

Extract from Letter dated 21.7.44. received from J. W. Whittall & Co. Ltd., Lloyd's Agents, ISTANBUL.

Car Ferry Steamers. Your letter Ref. S. of 30th May, despatched by ordinary post reached us on 18th instant.

In the third paragraph of your letter you mention the names of 7 of these Ferry steamers and you enquire whether they had been taken over by the Turkish Navy or whether they are in commercial service. We will refer you however to our letter of 21st April last (which was acknowledged by the Acting-Secretary, Ref. R, on 8th May last) under cover of which we sent an up-to-date list of Turkish Mercantile Marine (prepared by us for Lloyd's), together with a copy of the letter which we wrote to Lloyd's on 21/4/44 on the same subject and which dealt, amongst other matters, with the ownership of the Car-Ferries.

For your guidance the Denizyollari have taken over and are running only 4 of these new Turkish Car-Ferry Steamers viz:- "GANDAK", "DERINCE", "MUDANYA" & "SILIVRI". You may therefore take it for granted that only these 4 are in commercial service and all the remainder are in the service of the Ministry of National Defence i.e. the Turkish Navy and consequently do not require classification.



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