

by Chief Ship Surveyor

Received from Chief Ship Surveyor

"EMPIRE VOLUNTEER".

Cff.

53560.

VESSEL'S NAME

Rpt.

No.

The 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The class of this Italian vessel (recently seized as a Prize) was withdrawn at the Owners' request in the spring of 1934.

The Ministry of Shipping have instructed the Managers that the vessel is to be reclassified and the Cardiff Surveyors were informed that should it not be practicable to carry out a 2nd Special Survey No.3 necessary for reclassification, a general examination could be made to enable the vessel to trade for a period of 6 months.

The Surveyors report has now come to hand.

The vessel has been placed in dry dock, bottom coated and the Survey for reclassification partly held.

The greater part of the Survey remains to be held and it is proposed to advance the Survey on the vessel's return.

Repairs or renewals to deck plating, hatchways and minor repairs have been carried out.

A general examination has also been made as far as practicable

Deck plating in No.3 lower 'tween deck found locally holed, has been temporarily dealt with.

Some repairs have been effected to holed deck plating abaft tunnel in No.4 lower 'tween decks and to one plate of the AP bulkhead.

The tank top under boilers examined as far as practicable (bitumastic covering hammered off in places) and found somewhat thin locally and holed below the starboard boiler.

Welded doublers have been fitted as a temporary measure.

The Surveyors recommend the bitumastic covering be removed, & tank top plating below boiler be further examined on the vessel's return from her present voyage.

On account of damage through collision, shell plating, framing etc., and bulwarks on starboard side of No.2 hold found set in.

The riveting and caulking in way have been overhauled and a small fracture at the upper landing of shell plate F6 has been repaired by electric welding and the Surveyors recommend permanent repairs at a convenient opportunity.

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The Surveyors further recommend a notation of Examined 8,40 be assigned.

It is submitted these recommendations be concurred in.

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Insert in S.R.L.:-

Exd 8,40- for 6 mos.

Repairs to indented plating, framing, bulwarks etc., (s.s) as stated; tank top under boiler.

*Permanent repairs etc No 3 lower tween deck.*



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