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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

11th September, 1936.

Dear Sirs,

Reverting to your letter of the 12th ultimo respecting the repairs effected to the s.s. "WEARBRIDGE" at Port Said in June/August, 1934, I beg to inform you in reply to your enquiry regarding the thicknesses of the plates of the furnaces, that the Port Said Surveyor, with whom I have been in communication regarding the matter, states that the furnaces of this vessel's boilers were drilled not on account of deterioration in thickness but for the fitting of studs for stiffeners of the furnace tops.

Whilst the Surveyor states that he did not take a special note of the thicknesses, he adds that there was not much deterioration in the thicknesses, the average being so far as he remembers, about $9/16$ ".

He is of opinion that had there been excessive reduction he would certainly have made a note on this point.

I may add that the new furnaces which were fitted in 1914 had a thickness of $9/16$ ".

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Crosby, Son & Co., Ltd.,
Shipping Chambers,
WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Clerk to the
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