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Extract from NNS. Rpt. 4580, dated 19.1.31, in respect of the s.s. "JAMES MC GEE".

..... "A new freeboard has now been assigned to this vessel by the American Bureau of Shipping. The measurements are as follows:-

Centre of disc below top of steeldeck line - Upper deck.....10'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Max. Loadline in Tropical F.W. above centre

of disc1'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

" " F.W. above centre of disc... 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

" " above centre of disc in Tropical

Zones 7"

" " in W. below centre of disc.. 7"

" " WNA below centre of disc ...12"

"The following work has been carried out in order to comply with the requirements for this assignment by the American Bureau of Shipping. No.1 hatchway (Cargo hold) has now been plated over with $\frac{1}{2}$ " plates, riveted together and secured to hatch coaming by $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts spaced 6" apart. These plates have been additionally stiffened by 6" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ " angles spaced approximately 31 to 34 inches apart and are fitted between the hatch beams.

"A suitable angle bar has been riveted to the hatch coaming to allow for the bolting of these plates. All access hatches on the weather deck to the tween deck spaces have also been plated over with $\frac{3}{8}$ " plates, bolted to the hatch coaming with $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts spaced 6" apart on both the port and starboard sides. These plates are additionally stiffened by the fitting of two stiffeners 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{8}$ ". A suitable angle iron having been riveted to the hatch coaming to allow of the bolting of these plates.

"The store room hatch and the two after hatches to tween deck are covered with a steel hinged cover $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick and fastened down by bolts with butterfly nuts.

"The boiler room casing stiffeners have now been reinforced with 8 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " reverse bars, riveted to the existing stiffeners. The passageway at the forward end of the engineer's quarters on the weather deck on port and starboard sides now plated over, fitted with angle stiffeners and a watertight door fitted. The door coaming is 24" above the deck.

"All watertight doors on the weather deck have had the sills raised to 24 inches by the fitting of a piece of plate .44 thick. Watertight doors have now been fitted at the forward and after ends of the tween deck space on the port and starboard sides. The door frames and the doors themselves are built up of plates and angles and are of good sturdy design, fitted with rubber gaskets and efficiently

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"closed by wedges and dogs.

"All existing scupper pipes and soil pipes have now been fitted with an additional automatic stop valve and easily accessible.

"In all, eleven new non-return valves fitted to these scupper pipes.

"All vent pipes on the upper deck have now been fitted with wooden plugs; these plugs being secured to the vent pipes by chains.

"The whole of the watertight doors on the weather deck have now been examined and found to be in good working order.

"Two copies of freeboard verification as assigned by the American Bureau of Shipping are attached hereto".



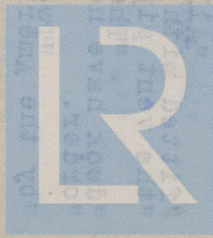
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