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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

Enclosures.

31st March, 1938.

Dear Sirs,

I return herewith two copies of each of the plans, forwarded with your letter of the 24th instant, of thickness of shell plating at the fore and after ends of your Nos. 1561/3 ships, and with regard thereto I have pleasure in stating that provided the arrangements be carried out as shewn and amended and to the satisfaction of the Society's Surveyors, they will be approved.

Owing to the amount by which the thickness of the bottom plating forward, increased as per Rule, exceeds the limit for $\frac{7}{8}$ " diameter rivets, it is considered that the rivets in the seams and butts of this plating should be 1" diameter, and the plan has been amended accordingly.

It is thought that in view of the form of the vessel between frames 160 and 168 an intercostal/^{side}girder should be fitted as indicated on the plan. This girder should also have been indicated on the plan of "arrangement of floors and frame knees in wing tanks" which was returned to you yesterday.

The remaining copies of the plans are being retained for reference.

Messrs. Swan, Hunter &
Wigham Richardson, Ltd.,
WALLSEND/TYNE.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

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