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WELLINGTON,

19th October, 1938.

Letter No.2745.

The Secretary,  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
71, Fenchurch Street,  
E. C. 3.

Dear Sir,

Ferry Steamer "MURITAI"

Further to my report No.2535 on repairs to defective circumferential seams of the forward boiler of the above vessel, I have received from the Principal Surveyor at Sydney communications in reference to this boiler, in which he states that the rivet points of the boiler are symptomatic of intercrystalline cracking due to chemical action.

Please see copy of my letter to the Principal Surveyor Sydney, which is attached hereto.

I am enclosing a copy of the analysis of the water as used by the Eastbourne Ferry Council in their ferry steamers and in passing I have to note that the boiler of the s.s. "COBAR" is much older than those of the "MURITAI" and no trouble of any kind has developed in it.

I am forwarding to you, per favour of the Chief Engineer (Mr. Liscombe) of the s.s. "REMUERA", a sample of rivets and points, these from the forward end of the circumferential seam of the forward boiler of the "MURITAI".

While I have made no recommendation in respect of special examination of these seams it is borne in mind both by myself and the Government Surveyors concerned that these will, from now on, receive special examination.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

Signed. G.D. Lidgett.

Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

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