

Motor Tanker "SLIEDRECHT"

Cape Town Report 4696

Examination of the photographs shewing the character of the damage sustained by the bottom shell plating suggests that some of the fractures are of a brittle type while others would seem to be ductile.

It is submitted that, when it is ascertained where the permanent repairs are to be carried out, the Surveyors should be requested to obtain, for investigation, samples of plating in way of both types of fracture.

For purposes of comparison, two samples should be taken from areas where the fractures are brittle, and two from areas where the fractures are ductile. The samples should be about 24 inches square, should include the fracture on one edge, and should preferably be as nearly plane as possible.

In the meantime, the port at which the permanent repairs are to be effected should be ascertained as early as possible, in order that the Surveyors may be fully informed in good time.

*Ans. Ans. Aug 18th*

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