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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Imperial House,

Donegall Square East,

Belfast, 24th December 1942

The Secretary,

WOKINGHAM.

Reference

Dear Sir,

MESSRS. HARLAND & WOLFF'S NO.1090.

When dry docking the above vessel the bottom was inspected by a diver prior to the vessel taking the keel blocks. In spite of this precaution part of the launching timber fouled keel plate No.5 indenting the plate locally about 3/4 inch over an area of 18 inches by 18 inches just clear of the starboard centre girder keel angle and an athwartship bracket angle. There was no internal damage.

When fairing this indent the keel plate fractured through four rivets in the starboard keel angle, and then diagonally through one rivet in the thwartship bracket angle.

In way of the fracture, the keel and bracket angles were removed, the fracture veed from above, welded, then veed 1/4 inch from below and welded overhead. The weld was chipped flush above and below, angles replaced and a small doubling plate fitted welded to the toe of the keel angle so that the full weld is reinforced by a doubler or an angle.

The repair was examined at various stages and on completion, and was carried out in a very satisfactory manner. The Owners' representative was advised that in our first entry report this repair would be recommended as a permanent repair with a 'clean' classing certificate. The Builders now advise us the Owners are willing to accept this as a permanent repair but that they desire a 'clean' certificate and would like to have the Committee's view on our recommendation now rather than later when the report is submitted.

An early reply is requested.



We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
The Surveyors.

Wm Balfour
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