

ALFRED HOLT & CO

THE OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY LIMITED.
THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO LTD

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE.

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Lloyds' Register of Shipping
201, Tower Buildings,
Liverpool, 3.

Dear Sirs,

"Empire Rawlinson"

We refer to the telephone conversation we had with your Mr. Roberts last week regarding an accident to one of the employees of Messrs. Cammell Laird & Co. Ltd. whilst working at No. 4 Deep Tank of the above vessel on the 25th January 1946.

According to our records Mr. Roberts first attended a Survey on board this vessel on the 21st January and again on the 24th January 1946.

Mr. Roberts has informed us that his attendances were merely routine and had nothing to do with the transfer of this vessel to French Ownership which took place on the 26th January 1946 beyond the matter of agreeing the Load Line with the new Owners. He has also informed us that he had nothing whatsoever to do with the repairs which were effected whilst the vessel was in dry-dock.

What we are seeking to establish is the fact that neither the Ministry nor ourselves as their Agents had anything to do with the repairs to No. 4 Tanks which we understand consisted of straightening the stiffeners and that the job was put in hand by the French Government or the French Owners.

If Mr. Roberts is able to give us any information in support of our understanding of the position we shall be glad to have it. Also we should

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