



Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

55, Fawcett Street,

Sunderland, 24th September 1919

Mr. Fowling,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant in reference to my letter of the 20th respecting the First Report on the S.S. "Comerio".

In the earlier "F" type vessels built by Messrs. Doxford & Sons the butts of the bottom plating were quadruple riveted.

The bottom plating in these vessels was approved .64 thick less .04 for floors on every frame and was fitted .60.

Messrs. Doxford learned that owing to the thickness of the bottom plating being .60 thick Messrs. J.L. Thompson were riveting the butts treble as the rules only demand quadruple riveting when thickness exceeds .60.

As Messrs. J.L. Thompson were circulating the plans of this type and especially when this riveting was approved on the First Entry Report of the "WAR OPAL" I informed Messrs. Doxford when they asked for my approval that they would be in order in riveting these treble riveted.

The riveting of the E strake is quadruple in these vessels being .64 thick and I regret that I stated that these were treble in the Report.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

L. S. Atkinson



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