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No. 9, Oura, Kaigan-Dori,

Nagasaki, 23rd September 1935.

Reference

The Secretary,

LONDON.



Dear Sir,

S.S. "LA CRESENTA"

I duly received your letters of the 26th and 27th ultimo regarding Paragraphs 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of a statutory declaration made by, one, Mr. Samuel Frederick Marks, who was a fireman on the above vessel, on her last voyage but one.

In reply thereto I beg to inform you that the usual examination for the Annual Freeboard Survey was fully carried out, and all parts examined were considered by me to be in a satisfactory condition, no repairs being asked for, nor considered necessary.

With specific reference to the above paragraphs, which you detailed in your letter, I have to say:-

Paragraph 13. The stokehold casings, gratings, and closing plates were in satisfactory condition. It is probable that the closing plates had not been put down on the stockhold gratings thereby allowing the entry of spray or rain into the boiler room. In my experience it is not the usual practice to close these plates for keeping out rain or spray, but only

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in the case of heavy seas breaking over the casing top. I did not turn the ventilators so I am not able to state whether they were stiff, or otherwise.

Paragraph 14. It was, of course, not practicable for me to test the doors at the forward end of the after bridge under the conditions described by Mr. Marks, but all doors were sufficiently tight for all practical purposes.

Paragraphs 15 and 16. The ventilators over the forward end of the starboard alleyway of the after bridge and over the empty cabin, referred to by Mr. Marks, were not seen by me nor was my attention drawn to them. These ventilators were probably of the cast iron mushroom type leading from the superstructure deck to spaces not directly occupied by the crew.

Paragraph 17. I do not remember seeing a hole about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square about 5' 6" above the deck in the plating of the crew's sompanion on the starboard side of the steering gear house.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

G. H. Macdonald

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