

Supplementary Answer to Question 9.

Neither Lloyd Roberts nor Sellex visited the ship while on the hard, and never heard of the leak into the forward double bottom tank until they read the deposition. Mr. Sellex was the last Surveyor to visit the ship, viz: while lying afloat at Dagenham on March 12th. Although he enquired if everything was all right, no mention was made to him of any leak into a double-bottom tank.

There is no record or knowledge that a Surveyor was requested to attend or did attend while the ship was lying on the hard.

The following information obtained from Lloyd Roberts:

According to Mr. Cook, Manager of Clifton Shipway, Gravesend, the "PAMAGUSTA" was on the hard between 7th and 11th March 1947, (inclusive). Mr. Cook did not call in a Surveyor.

Mr. Cook is willing to give evidence on subpoena regarding the placing of the ship upon the hard, and changing of the propellers, the alteration to the rudder and an alteration to the pumping arrangements in that the duct keel suction passing through the oil fuel tanks which had previously been blanked off was reopened.

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