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Steel S. S. " O H I O "

Built at Rouen in 1914.

Classed: 100 A1.

From a letter recently received from the Barry Surveyors, it appears that wood lining was not fitted to the bulkhead of the donkey boiler recess when the vessel was built.

The Havre Surveyors' attention was called to this departure from the Rules, and they were asked to offer any remarks they might have to make on the matter.

Mr. Cartier, under whose survey the vessel was built, states in reply, the omission may have been caused by the unusual conditions existing when the vessel was being completed. At the time of the invasion of the North of France the vessel left Rouen for Nantes where it was intended to finish her, but she was subsequently brought back to Rouen. The works were stopped for some time and then energetically taken up again, and the Surveyor states that his many duties (he being the only Surveyor at the port at that time) may have been the cause of the omission not having been observed; and he expresses regret that this should have occurred.

In the circumstances it is submitted the explanation afforded by the Surveyor might be considered satisfactory.

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