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Dear Sir,

"WILLODALE".

We have to thank you for your letter of the 9th. instant informing us that the Ministry of Transport have ordered a formal investigation into the circumstances attending the foundering of the above ship in the Bay of Biscay in April 1947 and that I will be required to give evidence regarding the survey made by me in February 1947. In this respect the following is a statement of evidence that I would be prepared to give.-

th. Examined Nos. 1 & 2 holds for leakage with Nos. 1 & 2 tanks under pressure. Tank margin aft end No.1 hold port side found fractured.
No.11 tank side bracket starboard side from forward in No.2 hold leaking and margin fractured.
Recommended fractures to be welded and margin in way to be doubled.

Examined work on repairs as recommended and found in order.

th. Tested Nos. 1 & 2 D.B. tanks on completion of repairs and found in order.

With regard to the watertight doors in the bulkhead between the boiler room and No.2 hold I have to state that these were not examined, neither was any other part of the vessel, the survey being entirely confined to the above.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
THE SURVEYORS

Per.-

The Secretary,
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