

S.S. "QUARRINGTON COURT".

The Board of Trade advise that a Formal Investigation has been ordered to enquire into the circumstances attending the loss of this vessel in December last, and they request to be supplied with copies of Surveyors reports from and including the date of the last special survey.

" On 7th December 1937 the vessel was reported to have had her engine room and stokehold flooded that morning, when in the Red Sea, the master stating the injection pipe being broken in pieces and being unable to shut the injection valve. " (See Casualty Memo.)

She was taken in tow for Suez but had to be abandoned and she sank at 11 pm. the same day, 25 miles from Shadwan Island.

The vessel was examined afloat at Yokohama from 11th to 15th October 1937 on account of grounding off Juniten, Tokio Bay, on the 10th October 1937 (See Yokohama Report 6233) after discharging part cargo. Soundings were made of all bilges, peaks and double bottom tanks (empty) on two occasions and no leakage was found. A diver reported the rudder and propeller in order and the main engines worked satisfactorily after the vessel was refloated.

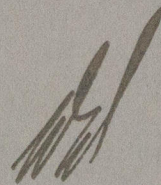
In view of this report the vessel's class was allowed to remain subject to the vessel being examined in dry dock at the Owners' convenience.

It is submitted a negative copy of the following documents be supplied.

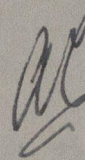
1	Rpt. 93484	dated	Nwc.	February 1936	Hull
2	"	"	"	"	Machinery
3	Rpt. 107296	dated	Liv.	June 1936	Hull
4	"	"	"	"	Machinery
5	Rpt. 104081	dated	Lon.	February 1937	Machinery
6	" 51964	"	Cff.	May 1937	Hull
7	"	"	"	"	Machinery
8	Rpt. 6233	dated	Yka.	October 1937	Hull
omit 9	Copy of certificate	dated	15th October 1937	which was issued to Owners by Yokohama Surveyors.	
10	Copy of Freeboard Survey Report	May 1932			
11	"	"	Renewal Survey Rpt.	June 1936	
12	"	"	Verification Form	June 1936	
13	"	"	Annual Survey Rpt.	May 1937	

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The Board of Trade should be advised that the name of the officer who will produce the above documents will be intimated when the date of the enquiry is fixed.



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