

# newsletter



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## NOTE FOR THE "STAMP BUGS"

The 1981 Stamp Bug Calendar has just been issued by the Post Office and we give below the dates on which new issues of stamps will be made during the year.

6th February	-	Folklore
25th March	-	International Year of the Disabled
13th May	-	Butterflies
24th June	-	National Trusts
12th August	-	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
23rd September	-	Fishing
18th November	-	Christmas

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## STAFF NEWS

### OBITUARY:

### CAPTAIN C.E. EXTON

It is with regret that we report the passing on 20th December 1980 of Captain C.E. Exton, one of our retired Masters. He joined the Company in January 1922 and was promoted to Master in April 1943, reverting to Chief Officer between 1946 and 1949 when there were more senior Masters available. He was promoted to Master again in June 1949. In about 1930, Captain Exton sailed as an A.B. with another company until 1936, when he re-joined Reardon Smith Line.

Captain Exton, during his long career with the Company (39 years in total), had an eventful period of war service. In March 1941, when Chief Officer of the "TACOMA CITY", the vessel was sunk by a mine in the Mersey. Captain Exton lived in Liverpool and if one had to be involved in such an incident, he probably felt it was a good place from his point of view. Not long after this incident, he joined the ex-French steamer being managed by Sir William Reardon Smith, the "ENSEIGNE MARIE SAINT-GERMAINE". A rather glorious name for not such an exciting vessel, engaged exclusively at the time, carrying coal from North East Coast ports to the power stations on the London River.

Braving E-Boat Alley, as it was called, with the additional hazards of mines and aircraft attack was probably the period at sea Captain Exton would remember most. The vessel was mined, suffered many a torpedo attack from E-Boats and once actually carried a bomb into port on her foredeck, which had failed to go off in a direct hit from an aircraft.

In peace-time, Captain Exton was Master of many of the Company's vessels and he retired in 1966, having given many years of loyal and devoted service to the Company. Captain Exton's son, Ian, is serving with us as a Third Engineer and to Mrs. Exton and her family we extend our sincere sympathy at this sad time.

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BIRTHS: We send our congratulations to Captain and Mrs. K. Milburn on the birth of a son on 22nd December 1980. We understand both mother and baby are well and Captain Milburn is now at home from the "TACOMA CITY".

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INDISPOSED: Mr. R.S. Burston, our Purchasing Director, is at present in hospital for a minor operation. We send our best wishes to him for a good recovery.

By the time the Newsletter is despatched, Captain Lemon also, will be in hospital for a minor operation and we wish him well, too, at this time. We look forward to seeing both Directors back with us within a short time.

RECOVERED: We are pleased to report that Captain M.G.B. Thomas is back with us in the office; also Miss Jayne Proctor, Head Office Telephonist, after their time in hospital.

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NEW STAFF: We welcome Mr. Nigel Deeley (Purchasing Department) and Mr. Victor Davies (Chauffeur) to the Head Office Staff and trust that their service with us will be happy.

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EXAMINATION SUCCESSES: Congratulations to the following on obtaining their Certificates:-

D.G. Wedlake	-	1st Class Motor	K.R. Negele	-	2nd Class Motor
M.L. Fraser	-	Class 2 Deck.			

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#### THANKS

The Telephonists at Head Office would like to thank the Master and Officers of the m.v. "JOSEFA" for the beautiful bouquet of flowers which were sent to them at New Year. This gave them so much pleasure and they were touched by the kind thought.

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#### DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Our thanks to Captain Milburn and Officers of the "TACOMA CITY" for their donations to the following Charities, which are much appreciated.

R.N.L.I.	-	£64.	Sailors' Children's Society, Hull	-	£68.
Royal Alfred's Seafarers Society	-	Banstead			£10.

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In order to improve communication between R.S.L., Sir William Reardon Smith and Sons Limited (the Management Company) and T.M.M. and their vessels engaged on the Liner Services, it was agreed towards the end of last year, to appoint a Port Captain to T.M.M.'s Head Office in Mexico City. Captain R.I. Crawford was given this appointment and his duties will include ship visits and the co-ordination of the R.S.L./T.M.M. vessels. He will be in Mexico for a minimum of twelve months.

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A TOUCH OF THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"  
(or should we say "Leonard Sachs?")

We are grateful to Captain McNulty of the "PORT ALBERNI CITY" for the following which was seen on a ship's notice board:-

CAPTAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

During the forthcoming clement period, your hearing organs will be assailed by a raucous cacophony of sound. This discordant staccato will be caused by pneumatically operated concussive de-scaling devices, employed in removing the pustules of reddish-brown iron oxide which have formed upon various horizontal portions of the vessel, in close proximity to the environmental section. These blemishes to the areas involved cause not only the plane to become asymmetrical, but also cause inherent corrosion, thereby weakening the structural integrity of the aforesaid members and, if left for a further sustained period, will cause an intaglio effect to the surfaces in question; thus spoiling their aesthetic properties.

We would, in advance, offer our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by the decimation of the present tranquility and assure all of our solicitous concern in this matter. Furthermore, it is fervently hoped that our sustained syncopation does not disrupt the somnolence of too many. Your indulgence, amiability and perseverance are requested during this trying time.

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A true test of spelling - now! please read on.....

ATTENTION YOU LOT

When this lousey weather improved, I'm going to have the great gobs of rust on the decks outside bashed off with windy hammers, as they look b----- awful. There will be a hell of a row. I don't care who's kip it disturbs; who doesn't like the noise; who's got a headache, so do not bring your b----- belly-aching to me, as I don't give a b----- about the din.

Hard luck.

The Mate.

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"KING GEORGE'S FUND FOR SAILORS"

We have received a letter from the above asking for assistance concerning the distribution of information about the Fund. Attached to the Newsletter are some notes describing the operation of the King George's Fund for Sailors and any donations or Covenants would be much appreciated.

Attachments to Newsletter.

News from GCBS 1/81 - LET THE SEAMEN DECIDE.

GCBS News Release - SEAMEN'S STRIKE - 19th January 1981.

Visit to a Diamond Mine in South Africa. Our thanks to Mrs. Joyce Johnson, Secretary in London Office, for this interesting contribution, which we are sure readers will enjoy.

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N.M.B. NEGOTIATIONS - OFFICERS

The following Press Notice was issued by the National Maritime Board on 16th January 1981.

At a resumed meeting of the Joint Officers' Panels of the National Maritime Board held today, Friday, 16th January 1981, The General Council of British Shipping (on behalf of the shipping companies) made an alternative offer to the Officers' Union, represented by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the Mercantile Marine Service Association, the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association and the Radio and Electronic Officers' Union.

The Employers offered to increase pay by way of a supplement on earnings of 10% and to increase the leave of Masters and Officers by 5 days to 132 days within the year with effect from 1st January 1981.

Both sides agreed to continue discussions at a future meeting to be arranged.

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BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL, B.C.

The "PORT ALBERNI CITY" recently visited Beaver Creek School, Port Alberni, B.C. and the Master, Captain McNulty and Chief Engineer Mr. Chambers have sent in an account of this visit. It is nice to think that the School takes an interest in our Company and our thanks and appreciation to Captain McNulty and Mr. Chambers for their interesting reports, which are attached to the Newsletter this month.

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VESSEL	CARDIFF CITY	DEVON CITY	FRESNO CITY	NEW WESTMINSTER CITY
Master	J.J. Kalnins	B.A.G. Boyer	L.R. Staines	J.C. Lee
Chief Officer	A.M.W. Mitchell	B.T. Hernaman	A.P. Jagers	B.R. Hopper
Second Officer	A.K. Smith	M.L. Fraser	T.J. Fuller	N. Davies
Third Officer	M.R. Sealey	P.D. Codd	J.C. Neale	S.J. Lowry
Radio Officer	W.P. Budden	R.J. Preece	R.H. Smith	E.G. Bromham
Chief Engineer	L.M. Williamson	D.N. Henry	G. Cuthbertson	L.G.I. Taylor
Second Engineer	J.B. Hocking	H.C. Convery	P.R. Bryant	P.J. Prendergast
Third Engineer	R.H. Moore	A.G. Vincent	I.S. Exton	R.C. Butcher
Fourth Engineer	A.M. Baxter	D.J. Coombes	H.D. McLundie	N.C. Williams
Fourth Engineer	M.G. Evans	K.R. Negele		A. Keast
Electrician	J.P. Crawford	P. Tyerman	D.E. Rees	J.F. Bowman
Catering Officer	R.G. Moylon	L. Hayward	N. Frost	J. Bonner
Cadets	E.V. Neale	T.D. Bennett	P.R. Cook	A.M. Russell
	A.P. Wilson		A.M. Baker	W.E. Wilkins
			S.G. Bratton	D.R. Aldus
			P. Collins	A.R. Parker
Junior Engineer			D.R. James	
Junior Engineer			M.J.C. Lockwood	
			P.A. Stewart	

VESSEL	PORT ALBERNI CITY	PRINCE RUPERT CITY	TACOMA CITY	VICTORIA CITY
Master	J. Vaughan	D.B. Jack	J. Porteous	D.L. Bell
Chief Officer	K. Jones	A.A. Field	I. Woollard	D.C. Toon
Second Officer	J.M. Smith	P.A. Bullard	A. Thomson	J.C. Piager
Third Officer	C.P. Eyles	C.A. Prescott	A. Abel	A. Williamson
Radio Officer	I.F. Bullock	R.G. Miller	D. Bidmead	W.P. Cameron
Chief Engineer	D. Archbold	J. Cormack	J. Scott	B.M. Draper
Second Engineer	K.D. Morgan	W.M. Powell	J. Foots	R.U. Bell
Third Engineer	P. John	R.M. Stead	A. Doubler	G.E. Ashton
Fourth Engineer	S.G. Morris	W.A. Stone	G.L. Taylor	K.R. Tonks
Fourth Engineer	K.R. Warner	D.A. Hayden	D.C. Pulley	C.R. Brennan
Electrician	D. Osborne	B. Batey	G.N. Witt	A. Bevan
Catering Officer	D.R. Hartshorne	L.B. Surrey	L. Seabrooke	J. Buckmaster
Cadets	M. Cox	R. Hughes-Jenkins	M.J. Cummins	N. Boyce
	P.A. Vaughan	R.J. Taylor	C.B.C. Jones	R.W. Eacott
	R.A. Hall	R. Johnson	A.J. Salter	I.J. Morgan
	P.C. Weychan	D.A. Littler		
Junior Engineer				N.C. Morgan

VESSEL	WELSH CITY	AMPARO	SAMIA	JOSEFA
Master	O.J.T. Lindsay	R.K. Stuart	G.S. Garlick	M.C. Hurst
Chief Officer	I.C. Stutt	K.J. Cribbin	M.W. Slayman	T. Haxell
Second Officer	D.P. Kirley	P.C. Roberts	N. Jerrum	P.C. Harding
Third Officer	R.K. Villars	R.W. Davies	I.C. Miller	M.R. Lovibond
Radio Officer	N.C. Sanders	M.W. Savory	G.P.S. Watts	P. Bradley
Chief Engineer	R.J. Trigg	P.W. Evans	E.R. Morgan	R.M. Paddock
Second Engineer	C.J. Burton	T. Graham-Russell	D.G. Wedlake	M.R. Green
Third Engineer	J.H. Davies	R.M.B. Jenkins	K.A. Velda	D.C. Lewis
Fourth Engineer	D.B. Evans	A.J.F. Tuck	T.E.J. Sperrin 3/E	R. Godsall
Fourth Engineer	M.J. Hugill		E.L. Lloyd	
Fourth Engineer	P.W. Knibbs			
Electrician	D.G. Grant	J.T. Lorraine	K.F. Bean	T. Willoughby
Electrician		N. Padfield		
Catering Officer	R.G. Pierce	J. Patrick	P.D. Smith	P.J. Keogh
Cadets	P.G. Connick	J.M. Coleman	D.P. Stephens	
	G.P. Jones	E.J. Naughton	K.P. Deacon	
		R.G. Crozier	P. Ellmes	
		M.G. Shaw		
Junior Engineer		M.P. Owens	D.T. James	J. Retallick

VESSEL	BIBI	SILVIA SOFIA
Master	A.D. Lightfoot	W.D. Jones
Chief Officer	R.E. Baker	D.H. Aubrey
Second Officer	T.H. Jowett	E. Walmsley
Third Officer	J.J. Moore	M.A. Evans
Radio Officer	D.C. Short	D.S. Thomson
Chief Engineer	D.N. Amey	W. Gill
Second Engineer	W.R. Shannon	P.D. Slade
Third Engineer	D.E. Simmons	R. Thomas
Fourth Engineer	C.J. Brown	S.J. Staines
Fourth Engineer	M.G. Smith	M.S. Duke J/E
Junior Engineer		J.A. Akhurst
Electrician	J.A. Grainger	K. Baines
Catering Officer	R.A. Peach	R.G. White
Cadets	J.C. Thomas	R. Eastham
	B.F. Collings	M.A. Ryan
	M.P. Spurrell	

Below are listed Officers at home on voyage leave as at 31.1.81 : Every endeavour is made to ensure that the list is as accurate as possible at the time of printing.

Masters:	A.L.G. Gossett, R.A.H. Vanner, J.J. Birrell, R.E. Skinner, M.J. Bellamy, J.S. Pearsall, M.E. Jones, T.R. McNulty, K. Milburn, P.J. Boroughs.
Chief Officers:	P.M. Baverstock, R.V. Duncan, J.R. Ashley, T.J. Hunter, J.S. Murray, J.E.S. York, R.T. Alford, W.G. Wood.
Second Officers:	J.P. Andrews, P.P. Lewis, M.J. Clarke, C. Swindells, T.L. Lawrence.
Third Officers:	G.M. Kivell, I. Cowan, J.C. Brown, A.C. Prosser, G. Faulkener, A.P. Morris
Chief Engineers:	D. Harrison, M.E. Rayner, J. Fitzsimmons, G. Hughes, N.B. Shilstone, H.L. Fletcher, M.G. Seaman, R. Chambers, J.C. Cullen.
Second Engineers:	R.E. Diamond, G.J. Griffiths, R. Taylor, R.A. Rees, P.H. Evans, K. Rowney, D.E. Horne, W.A. Bruce, N. Nesbitt, A. Edwards.
Third Engineers:	W.H. Tucker, W. Lait, M.B. Perrott, R.E. Russell, A. Hobin, D.A. Roberts, A.C. Coombes, B.J. Pexton.
Fourth Engineers:	D. Caffyn, M.R. Preece, P.J. Cole, A.D. Cowling, P.M. Deschamps, M. Richards.
Junior Engineers:	W. Iles, C.K. Lee, T.A. Savage, A.P. Brandram-Jones, M. Morgan, M. Williamson, C.G. Fletcher, P.H. Munro.
Electricians:	K.W.B. Hampton, P. Willmott, D.G. Hunt, A.G. Roberts, D.A. Williams, E. Bennington, D.J.G. Harnett, E. Norman, J. Fernandez, K. Smith-Jaynes.
Catering Officers:	C.J. Harray, D. Gowsell, F.W. Lever, L. Slawinski, A.A. Gouldie, A.H. Fox
Radio Officers	K.H. Sellar, C.G. Macey, V.F. Cullen, J.R. Mathews, J.A. Heslop, B.B. Everett, R.G. Chugg.

Officers at Home on Sick/study leave as at 31.1.81: R.W. McInnes, R.H. Reed, S.G. Whitmore, A.J. White, B.J. Carter, P.Price, P.C. Coles, H.D. Johnson, I.M. Stewart, A. Tay, T.A. Price, G.D. Morgan, P.J. Godding.

Cadets at home on voyage leave, study leave or sick leave at 31.1.81: D.T. Shorthouse, M.R. Penny, M.G. Adams, S.F. Broderick, D.J.F. Carter, S.A. Hembury, J. Cox, G. Taylor, C.J. Provis, J.G. Townsend, M. Tully, S.N. Beckett, P.D. Cocker, N.G. Herod, W.P. Heyman, M.J. Hopewell, M.I.V. Holman, S. Rawlings, S.C. Paskell, A.M. Francis, G.A. Brooks, L.P. Jasper, D.W. Gorman, R.L. Manson, C.M. Kirton, R.E. Parsons, N.J. Milward, J.A. Thomas, D.B. Williams, P. Martin, C.G. Everett, M.R. Hart, C.E. Broad, T.J. Wood, I.J. Thomas, C.D. Broughton, A.P.J. Gaskell, N.J. Griffiths, D.P. Lockett, M. Martyn-Johns, M.G. Moore, J.C.E. Pink, M.M. Taylor, D.A. Welch, S.J. Laws, M.R. Dunstall, J.J. Hudson, R.G. Crozier, A.P. Miller.

## SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 22nd January, 1981

m.v. "CARDIFF CITY" This vessel, operating under Time Charter account Seaboard, arrived Skikda 2010, 1st January to complete discharge. Vessel has experienced very bad weather in the Mediterranean and re-berthed at this port 0815, 18th January. We are not at all certain when discharging operations will be completed, dates furnished by agents range from 24th January to 12th February. In view of this uncertainty, at the time of going to Press, vessels future employment has not yet been decided.

m.v. "DEVON CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Safmarine, vessel arrived Kvinesdal, South Norway, 18th January, berthed 20th and is expected to complete earliest 26th. On completion discharge at Kvinesdal, vessel proceeds to Hamburg to load approximately 15400 long tons Potash, thence Antwerp to load a further 3660 long tons of the same product for discharge Cape Town and Durban. We are not aware of vessels itinerary after Durban.

m.v. "FRESNO CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Cast, this vessel arrived Adelaide 5th January, commenced loading 9th and is expected to sail 25th for Jeddah. Vessel loaded to 0730 22nd January, 14365 metric tons Barley and 2458 metric tons Wheat. Based on sailing Adelaide 25th, we would look for her arrival Jeddah around 20th February, but at this juncture, her completion date is not yet known. We are also unaware of vessels next employment.

m.v. "NEW WESTMINSTER CITY" This vessel arrived Bombay 7th January to discharge a cargo of Potash. Discharge operations commenced 16th and it is anticipated she will complete 27th January. On completion discharge, vessel proceeds towards South Africa having been fixed on Time Charter account Salen, delivery arrival pilot station Richards Bay/Maputo or Durban in Charterers option, for a trip, redelivery Boston/Galveston range. We understand from Time Charterers the intention is to load Chrome Ore, possibly at Richards Bay, destination, as yet, unknown. On redelivery from present commitment, vessels next business has not yet been finalised.

m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" Operating under Steel Service ST.84, this vessel arrived Antwerp 17th January, commenced loading Steel 19th and is expected to sail 23rd for Middlesbrough to complete. Based on sailing Antwerp 23rd January, vessel should commence loading Middlesbrough 26th with completion 30/31st. Discharge ports will be Long Beach, Oakland, Portland and New Westminster. On completion discharge of Steel, vessel has been nominated to operate under Berth Service BS.121, loading B.C. for U.K./Continent.

m.v. "PRINCE RUPERT CITY" This vessel sailed Nakhodka 21st January and is expected to arrive Hakodate, for bunker replenishment, 22nd. On completion bunkering, vessel sails Hakodate 23rd for Vancouver BC to deliver under Time Charter account Italmare, arrival pilot station Vancouver for a trip via Mediterranean, redelivery passing Cape Passero Westbound. At this stage, we have not been furnished with vessels itinerary.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Cast, this vessel arrived Vitoria 8th January, to discharge. Vessel completed discharge of all compartments, except No. 4, and has now shifted to a layby berth to await instructions. On completion discharge at Vitoria, vessel proceeds to the River Plate area to load for Continent/Mediterranean, redelivery Passero/Hamburg range.

m.v. "VICTORIA CITY" This vessel sailed Talien 19th January and delivered under Time Charter account Seaboard, passing Moji 21st January, for a trip via Vancouver BC, redelivery Boston/Galveston range, including Puerto Rico. On Time Charterers instructions, vessel is proceeding at a speed to arrive Vancouver 0800, 5th February. We are now awaiting further itinerary from Time Charterers.

m.v. "WELSH CITY" Arrived Chiba 17th January, commenced discharge 22nd and is expected to complete 24th. Completion Chiba, vessel proceeds Kawasaki with probable completion at that port around 26th. On completion discharge Kawasaki, vessel proceeds to Puget Sound to load a further cargo of HSS for discharge Japan. Basis sailing Kawasaki 26th, vessel is expected to arrive Puget Sound around 8th February.

m.v. "AMPARO" Arrived Barcelona 21st January and is expected to sail 24th for Vera Cruz. ETA Vera Cruz is looked for around 7th February with probable sailing 13th for Coatzacoalcos, Tampico, New Orleans and Mobile, completing cargo operations Mobile around 3rd March. On completion Mobile, vessel returns to Barcelona, Genoa, Leghorn and Naples, present itinerary showing completing Naples around 28th March, after which vessel drydocks.

m.v. "BIBI" Sailed Guaymas 18th January with 7581 metric tons Cotton for discharge Talien. Vessel is expected to arrive Talien 5th February, with probable completion around 18th. On completion discharge at Talien, we have not received any further itinerary from TMM.

m.v. "JOSEFA" Arrived Tampico 12th January with probable sailing 25th for Vera Cruz, Coatzacoalcos, Progreso, and New Orleans. On present schedule, vessel should sail New Orleans around 12th February for Rotterdam, Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg, Le Havre and Bilbao. Completion Bilbao is scheduled for the 17th March, after which vessel returns to Vera Cruz, Tampico, Coatzacoalcos, Progreso and Mobile.



m.v. "SAMIA" Sailed Coatzacoalcos 9th January, operating on TMM South American Service, is expected to arrive Rio 23rd January. Vessel loads Rio, Santos and Paranagua, completing Paranagua around 12th February for San Juan, Vera Cruz and Tampico. On present schedule it is estimated vessel should complete Tampico around 22nd March.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" Arrived Acapulco 17th January and is expected to berth 27/28th, with probable completion 3rd February. On completion Acapulco, vessel proceeds to Acajutla thence Central American port, Ensenada, Guaymas and Manzanillo. Estimated completion date Manzanillo around 5th March. Itinerary thereafter not yet known.

m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY"

Presentation of a Lifebuoy to Beaver Creek Elementary School

November, 1980

A mutually very pleasant and delightful visit was made to "Beaver Creek Elementary School", Port Alberni, recently, when the m.v. "Port Alberni City" was loading at Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, by Captain McNulty, Chief Engineer and Mrs. Chambers, to present a lifebuoy to the School from the ship.

As no doubt many who have sailed on the m.v. "Port Alberni City" will be aware, that Beaver Creek Elementary School was the School that wrote to Head Office requesting a ship named after their City after a visit of teachers and students to the m.v. "Prince Rupert City", whilst that ship was berthed in Port Alberni.

Although the m.v. "Port Alberni City" has never visited Port Alberni, there are some very nice mementos; on board the ship such as the wooden plaque in the Captain's cabin, carved with the symbol of Port Alberni, the very impressive Indian Arts painting in the Smokeroom "Thunder Bird and Killer Whale" presented by the then Mayor of Port Alberni, Mr. F.A. Bishop and the Chamber of Commerce on the ship's first visit to British Columbia. Just as charming in the earlier days, was a recording of the Port Alberni Centennial Song by the Beaver Creek School Choir, but unfortunately this tape has vanished, but the words remain in the souvenir photograph album on board the ship.

Recently, on the passage from Russia to British Columbia, it was considered that it would be a nice gesture to present a memento to Beaver Creek School from the ship. Mr. Murray, as many will be aware of his talent, painted a most impressive work of art which impressed everybody, who saw it, in the form of a lifebuoy with "Port Alberni City - Bideford" in Ye Olde Worlde script with the symbol Roses of British Columbia i.e. Tudor and Dogwood Roses, also painted on the buoy. The lifebuoy was nicely finished off by fine ropework by Cadet Railton.

While in Nanaimo, Mr. P.T. Green, Superintendent for Canadian Transport, Nanaimo Office, was requested to have the lifebuoy forwarded to Beaver Creek School on behalf of the ship, but Mr. Green, on being in contact with the School, made arrangements for Captain McNulty and Chief Engineer and Mrs. Chambers, to travel to Port Alberni and formally make the presentation to the School.

The Principal, Teachers and Students of the School, which turned out to be a small country school, about six miles from Port Alberni, were obviously very pleased with the visit and the presented lifebuoy which is to be hung in the School Library (for evermore). The local press were present to record the occasion.

One of the Teachers who's original inspiration it was to write to RSL, Sue Brumwell, now Mrs. Chisholm, who although no longer teaching at the School, lives nearby, having, in the meantime married and has a young family of her own, was present for this occasion and told the assembled staff and students of the School of the events which gave rise to the ship's name and this presentation after which the Principal called upon the Captain and Chief Engineer, who between them expressed their pleasure at being at the School and the good will of the ship's Officers, Crew and Owners towards their School. Chief Engineer Chambers had been the Chief Engineer on the vessels maiden voyage and gave some background information to the building, launching and earlier visit of the ship to British Columbia. School staff and students were particularly pleased and appreciative that the ship had not forgotten them and hoped that the link will be preserved on visits to British Columbia. The Captain and Chief Engineer were presented with "Beaver Creek Streakers" T-shirts for the occasion.

After the formalities of the occasion, the Principal conducted the party through the School and classrooms where the Captain and Chief Engineer were bombarded with numerous questions by the students about the ship. In turn, the visiting party were duly impressed by the facilities of the School and deeply impressed by the surrounding magnificence and setting of Beaver Creek School.

No doubt, should m.v. "Port Alberni City" visit Port Alberni at any time in the future, Beaver Creek Elementary School will be very happy to have finally met up with their ship.

Recorded below are the words of the "Port Alberni Centennial Song" taken from the souvenir album on board the vessel.

Majestic Mountains that surround me,  
Lofty fir trees standing tall,  
Tell the story of the grandeur,  
That is ours forever .....

Chorus:

Listen to me while I sing of  
Port Alberni, British Columbia,  
Proud to be part of  
Let me tell you how I feel for  
Port Alberni, British Columbia  
That's where I want to be.

Rushing rivers bring the Salmon,  
Travelling onwards to the sea,  
Glistening lakes lie in the silence,  
of the sunlit hillsides .....

Mighty ships come proudly sailing  
Up the inlet from the sea,  
To the shelter of our harbour,  
Welcome friends returning .....

Through the forests came the settlers,  
Bravely daring the unknown,  
And their spirit lingers after,  
In our hearts and Memories .....

Sue Brumell/Sharron Chisholm - Beaver Creek Elementary School,  
Port Alberni - 1971