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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

Your Ref:-
LB/DM.

1st February, 1939.

Dear Sir,

M.

I duly received your letter of the 28th ultimo in reference to the Inquiry to be held into the loss of the S.S. "RUMORE", and in reply thereto I beg to state that there is no plan available in this Office shewing the details of the strengthening of the flat of the bottom forward of this vessel.

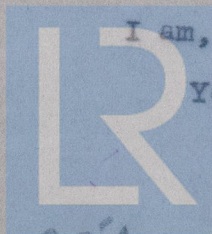
For your information, however, I may say that the Rules, in accordance with which the vessel was constructed in 1921, require that the following strengthening be fitted forward of the midship half length of the vessel, viz :-

- (1) Additional side keelsons.
- (2) The bottom frames doubled, or intermediate frames fitted.
- (3) Three strakes of bottom shell plating next the keel to have midship thickness maintained to the Rule position of the collision bulkhead.
- (4) The rivets through the bottom frames and plating to be spaced not more than 5½ diameters apart centre to centre.

The Solicitor,
Board of Trade,
Great George Street,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,



Lloyd's Register
Foundation
Secretary.

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