

S.S. "MELITA".

This vessel was built by Messrs. Barclay, Curle & Co., Ltd. in 1918 and has two complete tiers of superstructures above the bridge deck. Damage has occurred to these superstructures in the form of cracks in way of the doors, and loose riveting at the ends of the superstructures, and it is understood that similar damage has also occurred in the case of the sister vessel "MINNEDOSA" which is now being repaired at Liverpool.

A special sketch has been made in this Office shewing the location of the damage, and a plan has been obtained from the Repairers shewing the additional strengthening which has been fitted, as a result of an agreement between the Owners and the Builders, to prevent any recurrence of the same. "The superstructures have been constructed in accordance with the practice of the Committee and with the approved plans.

An investigation has been made of the scantlings, and it is found that the amount of continuous longitudinal material provided for in the structure of these houses is less than what would be necessary if it were desired to reproduce the stress conditions at the boat deck which are obtained at the bridge deck."

  
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