

S.S. "EIGEN HULP VII" now "ORUEBORG"

The Rotterdam Surveyors on their 1st Entry Report of this vessel state that -

"In consequence of the shortage of material when the vessel was laid down the intercostal girders in double bottom and the brackets on the intermediate frames have been cut out of material previously used, while the frames and reversed frames to floors and the intermediate frames and reversed frames in double bottom as well as top and bottom angles to side girders and vertical angles to floors have been made of sections that had been previously used in building construction.

All material has been tested as required and some rivet holes in plates and angles have been carefully closed up by electric welding. The material has been annealed, tested and found to comply with the Society's Rules, it is all in excess of the required scantlings, and a sketch shewing the various thicknesses is enclosed with the report".

This vessel was built by Messrs. Wilton's Engineering and Slipway Company at Rotterdam for themselves, but on completion has been sold to Danish Owners (Dampskibsselskabet "Dannebrog" C.K.Hansen, Manager, Copenhagen)

From the sketch referred to, it appears that with the exception of the centre girder, floors, margin plate and tank top, the whole of the double bottom has been constructed of second-hand material, holes in which have been welded up, the material annealed and tested and found to comply with the Society's requirements. The thickness^{es} reported to have been used are generally in excess of the Rule requirements.

It is submitted the Surveyors be requested to state

if they have any knowledge of where this second-hand material was previously used and for how long it had been in use.

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