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Extract from Cape Town Report No. 928, dated
30th March, 1918, on the Twin Sc. 5 Mst.

"ARGYLLSHIRE". Report received 30th May, 1918.

"The Master of this vessel on arrival at Cape Town, after discharging her troops, reported that he was proceeding to the Plate for frozen meat, and further reported that after being taken over as a Transport some considerable time ago, and while in the Government Dock in Sydney, N.S.W., thirty-five 8" ports were cut in Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 hold tween decks, and in the insulated space, and requested to know whether, in my opinion, it would be necessary to have the ports plated and riveted.

I examined the ports and found that the frames were of a thoroughly substantial nature, plate dead lights fitted both inside and outside of the glass and flush with the ship's side.

I recommended that the ports remain as at present and be thoroughly re-jointed and tested by a strong hose pressure from outside before renewing the insulation.

This was done, all found tight and made in every way satisfactory. Several of the brine pipes have been renewed. The circuit will be tested before loading at Buenos Aires."

(Signed) W. R. McArthur.

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