

BOARD REPORT on the ELIZABETE.

It is submitted the Freeboards given on the accompanying form, being those required by the Tables, merit approval, subject to Efficient provision being made for fitting lifelines between the bridge and Forecastle.

And for Timber Deck Cargo Freeboards.

- 1 The double bottom tanks ~~where~~ fitted within the midship half length of the vessel having adequate longitudinal subdivision. This condition can be complied with by closing any holes in the centre girders with wood plugs or steel plates, a few ~~small~~ holes being left for drainage in way of the struts.
- 2 Efficient provision being made for steering in the event of a breakdown in the main steering arrangements.
- 3 Eye plates for lashings being riveted to the sheerstrake at intervals of not more than 10 feet, the distance from an end bulkhead of a superstructure to the first eye plate being not more than 6'-6".
- 4 Strong angles or metal sockets for uprights being efficiently secured to the stringer plate at intervals of not more than 10 feet.

The Surveyors should be requested to give full details of the closing appliances and battening arrangements of the lumber hatchways on the boat deck and the coalwing hatchways on the bridge deck and they should be informed that in future cases the sheer of the freeboard deck ~~must~~ ^{should} be reported for each 1/6 position and that it is not enough to report merely the end sheers.

¹⁹⁴² The Certificate and copy valid until ^{30th April} ~~1st July~~ 1944 should be forwarded to the Surveyors for issue when the conditions of assignment have been ^{and complied with} ~~complied with~~ and the Official Number ^{and Tonnage} presented, details being sent to this Office.

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