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Collingwood Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.

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Dear Sir,

s.s. "WILLODALE".

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant regarding the formal investigation to be held on the loss of the above vessel, I have to state that I am prepared to give evidence on the condition of the vessel as contained in my reports on the vessel (General Examination - Newcastle Report No.103845 and Renewal Freeboard Survey - Newcastle Report No.C.22915).

At the time of survey it was noted that the strake below main sheer ("H" strake), port and starboard, was showing signs of wear, and this strake was extensively drilled, and repairs effected as detailed in the Report 8. Repairs were also effected to poop, bridge and forecastle side plating as reported.

The hold bulkheads were generally examined and considered efficient, but the watertight doors were not particularly examined nor tried and it is therefore not possible to state more than this.

During my period of leave (11th to 24th June, 1946) Mr. Ronald continued the survey and examined the boiler room double bottom tank which was found in good condition.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,  
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Referred to Mr. Sladden.

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*Mr. Hodgson please  
Mr. Moffitt*



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