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Managers

Dry Dock

13 NOV 1941

ed by Chief Ship Surveyor.....

Received from Chief Ship Surveyor.....

EL'S NAME EMPIRE DEFENDER Rpt. Lon No. 109931

remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

The class of this vessel was withdrawn at the Owners' request in 3.34.

Reclassification is desired, and for this purpose a 2nd S.S. No. 3 will require to be held, but if inconvenient in the meantime it was agreed that a General Examination could be made.

The LONDON Surveyors report the vessel placed in dry dock, bottom coated, a General Examination made and repairs to rigging, rudder bushes, etc. effected.

The landing edges of bow shell plating and keel butt straps are somewhat worn, and the Surveyors recommend these be specially examined at the next dry docking. (1)

The length of chain cable is deficient by 30 fathoms, and one of the lengths is below the Rule limit. (2)

The latter requires to be renewed at the first opportunity. (2)

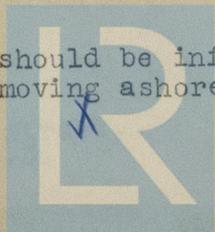
Some rigging has been renewed, but the Surveyors recommend the rigging be specially examined (examination of wire) by 9.42. (3)

The Surveyors recommend notations of "Reclassification contemplated" and "Examined 9.41", valid for 12 months, be assigned.

It is submitted this recommendation be concurred in.

Insert in S.R.L: - 100A1. Reclassification contemplated. Examined 9.41 (12 mos.) Recommendations 1 and 3. 15 fathoms of chain cable to be supplied at earliest opportunity (and 30 fathoms of chain cable to be supplied). *Italicized*

The Surveyors should be informed of the desirability of disconnecting and removing ashore any chain cable which is worn below the Rule limit.



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