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EMERGENCY MERCHANT SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME

S.S. Nos. 616, 617, 618 & 619, proposed to be built by Messrs. J. L. Thompson & Sons Lt . with a view to class 100A1 "With freeboard", for the Emergency Shipbuilding Programme.

Dimensions:- 416' x 56.87' x 37.33' to upper deck
28.58' to second deck

Scantling Nos:- D = 36.58; 15,200 & 38,800

Proportions:- L/D = 11.15

These vessels are proposed to be built as duplicates of the same Builders' Nos. 611-5, and the Builders submit a sketch of midship section of No. 617 and future vessels shewing proposals to weld electrically the butts of the keel and centre girder throughout and the butts of the shell plating at the ends of the vessel. The Admiralty have approved the proposals regarding welding.

It is submitted that provided

COMPLIANCE

the vessels will be eligible to be classed 100A1 with a freeboard corresponding to a draught 18" more than that of a complete superstructure vessel.

The Surveyors should endorse the plans with the new Yard Nos.

The reduced equipment is approved on the understanding that if and when the vessels are engaged in ordinary peaceful merchant pursuits the equipment will be made in accordance with the requirements of the Rules.

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