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Dear Sir,

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We duly received your letter of the 17th inst, enclosing Manila Report No. 3725 respecting the Motorship "FERNLAND" built by Messrs Bartram & Sons, Ltd. in 1948, which report is returned herewith.

We enclose for your information a copy of the plan of Sternframe & Rudder for this ship on which has been indicated the outlines of the shell plating and the method of attaching same to the fabricated sternframe.

From the sketch supplied by the Surveyor, accompanying Manila Report No. 3725, it could be assumed that the cracks were in the fabricated sternframe itself but as it was observed that the Survey was carried out afloat with only divers seeing the outside of the ship, the sketch might be assumed to be approximate only and that the welding attaching the shell plating to the Sternframe as reported was fractured.

We have to say that the method of attaching the shell plating to the Sternframe is common practice and should be satisfactory, and the failure of the welding in this instance should not condemn an approved and sound design.

Yours faithfully,

THE SURVEYORS,
PER:

H. P. Knowles

The Secretary,
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