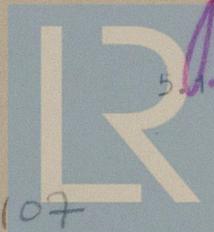


So far as I know, there is not a shred of information bearing upon the cause of the loss of the "JOSEPH MEDILL". In these circumstances, it would be correct to say that there is no reason to suppose that the welding was the cause of the loss, but it is a matter for consideration whether it is expedient that any official pronouncement should be made, or any opinion expressed by the Society, which would be quoted in respect of this matter.

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