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End:-

Recommendations made and now carried out as required for the new
Board Assignment.

Forward 10'x 10' hatch to the dry cargo hold now fitted with a
3 1/2" x 20 Lb. channel bar all around hatch raising same to a
height of 30" all around.

Steel hatch cover of 20.4 Lbs. per square ft. in weight now
and suitably connected to the channel bar by 3/4" bolts pitched
approximately 8" apart.

Top side of the steel hatch cover is now fitted with 2-7" x 3 1/2" x
Lbs. bulb angle stiffeners and two similar stiffeners fitted on
under side of the steel hatch cover.

A 3 1/2" angle bar has also been fitted to this steel hatch cover all
around to facilitate placing the hatch cover in position.

Old hatch web remains in the hatch-way and has been fitted with
a bar of sufficient thickness to allow the hatch cover to rest on

A 18" water tight hinged brass man hole ring and cover has been
fitted to the hatch cover.

A 4' hatch under forecastle deck has had the cleats rearranged
from each corner and four additional cleats fitted.

6" vents to No. 1 deep tank now fitted with suitable nipple,
wire and closing arrangement. The closing arrangement consists
of a wooden plug secured by a chain and bracket for the wooden plug.

Two 6" vents to No. 2 deep tank raised to 36" above the deck and
fitted with gauze wire and closing arrangement similar to No. 1 deep

6" vents to dwarf cofferdam fitted and made 36" above deck with
wire and closing arrangement.

Ship House:-

Port light frames on the forward side, three on the port side and
three on the starboard side removed, & rivetted spigot patches fitted
in place.

Deck lights on the port side and two on the starboard side fitted
in existing port light frames.



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2" vents to dwarf cofferdam raised to 18" above the deck and
ed with gauze wire and closing arrangements, similar to the
tanks, ie., tapered wooden plug secured by a chain and bracket.

cleats for the two 4' x 6' hatches and the two 3' x 3' hatches
ranged 6" from each corner and each fitted with four additional
ts.

4' x 3' hatch coaming to stewards store room raised to 18" above
deck and four additional cleats fitted.

skylight coaming over the steering gear engine raised to a
ht of 18".

coaming plate at the door of the escape trunk to fuel oil pump
raised to a minimum height of 18" above the deck.

ort dead lights (15 port & 14 starboard) have now been fitted in
of the crews quarters aft.

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