slightly set up in way of Fore Peak Tank.

PORT A.B.C.&D strakes in way of No 3.4.5.6.&7 main cargo Tanks set up generally and

SUMMARY OF DAMAGE REPAIRS :-	Shell Plates.	Frames.	R. Frames.	Floors and Bracket Floors	Beams.	Inner Bottom Plates.	Dk. Plates.	Other Items :-
Renewed ...								
Removed and Fair'd or Repaired								
Fair'd or Repaired in place ...								

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE		Bulkheads		Engine Room Skylights		Copper, or Y.M. (State if on Felt.)	
Decks	CaULKING of Decks	CeLLING	CeMent or AsPHALT	CoAL Bunkers, Openings, Covers, &c.	Oil Bunkers	When fitted, Month	Year
CoAMINGS	BeAMS & FasTENINGS	RuDDER	SteeRING gear and its connections	ScUPPERS	CARGO Hatchways	BoATS	
OutSIDE PlATING	" " in way of sidelights	WINDLASS	Have pumps been examined and found efficient?	CARGO Hatchways	HATCHES	MAsTS, Yards, &c.	
FRAMES	Reverse FRAMES	Have Sluice Valves been examined and found efficient?	Have Watertight Doors been examined and found efficient?	PlANKING	PlANKING	Condition, how ascertained. (State if wedges removed)	
LongITUDINALS	TransVERSEs	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	CAULKING	CAULKING	Equipment letter	
FRAMES	FloORS	Air and Sounding Pipes	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	TREENAILS	TREENAILS	AnCHORS, No. of	
KeELSONs	StringERS	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	BReASTHOOKs & StemSON	BReASTHOOKs & StemSON	CABLES (State if now ranged)	
Inner Bottom PlATING	Have the Tanks been examined internally?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	TRANSOMs, PointERS & CRUTCHES	TRANSOMs, PointERS & CRUTCHES	" length (on board.) mean diamr.	
Have the Tanks been tested?	Have the Tanks been tested?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	TimBERS of Frame at openings	TimBERS of Frame at openings	" Rule length size	
		Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	StringERS, ClAMPS & SHelVES	StringERS, ClAMPS & SHelVES	ChAIN Locker	
		Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	SalTING (State if examined.)	SalTING (State if examined.)	HAWsERS & WARPS	
		Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?			StANDING and Running Rigging	
		Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined and found efficient?			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."

This vessel, so far as now seen, is eligible in our opinion to remain as now classed with fresh record of Drydocking, subject to permanent & temporary repairs as above to bottom plating and structure in way of No 4.5.6.7 Tanks (Port & Starboard) & to Special Survey & General Examination (para 7.44) being effected before another Oil cargo and to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> below shearstrakes (Starboard side) as previously recommended.

Survey Fee (per Section 29)	£	:	:	Fees applied for, 16 AUG 1944
Special Damage or Repair Fee (if any) (per Sec. 29)	£	8	8	0
Travelling Expenses (if chargeable)	£	:	:	Received by me, 19
Second Surveyor's Fee (if any)	£	:	:	

Signature: G. Young, Surveyor to Lloyd's  
Licence Case Committee's Minute  
Character Assigned  
WED. 6 SEP 1944  
Deferred in further information

EMPIRE DIPLOMAT

Internal structure in the above tanks damaged. A.B. strakes badly set up in way of 7th Deck Tank (previously Temporarily repaired).

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The starboard shell D.E. & F strakes in way of Nos 4, 5, 6, 7. main Cargo Tanks with structure in way to be permanently repaired.

Temporary repairs and stiffening to the starboard A+B strakes and port A.B.C. & D strakes in way of main Cargo Tanks to be effected.

A General Examination in lieu of Special Survey (Rule 7.44) to be held.

The Shiprepairers time in Drydock for the above repairs was stated to be 10 weeks.

The British Tanker Representatives (managers) submitted the above Recommendations to London and has since stated vessel will not be repaired, but will be broken up.

No official confirmation of this has been received.

Vessel is now lying in the River Tyne.

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When Anchors or Cables are supplied, the particulars are to be reported in the following form:—

ANCHORS.

Table with columns: Number of Certificate, Anchors, Weight, Test per Certificate, Weight Required by Rule, Description of Anchor, Makers, Where and when tested and Superintendent.

\* When a bower anchor is supplied it must be clearly stated whether it is a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd bower.

CHAIN CABLES.

Table with columns: Number of Certificate, Length and size supplied, Test per Certificate, Weight of Chain Cable, Length and size per rule, Description, Makers of Cables, When and where tested and Superintendent.

Machinery Report:— Vessel placed in drydock, propellers and outside fastenings examined and found efficient. Water Door close. Recommendations, etc.:— The Machinery of this vessel, as far as now seen, is in efficient condition and eligible, in my opinion, to remain as classed, subject as per S.R.L.

E. Wilson



THE SURVEYORS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO WRITE ACROSS THIS MARGIN.