

S.S. "OHIO".

It is submitted that the attention of the Chantiers de Normandie be called to the Secretary's letter of the 4th December 1912 and that of the 24th January 1913, in which they were informed that before the vessels are finally classed in the Register Book letters must be forwarded from the Owners desiring the omission of the bulkheads in the forward holds.

In response to their letter of the 16th March, 1915 the Committee assigned the "OHIO" the 100A1 class subject to the Builders furnishing an undertaking to inform any intending purchasers that a watertight bulkhead had been dispensed with, and the Havre Surveyors were informed accordingly and the classification certificates were forwarded to them.

It appears now that the Havre Surveyors handed over the classification certificates to them before they had received this undertaking ~~from them~~ which should not have been done.

It is therefore submitted that the Builders in the above circumstances should ~~be~~ again be requested to furnish the undertaking asked for, as the Committee cannot waive this requirement because the certificates were inadvertently handed over to them in error.



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