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This tanker was built in 1926 and was classed  
#100A1 "Carrying petroleum in bulk".

In June, 1938, the vessel was reported to have  
been bombed and set on fire and in the following month the  
the  
class was deleted and record "Damaged by aircraft 6,38"  
inserted.

In July last the Marseilles Surveyors wrote  
that the vessel was undergoing extensive repairs amounting  
in cost to about £40000 and that the Owner intended to apply  
for reinstatement of class when the repairs were completed.

In reply the Surveyors were informed that a  
Special Survey No.3 would require to be carried out and this  
could most conveniently be done during the course of the  
damage repairs. If the repairs, however, were completed  
they would require to be examined and if not found in order  
re-  
would require to be dealt with to the Surveyors' satisfaction.

An application form for reclassification was  
thereafter furnished.

The Marseilles Surveyors wrote in July last  
that a preliminary survey had been made of the considerable  
repairs which had been carried out under the Survey of the  
British Corporation Surveyors and that sulphur prints of a  
number of rivets removed from the repaired parts shewed  
segregation and were not in conformity with the requirements  
of the Society's current Rules for quality and testing of  
material and the matter was submitted for the consideration  
of the Committee.

The Surveyors were informed in reply that it  
was considered that the extensive repairs now effected should  
comply with the requirements of the present Rules and that  
unless the rivets in question are cut out and renewed of  
proper quality, there would be no alternative but to decline



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to proceed with the Reclassification Survey.

The case was subsequently discussed with the Owner's representative in the Head Office having regard to the fact that while it was realised that a percentage of the rivets were not of the required quality, it was impossible definitely to state where they are placed.

Mr. Dobson was accordingly requested to discuss the matter further with the Owner's representative at Marseilles and use his discretion in the matter.

The Surveyors were subsequently authorised to issue an interim certificate on Form C (for an unclassified vessel) for a short voyage to Sete.

A report from the Surveyors has now come to hand stating the vessel has been examined in dry dock and the Special Survey for reclassification partly held, including the drilling of the shell plating.

It is added that at the outbreak of war owing to shortage of labour the survey was suspended and that information has now been received that the vessel has been purchased by the French Government and classed with the Bureau Veritas only.

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