

REPORT OF SURVEY FOR REPAIRS, &c., OF ENGINES AND BOILERS

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Date of writing Report 22nd Dec 41 When handed in at Local Office 22nd Dec 41 Port of Halifax N.S.

No. in Survey held at Sydney, N.S. Date First Survey and Last Survey 20th Dec 1941 (No. of Visits Two)

on the Machinery of the Wood, Iron or Steel SS. EMPIRE BUFFALO.

Gross 6404 Vessel built at Seattle, Wash. By whom Skinner & Eddy Corp. When 1919 -

Net 4418 Engines made at Hamilton, O. By whom Harlow, Conn. & Rochester When 1919.

Nominal 480 Boilers, when made (Main) (Donkey) -

No. of Main Boilers 3 Owners Ministry of Shipping & Transport Owners' Address (if not already recorded in Appendix to Register Book.)

No. of Donkey Boilers 1 Managers Lyle Shipping Co Ltd Port Voyage

Steam Pressure in Main Boilers 210 lb If Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock Afloat.

in Donkey Boilers (State name of Dock.) Sydney Harbour, N.S.

Last Report No. 10784 Port M.C.H.

Particulars of Examination and Repairs (if any) Lt. Cnt.

Periodical Surveys, when held, must be reported in detail and serially in the terms of the Rules. State clearly the cause of Repairs, if any, and, in detail, the nature and extent of Examinations and subsequent Repairs. Repairs on account of Damage (the cause of which must be stated) should be separated from Repairs due to other causes; and besides being detailed in the body of the report, should be briefly summarised at the end of the report. State also the dates and initials of any letters respecting this case.

In damage cases where the Surveyor has not made a special damage report he is required to state whether he

offered his services for this purpose, and why they were declined Not required.

Was a damage report made by anyone else? If so, by whom? No.

Did the Surveyor personally go inside each Main Boiler separately and make a thorough examination at this time? No.

" " Donkey " " " " No.

If this was not done, state for what reasons

And what parts of the Boilers could not be thus thoroughly examined?

Also what special means, in the absence of internal examination, were adopted by the Surveyor to assure himself of the thorough efficiency of those parts of each Boiler?

State latest date of internal examination of each boiler. Present condition of funnel(s)

Did the Surveyor examine the Safety Valves of the Main Boiler? To what pressure were they afterwards adjusted under steam?

Did the Surveyor examine the Safety Valves of Donkey Boiler? To what pressure were they afterwards adjusted under steam?

Did the Surveyor examine all the manholes, doors and their fastenings of the Main Boilers? and of the Donkey Boilers?

Did the Surveyor examine the drain plugs of the Main Boilers? and of the Donkey Boilers?

Did the Surveyor examine all the mountings of the Main Boilers? and of the Donkey Boilers?

Has the screw shaft now been drawn and examined? No. Is it fitted with continuous liner? Is an approved appliance fitted at the after end of the shaft to permit of it being efficiently lubricated?

Has shaft now been changed? If so, state reasons.

Has the shaft now fitted been previously used? Has it a continuous liner? Is an approved appliance fitted at the after end of the shaft to permit of it being efficiently lubricated?

State date of examination of Screw Shaft. State the distance between lignum vitae or bearing metal of stern bush and top of after bearing of screw shaft.

Engine parts, when referred to by numbers, should be counted from forward. Is electric light and/or power fitted

If so, did the Surveyor examine the generators, motors, switchgear, cables and fuses?

Has the insulation resistance of the generators, circuits and apparatus been tested and found to be not less than 100,000 ohms?

If the Survey is not complete, state what arrangements have been made for its completion and what remains to be done Complete

Now done:- At the request of the Owners' Representative examined damage to propeller stated to have been sustained by striking object at sea on the 25th Nov, 1941 whilst in Westbound Atlantic Convoy.

Propeller examined as far as possible with vessel afloat in ballasted condition one blade tip found bent aft about 12". Two blade tips set aft slightly. One blade apparently undamaged.

As the harbour was beginning to freeze up during this examination the Owners request that repairs be deferred until the vessel's arrival at New York to which port the vessel is now bound. Vessel is in satisfactory condition for voyage. Cert "B1" issued to the Owners & copy herewith

General Observations, Opinion, and Recommendation:- The machinery of this vessel

(State clearly what alteration, if any, is suggested to be made in the existing classification of the vessel's machinery in the Register Book, consequent upon this survey, and also any alteration required to be made in the records of the vessel's machinery, boilers, working pressures, &c.; thus, for example, B.S. 9,11, B.M.S. 9,11, & L.M.C. 9,11, or L.M.C. 140 lb., E.D., &c.)

is eligible, in my opinion, to remain as classed without fresh record

of survey subject to repairs to propeller being carried out at New York to which port the vessel is now bound.

Survey Fee (per Section 20) £ 40.00 Fees applied for Dec 20 1941

Special Damage or Extra Fee (if any) £ 20.00 Received by me, E. Marlborough

Travelling expenses (if chargeable) £ 0.00 19

Committee's Minute

Assigned No action

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