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Copy of letter received from Newcastle
phoned from London Office

22nd April, 1943.

"EMPIRE CAVALIER". With referenece to previous correspondence and to the writer's telephone conversation with you this morning regarding the spare propeller for the above vessel, we beg to advise you as follows.

The machinery was constructed by Messrs. Hawthorn Leslie & Co. and fitted in the vessel by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Co. at Wallsend-on-Tyne and the Engine Builders state that the spare propeller was forwarded by wherry to the vessel when fitting out at Wallsend, together with a spare propeller for the motor vessel "NATICINA"; the two vessels having similar machinery but with some difference in the taper of the propeller bosses.

Unfortunately the propeller for the "EMPIRE CAVALIER" was delivered to the "NATICINA" and vice versa.

Messrs. Hawthorn Leslie & Co. state that arrangements are being made to recover the spare propeller from the "NATICINA" for delivery to the "EMPIRE CAVALIER" and it is understood that they are in communication with the Admiralty on the matter.

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