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PORT OF MALTA,

12th. January, 1918.

The Secretary,

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 28/12/17 (S) re No.927, S.S. "ARCHBANK", the damage to this vessel by collision, is on the port side just before the foremast rigging.

One plate of the sheer strake and one in the strake immediately below, is badly distorted.

Four frames are distorted - 2 very badly, and the beam arms in the vicinity are set down.

The brackets connecting two of these beams to the frames have been refitted and bolted by Gibraltar Yard.

The stringer plate and the stringer angle in the vicinity, are buckled and turned inboard, that portion of the sheer strake extending above the stringer angle being very much distorted.

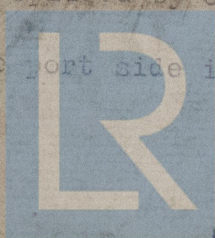
The bulwark plating, stays and top angle for about 35 feet, were cut away and a temporary bulwark of wood plank fitted in lieu by Gibraltar Yard.

The remainder of the bulwark extending aft to the middle island will require partial renewal.

The fashion plate at the junction of the middle island and forward bulwark is turned inboard, and will require extensive repairs.

The supports to bridge deck on the port side, wooden screen etc., were temporarily repaired by Gibraltar Yard.

One boat davit on the port side is slightly bent.



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Cement has been laid over the damaged angle and stringer plate by Gibraltar Yard, but it is considered that a number of the rivets are drawn and sheared.

A small patch has been fitted by Gibraltar Yard over a fracture in the sheer strake, and many rivets in the wake of the damage have been caulked.

In one frame space, the lower land of the sheer plate has been tripped, and although the upper row of rivets are good and caulked, the under row is off about $5/8$ inch. This space has been filled with wood wedges, countersink headed bolts being fitted through them and hove up on the inside. All of this work being done at Gibraltar Yard.

This report of damage and temporary repairs was not forwarded by me with the Form 8, as it was assumed that this information had already been forwarded to you by Lloyd's Surveyor at Gibraltar, the whole of the repairs having been carried out at that port.

Ship Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.

W. H. King



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