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Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd.
Yard No. 1569

This vessel is being built under the Special Survey of this Society to the order of the Port Line Ltd..

The Newcastle Surveyors now forward a letter from the Builders to the effect that the ship has been requisitioned for special service by the Admiralty, who desire that the Special Survey of the machinery may be continued until the vessel is completed.

As regards the hull, however, certain alterations, which are required and which do not come within the scope of this Society's survey, preclude the completion of the ship as originally intended, and in these circumstances it is desired by the Builders that the Owners should have an assurance from the Society as to the approval of the work which has been carried out under the supervision of the Surveyors and which is not subjected to alteration by the Admiralty, so that the eventual classification of the vessel may be facilitated.

It is added that the refrigerating installation will not be fitted at present but will be installed at a later date, when the vessel is handed back to the Owners. Furthermore, the electric generators will be fitted but the switchboard and wiring etc. are to be modified to suit the special service for which the ship is now being converted and reconversion to the original requirements will be a matter for consideration when the classification of the vessel is eventually completed.

The Surveyors indicate that the Special Survey on the hull has been completed with the exception of a few items, and that there is some possibility that arrangements may be made for these to be dealt with. They add that the nature of the alterations now being effected by the Admiralty is such that a comprehensive survey and a number of replacements would be required should the question of

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classification subsequently arise.

The Surveyors also state they may be able to supervise the installation of the electrical equipment generally unless any material modifications are carried out by the Admiralty.

Enquiry is made as to the form in which the desired assurance could be conveyed to the Owners.

It is submitted the assurance desired might take the form indicated on the attached draft certificate.

(Initd) RSW

6th March, 1940.

(Initd) S. H. D.

(Initd) J. M.

(Initd) S. J. H.
" C. H. T.

The Surveyors should be requested to forward in due course a First Entry Report on the survey so far as held, and indicate the items which remain to be dealt with to complete the survey.



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