

"EMPIRE RAWLINSON".

(Later renamed "MONKAY")

Journal Entries.

- 16.1.46. Vessel afloat in Gladstone Dock.
Visited vessel to enquire re A.F.S. as per London letter.
It was stated that vessel was to be placed in dry dock on
Friday, 18th, and then taken over by Messageries Maritime
under new name of "MONKAY". Mr. Soar advised.
A.F.S. commenced at this time by examination of decks,
casings, vents, coamings, battens and cleats.
- 21.1.46. Vessel in Gladstone Dry Dock.
Vessel placed in dry dock, shell plating and rudder cleaned
and examined.
Anchors and cables ranged and examined 8P & 8S.
Recommended caulking of seam and odd rivets in way of fore
peak tank and No.1 Hold.
Lower scarp of aft butt A.3 (Port) to electrically weld.
Stern frame to stage for examination at outer (port side).
Noted No.12 plate in 3rd below (S.S. forward) indented
between 2 frames - no repairs recommended.
It was stated that 30 hatch covers (new) are being made in
anticipation of A.F.S.
Arranged for examination when same fitted and for verification
of Freeboard.
Vessel is to be renamed MONKAY and Ownership transferred to
Messageries Maritime.
- 23.1.46. Staging not satisfactory for examination of welding
to top of rudder post of stern frame.
- 24.1.46. With Representatives of French Government, Mr. Spence
(Kennaugh's) acting for new ship managers 'Messageries
Maritime' and representative of A. Holt & Co. Noted
indented shell plate H.12 (s.s.f.) and shell flange of
1 frame in way of Engine Room slightly buckled. No
repairs recommended at this time.
Also noted repairs in hand as previously recommended.
Specially examined top of rudder post of stern frame where
welded at arch, and found crack at end of weld. S.S. - approx.
4" at side, 3" at aft side. P.S. - very minor crack at
edge of weld. Recommended cut out cracks and reweld.
- 26.1.46. Vessel in Gladstone Dry dock.
Bottom repairs completed and rewelding of stern frame (cracks
at top of rudder post) completed - all satisfactory.
Vessel recoated.
- 29.1.46. Vessel afloat Gladstone.
Completed A.F.S. and verified freeboards. 30 new hatch covers
now in place - satisfactory.
Recommended lettering of freeboard marks to requirements of
French law.
- "MONKAY".
- 30.2.46. Vessel afloat Langton.
Relettering of Freeboard marks according to French requirements
not dealt with on Starb. side.
- "MONKAY".
- 31.2.46. Amended lettering to Freeboard marks now completed.



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