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Lloyd's Register of Shipping

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

ENCLOSURE.

25th January, 1932.

Dear Sir,

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With reference to your letter of the 18th and mine of the 20th instant regarding the openings proposed to be cut in the upper deck below the bridge, for ventilation purposes, in the insulated fruit space of the T.S.S. "RODNEY STAR", I have to acquaint you that a letter has now been received from the Newcastle Surveyors, from which it appears that in the cases of the "AFRIC STAR" and "STUART STAR", these ventilating holes were cut without reference to the Surveyors, and that compensation was therefore arranged as far as was practicable by fitting doubling plates over the beam space affected, and brackets were also fitted to the bulkhead on the strips of plating between the openings. They further report that in the second ship altered at that port the holes were made somewhat smaller.

It is considered that as this deck is a Rules deck it will be necessary for the maximum amount of intact plating between the hatch side and the ship's side to be obtained, and the athwartship dimensions of these ventilating openings should be made as small as possible.

It is therefore suggested that the Surveyors should confer with the Repairers with a view to this being done.

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"RODNEY STAR".

After the minimum size of the holes has been determined, the necessary compensation should be provided by fitting a doubling on the second strake from the hatch side, in addition to the local doublings in way of the ventilating openings.

The plan forwarded with your letter is returned herewith.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

GLASGOW.



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