

24th February, 1941.

Dear Ernest,

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

On the First Entry Report on the above vessel which has now come to hand, the bottom plating as between the keel and the bilge strake has been fitted in one strake instead of two as shown on the plan approved by you on the 17th May 1939.

The lapped butts of this wide strake are double riveted with  $5/8$ " rivets spaced  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " apart. The class is 100A1 "With freeboard" "For Service in the East Indian Archipelago", and I take it that no exception need be taken to the double riveted overlaps.

The butts of the sheerstrake amidships, which is .40 in thickness, were amended to be treble, but the Sourabaya Surveyor has reported them to be straps double riveted with  $\frac{5}{8}$ " rivets spaced 3" apart. This may be a clerical error, or it may not, but before going further in the matter I should be glad to have your views. I shall probably have to cable the Surveyor regarding the sternframe in any case, as he has reported this wrongly.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

E. Potts, Esq.,  
 C.S.S. Department, GLASGOW.

P.S. I trust your command of the Scottish language has now reached a state of perfection to which even a Nazi kiltie could not take exception, (see this morning's press re German Nazis in kilts for invasion of Scotland.

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