

95, Bothwell Street,  
Glasgow, C.2.

27th February, 1941.

My dear Richard,

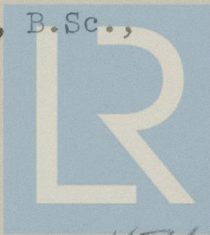
"Borsumy", Droogdok Mij. "Soerabaia", Yard No.251

I have your letter of the 24th instant regarding the above case. We have ceased asking extra riveting in the butts where the shell strakes are of more than normal width, so no exception need be taken to the double riveted butts of the bottom plating. The spacing of the rivets in these butts, namely  $5/8"$   $2\frac{1}{2}"$  spacing, and in the sheer strake butts,  $3/4"$   $3"$  spacing, is slightly wider than the tabular requirements, but incidentally conforms to the B.C. requirements. The vessel is, however, of limited service, and we have therefore some latitude in regard to both scantlings and riveting. Further, with a steel deck fitted we have more than a sufficiency of longitudinal strength. In the circumstances I should have no hesitation in accepting the riveting given in your letter. OK. *gd*

I am getting on quite well in regard to the Scottish language. The irregular verbs still, however, prove to be somewhat of a problem, and I still do not know whether when mentioning "dug" the people are referring to an animal or something that has been digged.

With kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

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