

W763-0004

Vessel since Sunk.

23 JAN 1918

by Chief Ship Surveyor *19. 1. 18*

Received from Chief Ship Surveyor

EL'S NAME *S+L. S.S. "WAR BARON".*

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No. *9895*

Remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

of Survey

CONDITION.

The Southampton Surveyors report that this vessel has been placed in dry dock, the bottom cleaned, examined, & coated.

The fore peak bulkhead was found to be buckled about $4\frac{1}{2}$ " at the lower part, and vertical stiffeners twisted. The floor plate and four bulkhead plates have been repaired, the stiffeners faired and three additional stiffeners fitted horizontally. The brackets to the bottom stiffener could not be riveted to the shell plating, and the Surveyors recommend this should be done at the next docking.

Two additional air pipes have been fitted to the fore peak tank covered with a wide mesh gauze. The air pipe to the after peak tank has been fitted with a bell mouth and a separate pipe fitted to the upper deck.

The Surveyors further recommend that wide mesh gauze and bell mouths which have been placed on board should be fitted to the air pipes to the double bottom tanks.

The fore peak tank has been tested after repairs, and found satisfactory.

In reply to enquiry the Surveyors state that, in their opinion, an undue pressure was put upon the fore peak tank when it was filled, but they are unable to find out definitely if this was so. The tank air pipe was covered over at the outlet with a very close mesh wire gauze.

It is submitted the vessel is worthy to remain as classed, without record of survey, subject to the bottom stiffener brackets in fore peak tank being riveted to the shell plating at the next docking.

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