

s.s. "ELSA MENZELL", No.20080 in R.B.

This vessel is one of the N.1 class, built in 1921 by the Kinghorn Shipbuilding Co.

The back post of the sternframe is reported by the Hamburg Surveyors to have fractured through the scarph immediately below the cruiser stern, and ^{they} have forwarded alternative proposals shewing:-

1. An arrangement in which the upper part of the sternframe is to be renewed, from the old scarph to about 6' above the centre of the boss where a new scarph is to be provided, and
2. by making a new scarph at the lower part of the arch and renewing only the portion between this scarph and the existing scarph in the back post.

In the latter arrangement the scarphs would only be about 39" apart, and it is considered would not provide a satisfactory arrangement.

The first proposal, could however, be recommended for approval, provided the plate straps in way of the scarph be fitted in one piece and carried completely around the post.

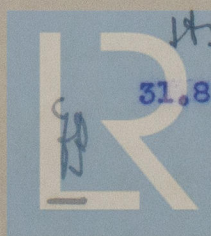
It is therefore submitted the Surveyors be informed that the scantlings and arrangements as shewn and amended on the plan forwarded with their letter of the 26th instant could be approved, ~~provided~~ they be carried out to their satisfaction.

The alternative arrangement submitted with their letter of the 28th instant is not considered satisfactory and cannot therefore be approved.

The Surveyors should also be informed by wire as follows:-

"Proposal submitted 26th instant approved ^{with slight amendments} provided plate straps on new scarph fitted ~~in one piece~~ completely around post Rivets in scarph $1\frac{1}{8}$ " diameter. Proposal submitted 28th not approved.

26, 28/8/31
and (2nd. inst.) 21/8/31
plans
2 retained.



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