

T.S.S. "RODNEY STAR".

Plan shewing openings to be cut in upper deck below bridge for ventilation purposes in insulated fruit space, submitted by the Glasgow Surveyors.

It is submitted the Surveyors be informed that the Newcastle Surveyors have been communicated with, and it appears that ^{in the cases of the Africa Star & Stuart Star,} these ventilating holes were cut without reference to them, 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 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 Rule 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 Glasgow Surveyors should confer with the Repairers with a view to this being done.

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.

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