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H.M.S. "CARDIFF"

We recently received from Captain B.N. Wilson, R.N., Commander of H.M.S. "CARDIFF", a copy of a letter he had written to Captain Birrell of the "CARDIFF CITY", when both vessels were in the Tyne a short while ago. Apparently, Captain Wilson contacted the "CARDIFF CITY" on the day H.M.S. "CARDIFF" sailed from the Tyne and he said "your presence helped add to the sense of occasion". Captain Wilson went on to say that "as the first H.M.S. "CARDIFF" for over thirty years and only the third overall, I am most keen to establish close links with the City of Cardiff and related bodies; particularly the Merchant Navy."

The "CARDIFF CITY" was presented with a Crest to display on board as a token of regard from H.M.S. "CARDIFF", together with their publicity booklet and a short history of its predecessors. Our Chairman has written to Captain Wilson expressing his pleasure at the association and has asked for a copy of the short history to be sent to Head Office for circulation.

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STAFF NEWS

OBITUARY: On looking through Newsletters of the past few months, it has come to our notice that we omitted to include a tribute to the late Mr. Jack Partington. We sincerely apologise to Mrs. Partington and her family for this omission, which we hasten to correct in this issue.

Mr. Partington passed away in May last, having joined the Company in December 1950. He served on many of our vessels as Chief Engineer until his retirement in March 1967. His passing was quite sudden and our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Partington and her family, endorsing the sentiments expressed to them last May from the Office.

MR. PEEBLES: Our sincere condolences are also extended to Mrs. Peebles and family on the death of Mr. Jack Peebles. Mr. Peebles joined the Company in 1947 as a Cook and served the Company for a total of over twenty years during his career. He retired in December 1976 and has suffered a long illness since that date until his passing on 27th September.

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NEWCOMERS: We extend a warm welcome to Miss Susan Evans, who is a Purchasing Clerk, Head Office, on joining the Company.

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INDISPOSED: We are pleased to report that Mr. Bill Roberts (Messenger - Head Office) is now at home and progressing well.

Miss Helen James (Shorthand Typist, Reardon Smith Management Department) has recently been in hospital, but we are pleased to say she is now at home, making good progress and should be back with us shortly.

Mr. John Louden, (Purchasing Superintendent) is also not well at present. He is at home and will be away from the office for several weeks.

Mr. Len Perry (Purchasing Department) is still at home.

We send our best wishes to Captain W.J. Cross, who is at present in hospital.

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CERTIFICATE SUCCESSES: We congratulate the following on their success:-

Mr. Nick Knight (Accounts Department, Head Office) - Part II Chartered Shipbrokers' Examination - Associateship.
Mr. Graham Johnson (-do-) - Part I Chartered Shipbrokers' Examination - Associateship
J.C. Pagler - Class 2 (First Mate's) A. Thomson - Class 2 (First Mate's)

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MARRIAGES: Our congratulations are extended to Mr. David Annetts (Personnel Department, Head Office) on his marriage on 6th October at Llantwit Major.

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CHRISTMAS MAIL

PLEASE POST EARLY! to avoid the disappointment of eagerly awaited Christmas cards and parcels not being received in time for Christmas. However, we would stress that we are unfortunately UNABLE to accept parcels, tapes and large cards for onward despatch to ships. If you wish to send packages of this nature, please telephone CARDIFF 28077 (Ext.48), when we shall be pleased to supply forwarding addresses if they are available. Please do not delay - there are only nine weeks to Christmas!

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SATELLITE NAVIGATOR

Masters and Navigating Officers will be pleased to read that orders have been placed with Magnavox Limited for their "Sat.Nav" Type 1142 to be supplied and fitted on all R.S.L. vessels. This equipment will meet the U.S. Coastguard requirements for an "Electronic Position Fixing Device" to be fitted on all vessels over 10,000 G.R.T. trading in U.S. waters after 1st June 1980. It will also mean worldwide twentyfour hour "all weather" accurate position information. Evaluation tests carried out on the m.v. "CARDIFF CITY" and m.v. "VICTORIA CITY" have given satisfactory results.

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COMPANY DISCIPLINARY PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES

Copies of the above booklet are being forwarded to each seagoing member of staff by the end of this month. The booklet deals with the subject of discipline, in line with the new arrangements which came into force on U.K. Federated Registered vessels on 1st January 1979. The terms also apply to seafarers serving on foreign flag vessels which come within the Manning Agreement of the General Council of British Shipping. Our foreign flag management vessels are manned under this latter Agreement. Copies of the Code of Conduct should already be in the possession of each seafarer. The Procedures, which have been agreed by the respective Unions, together with the Code of Conduct, form part of a seafarer's terms of employment with this Company. Should any member of our seagoing staff not have received a copy by the middle of November, then kindly contact the Personnel Department, when a further copy will be forwarded directly to them.

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BRAIN TEASER

1. A girl lives in a town named after a month.
2. She was Christened the name of the following month
3. Her mother has the same Christian name as the next month
4. Her sister has the same Christian name as the following month
5. And the girl was born sometime during the month after

What are the months in question. To give you a guide, there are five months.

(Answers in next issue).

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HOW TRUE!

The following is an extract from a speech made by Clarence Francis, Chairman of General Foods of America, and it was thought readers might be interested:

You can buy a man's time; you can buy a man's physical presence at a given place; you can buy a measured number of skilled muscular actions per hour a day; but you cannot buy enthusiasm; you cannot buy initiative - you cannot buy loyalty; you cannot buy the devotion of heart, mind and soul - you have to earn these things.

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IS THIS THE WAY IT IS?

Attached is an extract from an article which appeared in an American publication - "The Business of Shipping", by Lance C. Kendall. Captain J. Cann of the "BIBI" sent this to us and, to quote Captain Cann "I was most impressed by the paragraphs contained in the introduction. This seems to be our business summed up in a nutshell.I wondered if its inclusion in the Newsletter might stimulate some interest and prompt some replies and criticism from the seagoing fraternity. Even the Shore-side is not without mention!. Many thanks, Captain Cann. (Ed).

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LATE NEWS: We have just heard that Commodore J.D. Lloyd (Retired) has suffered an accident in which he fractured his thigh. He is at present in Cardigan Hospital, Cardigan (Dyfed), where he is likely to remain for the next six weeks, on traction. We send our best wishes to Commodore Lloyd and trust he continues to make good progress.

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SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 19th October, 1979.

- m.v. "CARDIFF CITY" This vessel completed discharge ex BS.106 at Brake, 0700 19th October and delivered under Time Charter account M.T.O. 0800 19th October for a trip via port or ports redelivery passing Muscat outbound. Vessel sailed Brake 0815 19th October and arrived Bremen 1038 same day. The intention is to load Bremen and Newcastle for Houston, Baltimore, Suez, Dammam, Bahrain and Basrah.
- m.v. "DEVON CITY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Safmarine, arrived Cristobal 0900 17th October and is expected to commence transit of the Panama Canal 0300 18th. She proceeds to Los Angeles, ETA 30th October, thence Portland, Vancouver, Ketchikan, Vancouver, Eureka and Long Beach prior to returning to South Africa via the Panama Canal.
- m.v. "FRESNO CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Cast, this vessel sailed Antwerp 5th October, arrived Port Said 2030 15th, sailed Suez 16th, arrived Jeddah 18th with probable sailing 19/20th October for Sharjah, Dammam and Basrah. On completion Basrah, next business has not yet been decided. Probability being she will proceed towards South Africa.
- m.v. "NEW WESTMINSTER CITY" Operating under Time Charter account M.T.O., sailed Venice 13th October having lifted 23655.984 metric tons Steel Bars and Generals for discharge Umm Qasr. Vessel sailed Suez 18th October giving ETA Umm Qasr 27th, where we understand it is anticipated berthing delay of about one month is to be expected, with possibly two weeks discharge, thereafter. Vessel redelivers passing Muscat outbound around 10th December.
- m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" Operating under Time Charter account I.V.S., sailed Durban 12th October having lifted 9479 tons Pig Iron/6124.29 tons Granite and 7999 tons Maize for discharge Cherbourg, Rotterdam and Brake. ETA Cherbourg 31st October/1st November, with probable redelivery Brake around 10th November.
- m.v. "PRINCE RUPERT CITY" Presently discharging a cargo of Grain at Glasgow, is scheduled to sail Monday 22nd October for Flushing for drydocking and repairs. On completion drydocking and repairs, around 5th November, vessel has been nominated to operate on Steel Service ST.74, loading at Middlesbrough and Antwerp for discharge Long Beach, Oakland, Portland and New Westminster. On completion discharge of Steel, vessel operates under Berth Service BS.110, loading at Crofton and Vancouver B.C., for discharge Dublin, Tilbury and Rotterdam.
- m.v. "TACOMA CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Cast, sailed Port Elizabeth 0600 18th October having lifted 22257 metric tons Manganese Ore for discharge Sauda (Norway). We would anticipate vessel arriving Sauda around 8th November with probable completion 15th, thereafter her next business has not yet been finalised.

m.v. "VICTORIA CITY" Operating under Steel Service ST.73, sailed Antwerp 5th October having aboard 16524 metric tons Steel for discharge Long Beach, Oakland, Portland and New Westminster. Vessel is expected to transit the Panama Canal around 21st with probable arrival Long Beach 30th October. On completion discharge at New Westminster, vessel operates under Berth Service BS.109, present intention being to load New Westminster, Eureka, Coos Bay, Crofton and Vancouver BC for discharge London, Boulogne, Rotterdam and Brake.

m.v. "WELSH CITY" Sailed Houston 13th October having lifted 50010 tons Wheat plus 3043 tons Corn for Germany. She has been ordered to discharge Hamburg where we would anticipate her arrival around 27th with probable completion 1/5th November, thereafter her next business has not yet been decided.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel sailed Liverpool 2200 18th October for Vera Cruz giving ETA am 1st November. She is scheduled to discharge Vera Cruz, thereafter loading Vera Cruz, Tampico, and Coatzacoalcos for discharge Rotterdam, Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg, Le Havre and possibly Liverpool.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel is scheduled to sail Guaymas 20th October for Acapulco, Manzanillo, San Jose, Acajutla, possibly Corinto, Manzanillo, Guaymas, San Carlos and Ensenada, with completion Ensenada around 1st December.

m.v. "JOSEFA" Vessel arrived Mobile 18th October and is scheduled to sail 20th for New Orleans, Le Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Bremen and Hamburg. On completion discharge Hamburg, possibly around 12th November, vessel is scheduled for engine repairs.

m.v. "MARIA ELISA" This vessel is expected to sail Genoa pm 24th October for Marseilles, Barcelona and Vera Cruz. On completion discharge Vera Cruz, vessel loads Tampico, Coatzacoalcos, Mobile and Morehead City for Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Marseilles and Barcelona. It is expected to complete Barcelona somewhere around 12th January, prior to proceeding outbound for Vera Cruz.

m.v. "SAMIA" This vessel arrived Vera Cruz 16th October and is scheduled to sail 22nd for Tampico and Coatzacoalcos prior to returning to Continental ports, i.e. Rotterdam, Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg, Liverpool and Le Havre, possibly completes Le Havre around 28th November on which basis we would look for her arrival Vera Cruz around 12th December.

m.v. "SARA LUPE" Vessel is scheduled to sail Vera Cruz 20th October for Tampico thence Coatzacoalcos, Mobile and Morehead City for Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Marseilles and Barcelona. Expected completion Barcelona around 12th December, thereafter proceeds outbound for Vera Cruz.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel, operating under Far Eastern Service, is expected to sail Busan around 20th October for Nagoya, Yokosuka, Yokohama and Kobe, thence outbound for Manzanillo, Acapulco, Amapala, Acajutla and San Jose. Vessel should clear Japan around 27th October giving ETA Morehead City around 10th November. Probable completion 23rd November.

VESSEL	CARDIFF CITY	DEVON CITY	FRESNO CITY	NEW WESTMINSTER CITY
Master	J.J.Birrell	A.D.Lightfoot	R.L.Crawford	K.B.Whitting
Chief Officer	T.Haxell	A.M.W.Mitchell	A.P.Jaggers	M.C.Ingram
Second "	T.L.Lawrence	J.B.Pritchard	A.Thomson	E.Bingley
Third "	C.A.Prescott	N.Budden(Mobil)	P.C.Harding	P.A.C.Pullen
Radio "	J.A.Heslop	V.F.Cullen	D.C.Short	D.P.Bidmead
Chief Engineer	E.R.Morgan	L.M.Williamson	J.Cormack	E.M.Draper
Second "	M.Murrell	H.C.Convery	K.Turward	D.P.Wood
Third "	M.B.Perrott	K.D.Aust	J.E.Spiller	A.G.Vincent
Fourth "	W.A.Stone	A.D.Cowling	W.J.Lait	D.B.Evans
Junior "	K.J.Ayres J/4	J.Rettalick	C.J.Brown	T.P.Young
Junior "	R.B.Hodgson	P.H.Munro	K.Wiltshire	J.A.Akhurst
Electrician	P.D.Kyle	E.M.Bennington	F.Chadburn	K.Baines
Catering Off.	D.Gowsell	L.Hayward	R.C.White	P.F.Akers
Gadets	M.J.Titley	H.D.McLundie	C.M.Kirton	R.W.Eacott
	P.Borley	M.Cox	D.W.Gorman	R.E.Parsons
		J.D.Bateman		A.M.Francis

VESSEL	PORT ALBERNI CITY	PRINCE RUPERT CITY	TACOMA CITY	WELSH CITY
Master	P.J.Boroughs	J.J.Kalnins	T.W.D.John	G.S.Garlick
Chief Officer	D.H.Aubrey	R.P.Graham	D.J.A.Nicholl	I.Woolard
Second "	S.J.Godding	J.C.Pagler	M.F.Marco	P.C.Coles
Third "	A.G.Baxter	P.D.Godd	A.Williamson	M.Sealey
Radio "	M.Wilkinson	W.P.Cameron	G.P.S.Watts	N.C.Sanders
Chief Engineer	R.M.Paddock	P.W.Evans	D.R.Inglis	R.J.Trigg
Second "	P.H.Evans	R.U.Bell	P.R.Bryant	T.Graham-Russell
Third "	I.S.Exton	R.C.Butcher	A.C.Coombs	J.H.Davies
Fourth "	E.Ashton	R.C.Wells	R.M.Stead	D.J.Coombes
Junior "	M.Taylor	M.Morgan	S.D.Barron	D.C.Davies
Junior "	J.J.Jones	W.H.Stewart(Mobil)	D.A.Hayden	T.C.Landsell
Electrician	W.R.Hebblethwaite(Mobil)			R.A.James
Catering Off.	J.F.Bowman	P.Willmott	D.E.Rees	F.Bean
Gadets	J.Buckmaster	N.H.Frost	J.Bonner	G.R.Pasmore
	S.F.Broderick	D.T.Shorthouse	M.R.Preece	C.E.Broad
	P.A.Vaughan	M.S.Duke	C.C.Everett	L.P.Jasper
		A.J.F.Tuck	R.J.Taylor	N.J.Millward
		H.D.Murray(Mobil)	A.P.Miller	R.L.Manson
		Z.Chodzko-Zajko (Mobil)		

VESSEL	VICTORIA CITY	AMPARO	SAMIA	JOSEFA
Master	O.J.T.Lindsay	R.Skinner	W.D.Jones	J.C.Lee
Chief Officer	P.P.Lewis	D.C.Toon	R.T.Alford	E.J.Dunk
Second "	J.Henderson	N.Davies	J.P.Andrews	M.J.Clarke
Third "	P.A.Bullard	W.E.Summers	H.D.Johnson	G.R.Garland
Radio "	D.S.H.Thomson	J.R.Mathews	R.C.Chugg	P.Bradley
Radio "	W.E.Davies(Jnr)			
Chief Engineer	D.J.Jennings	D.N.Amey	M.McQueen	J.Scott
Second "	D.G.Wedlake	A.Edwards	J.King	C.J.Burton
Third "	R.M.B.Jenkins	N.G.Whitby	C.E.Stevenson	C.C.French
Fourth "	K.R.Warner	M.G.Evans	D.Caffyn	D.E.Wright
Junior "	P.N.McCormick	P.M.Deschamps	D.Wright	K.J.O'Brien
Junior "	M.G.Hardy	G.Biggins	G.Tucker	
Electrician	I.Hughes	P.Tyerman	J.P.Crawford	B.R.Batey
Catering Off.	P.J.Keogh	D.R.Hartshorne	R.G.Moylon	S.P.Smith
Gadets	A.D.Lott(Mobil)		M.Richards	
	P.Martin		S.F.Lowry	
	M.R.Hart		S.J.Voss	
	J.A.Thomas		P.G.Connick	
	G.A.Brooks			

VESSEL	MARIA ELISA	SARA LUPE	BIBI	SILVIA SOFIA
Master	D.L.Bell	D.B.Jack	J.Cann	D.C.Griffith-Jones
Chief Officer	K.Jones	R.E.Baker	W.C.Wood	M.J.Bellamy
Second "	S.R.Breedon	N.R.Jackman	C.Swindells	P.C.Roberts
Third "	M.R.Lovibond	J.C.Neale	A.P.Morris	A.Tay
Radio "	R.J.Preece	E.A.Willocks	B.B.Everett	D.R.Wilkinson
Chief Engineers	R.Chambers	G.N.Trott	J.Fitzsimmons	G.Hughes
Second "	M.J.Yates	D.P.Jones	G.J.Griffiths	J.Foots
Third "	T.E.J.Sperrin	D.A.Roberts	A.Doubler	W.R.Shannon
Fourth "	M.G.Smith	A.Price	S.C.Ward	D.C.Pulley
Junior "	P.L.Mahoney	K.D.Hill	J.W.Cable	C.G.Fletcher
Junior "	A.Hamilton	D.T.Owen	P.J.Cole	M.Jones
Electrician	D.D.Smale	T.Willoughby	D.G.Grant	J.A.Grainger
Catering Off.	D.D.Hill	R.G.Pierce	L.Slawinski	F.W.Lever
Cadets	M.P.Spurrell	J.C.Brown	B.F.Collings	N.Boyce
	G.J.Provis	A.R.Redman	P.R.Cook	R.A.Hall
	S.A.Hembury	M.Tully		
	C.Taylor	J.Cox		
	D.J.F.Carter	J.G.Townsend		

Below are listed Officers at home on voyage leave as at 22.10.79. Every endeavour is made to ensure that the list is as accurate as possible at the time of printing.

Masters:	J.S.Murray, T.R.McNulty, J.Vaughan, M.E.Jones, B.A.G.Boyer, T.Lawson, R.K.Stuart, L.R.Staines, A.L.G.Gosset, M.C.Hurst, J.Porteous, R.A.H.Vanner.
Chief Officers:	I.C.Stutt, I.R.Boulton, J.S.Pearsall, J.R.Thomas, R.V.Duncan, T.J.Hunter, P.M.Baverstock, M.W.Slayman, J.E.S.York, S.P.Gorford, K.Milburn.
Second Officers:	I.M.Stewart, A.A.Field, W.P.Barnes, A.L.Bruce-Smith, N.Jerrum, T.A.Price, A.Abel, J.R.Ashley, A.C.Prosser, R.C.Hayton, P.R.Manning, P.J.Godding, I.Cowan.
Third Officers:	P.M.Bates, G.P.Eyles, J.J.Moore, R.I.Gillingham, R.K.Villars, T.J.Fuller, T.J.Ward, R.J.Elliott, I.C.Miller, J.M.Smith, G.M.Kivell, T.H.Jowett.
Chief Engineers:	D.Harrison, J.C.Cullen, R.Ellison, D.N.Henry, N.B.Shilstone, M.G.Seaman, W.Gill, H.L.Fletcher, G.J.H.McBride, D.Archbold, M.E.Rayner, G.M.Cuthbertson, L.G.I.Taylor.
Second Engineers:	J.N.Haugh, K.Rowney, K.D.Morgan, M.R.Green, N.Nesbitt, G.J.Morris, R.E.Diamond, D.E.Horne, W.A.Bruce, T.J.Newell, J.B.Hocking, G.D.Morgan, R.A.Rees.
Third Engineers:	D.C.Lewis, M.Causer, R.E.Russell, A.J.Budge, W.H.Tucker, A.Hobin, T.E.J.Sperrin, J.L.Magill, R.Thomas, K.A.Velda, R.Taylor.
Fourth Engineers:	S.R.W.Jenkins, G.C.Waters, A.J.White, G.Gaywood, B.J.Pexton, R.H.Moore, A.M.Baxter.
Junior Engineers:	R.H.Reed, A.Keast, B.C.Wappler, R.Brown, M.I.Hurst, N.C.Williams, S.G.Morris, A.P.Brandram-Jones, C.R.Brennan, D.J.Jarvis, P.Price, S.H.Hocking, G.R.Evans, K.R.Tonks, W.N.Crossley, D.S.Sheppard, J.R.Sampson, J.E.Richardson.
Electricians:	D.G.Jarvis, D.Osborne, D.A.Williams, J.Fernandez, G.Shaddock, N.J.Doyle, J.T.Lorraine, K.W.B.Hampton.
Catering Off.	A.A.Gouldie, A.P.Hughes, D.Kelly, L.R.Seabrooke, C.J.Harrhy, P.D.Smith, A.H.Fox, P.P.Delaney, R.A.Peach, J.A.Patrick, L.B.Surrey.
Radio Officers:	S.G.W.Whitmore, P.D.Hartwell, R.H.Smith, M.W.Savory, B.J.Carter, P.J.Barker, K.H.Sellar, R.G.Miller, W.P.Budden, E.C.Bromham, G.L.Gorford, R.W.McInnes.

Officers on sick or study leave as at 22.10.79:- W.J.Cross, D.L.C.Jones, I.A.Smith, W.M.Powell, D.E.Simons, P.D.Slade, P.John, K.W.Newton, C.Rees, P.G.Stoker, G.J.Lyons, E.W.Walmsley, G.D.Evans, I.F.Bullock, J.W.Gurton, D.P.Kirley, M.L.Frazer, B.T.Hernaman, K.J.Cribbin, K.T.O'Higgins, D.H.Smith, A.K.Smith, B.L.Ahern, S.J.Staines, G.F.Smith, C.G.Macey, E.L.Lloyd, P.J.Prendergast, P.J.Walker, K.R.Negele, G.R.J.Faulkner, C.L.Taylor, J.M.A.Clark, R.Godsall.

Cadets at home on voyage leave, study leave or sick leave as at 22.10.79:- D.B.Williams, G.Sharp, R.Johnson, G.Railton, D.A.Littler, J.L.Cotton, J.S.Gore, T.D.Bennett, S.J.Laws, R.Hughes-Jenkins, J.J.Hudson, M.R.Dunstall, R.W.Price, R.W.Davies, R.A.Holloway, E.J.Naughton, A.M.Russell, C.K.Lee, P.C.Weychan, M.A.Evans, M.S.Morgan, J.M.Vincent, G.D.Randell, D.J.Knox, T.A.Savage, M.Williamson, M.J.C.Lockwood, M.P.Owens, M.P.Henry, G.J.McKenzie, P.D.Cocker, S.C.Paskell, I.J.Thomas, T.J.Ward, M.I.V.Holman, S.Rawlings, S.N.Beckett, M.J.Hopewell, W.P.Heyman, N.G.Herod, C.D.Broughton, P.Collins, A.R.Parker, C.B.C.Jones, D.R.James, W.E.Wilkins, M.G.Adams, J.C.Thomas, A.J.Salter, M.R.Penny, I.J.Morgan, D.R.Aldus, M.J.Cummins, J.M.Coleman.

"IS THIS THE WAY IT IS ?"

Today, approximately 20,000 ships of ocean-going size ply the sea routes. There are no seas that have not been traversed and there are no shores untouched, there is no time of day or night when scores of ships are not pushing their toilsome way across the broad expanses of the oceans. There is, likewise, no hour when someone ashore is not concerning himself with the welfare of the ships at sea. The need to find cargoes and passengers, the necessity for providing berthing space and representatives to assure that the ship is attended promptly or supplied with fuel, stores and water, the endless search for crew members to replace those unavoidable casualties of the sea, and the problems of repairing damage suffered in the course of sea travel - these requirements are the responsibility of the Owners, Managers and Agents of commercial vessels.

The business of shipping, then, is a world encircling enterprise whose devotees must have a vast knowledge of matters great and small, an enthusiasm for adventure even when it is vicarious and experienced through the medium of telegrams and letters, and a breadth of vision that stretches beyond the horizons of the seas. It is a world removed in some degree from the ordinary routines of commerce, for each ship becomes a personality, each voyage a separate undertaking, each day a time of challenge, each event in far off lands of possible significance in the movement of the ships across the waters. No other human activity is so important to so many people, and no other enterprise is so subject to conditions over which it has no control. To those whose lives are engaged in the ramified operations of shipping, it is the most rewarding of business ventures because there is the awareness that without ships, life would lack much of its variety and vitality.

In the men who heed the call of the sea, who face the rigors of a life in constant conflict with the great forces of nature, who find the romance of far-off places not just across the horizons but also in the bales and boxes, the "black gold" pumped into vast tanks, and the people who travel from land to land, there is a peculiar and deep satisfaction. Their lives, anonymous though they may be to the world, are devoted to the service of their fellows, to making the world better, to creating new ideas, and to binding together the affairs of humanity. These men, the professionals who find true happiness only when they are "off soundings", away from the humdrum of life ashore, represent a special breed of heroic stature who ridicule any notion of romance and laugh at the

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sweet words of the poet who writes of far places and entrancing shores. They complain that they never have a chance to make friends ashore, but return voyage after voyage to the irresistible ships and the lure of the unknown beyond the horizon. They serve and that is their reason for living.



Taken from "The Business of Shipping" by Lance C. Kendall.