

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Empire House, Mount Stuart Square,

Cardiff, 29th. August, 1940.

Dear Dr. Montgomerie,

I had been keeping watch for the "EGLANTINE" at Cardiff, and awaiting the reports you mentioned but learned on Monday that both were at Swansea and I went down there yesterday.

The vessel was just completing discharge of scrap and would be sailing forthwith but some defects in machinery are likely to hold her up for about a fortnight.

From the present general examination of the structure on deck also in holds and cargo tween deck, she is in an unusually good state of preservation with little if any reduction of scantlings of the side and deck longitudinals side and deck ~~side and deck~~ transverse, deck longitudinals bulkhead stiffeners and bulkhead plating - the easily visible portions are well coated and as new; the outside of shell plating above water does however carry a considerable quantity of scale and paint and I would not venture an opinion on that without drilling.

Sizes of side shell longitudinals which I checked under difficult conditions:-

On plan.

7 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 15.6 #C
10 x $3\frac{3}{8}$ x 21.8 #C
10 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 27.2 #C

Now measured.

7 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $11\frac{1}{32}$ fl. $11\frac{1}{32}$ w.
10 x $3\frac{3}{8}$ x $7\frac{1}{16}$ fl $3\frac{3}{8}$ w.
10 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ fl. $15\frac{1}{32}$ w.

and deck longitudinals

6 x 13 #C

6 x $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $5\frac{1}{16}$ fl.

There was no one on board with whom to discuss advancement of the survey and I learned from Mr. Ewing that the Superintendent in the belief that she would sail after discharge of cargo had ruled out anything being done at this time but in view of the above mentioned delay I have asked Mr. Ewing to get in touch with the Superintendent again and take full advantage of the time to complete the 1st Entry form so far as can be done afloat - in particular to get the above water shell drillings and to advise me if this can be arranged.

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My visit was certainly reassuring in respect of what I could readily see but perhaps the less accessible portions may have suffered as befits her age.

Perhaps I will be able to write you further on the matter.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

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