

newsletter



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GOLDEN RETIREMENT

Captain J.B.E. Lemon retired at the end of March, having completed fifty years with the Company, joining as an Apprentice on 14th March 1932. At the outbreak of the Second World War, he was three days off Land's End serving as Third Officer on the s.s. "LEEDS CITY", with Captain Ward as Master, bound for Manchester with a full cargo of lumber from Vancouver. Two days off Land's End, they passed the Company's first war casualty, the m.v. "VANCOUVER CITY" which was in a sinking condition. He left the "LEEDS CITY" in Manchester to sit for his Mate's Certificate and subsequently joined the s.s. "TACOMA CITY" as Second Officer early in 1940. After trading continuously in the North Atlantic, the vessel became the victim of a mine whilst at anchor in the Mersey on 13th March 1941.

After some leave, Captain Lemon joined the "BRADGLEN" as Second Officer, under the command of Captain Lawday. After only one transatlantic round voyage, this ship was sunk by a mine in the Thames Estuary on 9th September 1941. A short "survivor's leave" followed and then he joined the m.v. "ATLANTIC CITY" in October for what proved to be an eleven month voyage to the Eastern Mediterranean. This trip ended in October 1942, after which he obtained his Master's Certificate.

Having successfully crossed this hurdle, Captain Lemon joined the m.v. "HOUSTON CITY" in January 1943 at Glasgow, as Second Officer, under the command of Captain Paul, for a trip to the Western end of the Mediterranean. This was at the height of the fighting in Tunisia. The Luftwaffe did their utmost to prevent supplies reaching the Allied Forces and the convoy had their full attention from leaving Glasgow to its arrival at Bona (now called Annaba). They did not give up after arrival at Bona, but to no avail. The cargo was safely delivered and the vessel returned to Glasgow, where Captain Lemon left to join the s.s. "MADRAS CITY" as Chief Officer in June 1943. He spent the remainder of the war on this vessel, trading in the North Atlantic, North Pacific and Indian Ocean. At the end of the war with Japan, the "MADRAS CITY" was in Bombay.

Captain Lemon was appointed a Director of Sir William Reardon Smith & Sons Limited on 15th August 1973 and of Reardon Smith Line Limited on 25th February 1975. He celebrated his Fifty Years with the Company on 14th March 1982 and, at a luncheon to be given in his honour, he will be presented with a pair of silver plates.

In expressing our appreciation to Captain Lemon for his many years of loyal and faithful service, we also extend our good wishes to him and Mrs. Lemon for **their** retirement and wish them good health and much happiness in the years ahead.

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As Editor of the Newsletter, I would like to add my thanks and appreciation to Captain Lemon for the contribution he has made through the interesting articles he has submitted. I am most indebted to him for his help on many occasions and trust that he will continue to make his contribution in his retirement. Pam Ward.

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STAFF NEWS

MARRIAGE: We would like to offer our congratulations to **Mr. P.D. Smith**, who is a Catering Officer in the Company, on his marriage to Miss Pla Apiwong in Thailand on 3rd March 1982.

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INDISPOSED: We are pleased to report that **Mr. Oliver John** is still progressing satisfactorily and we send our best wishes to him for continued progress towards good health once again.

We are sorry to report that **Mr. George Crabbe**, B.E.M. Office Messenger at Head Office, is unwell at present. We send our best wishes for an improvement in health.

Mr. Michael Cross (Computer Department, Head Office) is at present in hospital undergoing a minor operation. We send our good wishes for a quick recovery and look forward to seeing him back with us shortly.

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NEW STAFF: A warm welcome is extended to **Mrs. Lyn Bond**, Computer Department, Head Office. We hope she will enjoy working with us.

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DIRECTORSHIP

Mr. Julian Owen has been appointed a Director of Sir William Reardon Smith & Sons (Sale & Purchase) Limited, with effect from 17th March 1982. Mr. Owen is based in our London Office.

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RETIREMENTS

MR. L.G.I. TAYLOR: Len Taylor retired at the end of February after serving with the Company since 1945 and we would like to record our sincere thanks to him for his loyal and faithful service during this period. When he commenced with the Company, his first vessel was the s.s. "BRADBURN". He then served on most of the Company's ships and was appointed Chief Engineer in 1960. Mr. Taylor was appointed to the "TACOMA CITY" on its maiden voyage in 1972; the "CARDIFF CITY" in 1975 and the "WELSH CITY" in 1977 and it was on the "WELSH CITY" that he served his last voyage. We wish both Mr. & Mrs. Taylor a long and happy retirement in what must be one of the loveliest parts of the country - Appledore - where Mr. Taylor was born and bred.

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CAPTAIN D.B. JACK: Captain Jack, a Scotsman who joined us in 1947 as Third Officer, has decided to retire and completes his seagoing career at the end of this month. By strange coincidence, he also served on the "BRADBURN" as his first vessel after joining the Company. He was promoted to Master on the m.v. "LEEDS CITY" in 1967 and then served on most of the vessels owned or managed by the Company, until his final voyage, also on the "WELSH CITY", which is the present Flagship of the Fleet. Captain Jack married the daughter of the late Captain Passmore, former Master with the Company. We wish both Captain and Mrs. Jack a long and happy retirement at their home in Coombe Martin, Devon.

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MR. R.G. MOYLAN. Regretfully, Mr. Moylan, a Catering Officer with the Company since February 1969, has been forced to take early retirement through ill health. Mr. Moylan retired in January 1982 and we extend our appreciation to him for his loyal service during the period he spent with the Company. We wish him all the best in his retirement and trust his health will improve in the future.

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THE SUCCESS OF MR. KNIGHT

It is always very pleasant to hear and read of people passing examinations and it was with particular pleasure that we read in the national press that one of our former employees, **Mr. Chris Knight** had succeeded in obtaining an Open University Degree. Mr. Knight left this Company in the early Seventies to work ashore. Unfortunately, some while afterwards, it was found he was suffering from cancer. However, Mr. Knight not only continued with his studies and succeeded in obtaining his Degree, but was eventually cured of cancer. We would like to extend to Mr. Knight our sincere congratulations on his achievement, gained under very difficult circumstances, including a period of blindness, and to wish him and his family every success in the future.

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APPRECIATION

Mr. T.W. Major, who retired last month, has asked us to thank past, present and retired members of Reardon Smith Line and their families, who have sent him cards, cables or who have telephoned with messages of goodwill for his retirement. It makes his long service with the Company down through the years, all very much worthwhile and the good wishes were much appreciated.

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DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Our thanks to **Captain R. Skinner and Officers of the mv.. "AMPARO"** for their generous donation of £30.00 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. This is much appreciated, as the R.N.L.I., apart from trying to keep pace with rising costs, are also involved in modernising their existing fleet.

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HELP FROM THE NAVY

During the past month, The Missions to Seamen in Cardiff received a small gift of money from **H.M.S. "CARDIFF"**. This was collected amongst the ship's staff after they had read of the vandalism at the Cardiff Station in January. The Company keeps in touch with H.M.S. "CARDIFF" from time to time, since the initial contact was made by our "CARDIFF CITY" when both ships were in the Tyne.

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SAFETY COMPETITION

Prizes have now been awarded for the 1981 Safety Competition organised by the General Council of British Shipping. We are pleased to say that the Judges of the Competition have awarded a prize to **Mr. J.S. Murray, Chief Officer, m.v. "TACOMA CITY"**. Mr. Murray will be presented with the prize early in April and we extend our congratulations to him for this achievement.

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ATTACHMENTS TO NEWSLETTER

Personnel Department Information Bulletin:

Letter of thanks from Commander E. Savill, M.B.E., R.N.: Commander Saville spent a period aboard the m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" recently.

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VESSEL	CARDIFF CITY	DEVON CITY	NEW WESTMINSTER CITY	PORT ALBERNI CITY
Master	J. Porteous	L.R. Staines	W.D. Jones	M.E. Jones
Chief Officer	B.R. Hopper	D.C. Toon	R.V. Duncan	I.C. Stutt
Second Officer	C. Swindells	K. Jones	A. Thomson	A.A. Field
Third Officer	P. Martin	I. Cowan	C.G. Everett	T.J. Fuller
Radio Officer	D.S.H. Thomson	C.G. Macey	V.F. Cullen	D.P. Bidmead
Chief Engineer	D. Archbold	B.M. Draper	W.J. Gill	R.J. Trigg
Second Engineer	P.H. Evans	R.A. Rees	T. Graham-Russell	P.J. Prendergast
Third Engineer	R.M.B. Jenkins	M.B. Perrott	P.D. Slade	D.E. Simons
Fourth Engineer	P.W. Knibbs	A. Brandram-Jones	C.J. Brown	C.K. Lee
Electrician	E.M. Bennington	A.G. Roberts	P. Willmott	N.R. Padfield
Catering Officer	J. Patrick	N.H. Frost	R.A. Peach	E. Dias *
Cadets		N.G. Herod	C. Taylor	J. Cox
			M. Spurrell	C. Broughton
			M.A. Worsnop	I.J. Thomas
			M.I. Holman	

VESSEL	PRINCE RUPERT CITY	TACOMA CITY	VICTORIA CITY	WELSH CITY
Master	D.L. Bell	W.G. Wood *	K. Milburn *	O.J.T. Lindsay
Chief Officer	M.W. Slayman	J. Dunk	J.E.S. York	B.T. Hernaman
Second Officer	P.C. Coles	J.P. Andrews	I.M. Stewart	T. Jowett
Third Officer	R. Tanner *	C.E. Broad	A.P. Miller	M.R. Sealey
Radio Officer	M.W. Savory	I.F. Bullock	J.R. Mathews	R.W. McInnes
Chief Engineer	R.M. Paddock *	H.C. Convery *	M.G. Seaman *	R.U. Bell
Second Engineer	N. Nesbitt	W.R. Shannon	A. Edwards	R.E. Diamond
Third Engineer	P. John	D.C. Pulley	R.C. Butcher	J.H. Davies
Fourth Engineer	A.J.F. Tuck	A. Cowling	K.R. Warner	R.E. Russell
Electrician	F.C. Brown	B.R. Batey	K. Smith-Jaynes	D.G. Grant
Catering Officer		R.G. White	J. Bonner	R.G. Pierce
Cadets	T.B. Short	S. Rawlings	D.R. Hilton	S.A. Hembury
	S.N. Beckett		P.D. Cocker	N. Boyce
				M. Hopewell

VESSEL	AMPARO	BIBI	JOSEFA	OLMECA
Master	R.K. Stuart	A.D. Lightfoot	M.C. Hurst	P.J. Boroughs
Chief Officer	A.K. Smith *	T. Haxell	E.W. Walmsley	I. Woollard
Second Officer	R.W. Davies *	N. Davies	D.P. Kirley	J.C. Pagler
Third Officer	S.J. Laws	J.D. Bateman	S. Kembery	A. Abel
Radio Officer	R.G. Miller	B.J. Carter	D.C. Short	S.G. Whitmore
Chief Engineer	J.C. Cullen *	G. Hughes	E.R. Morgan	H.L. Fletcher
Second Engineer	D. Roberts *	C.J. Burton	M.R. Green	K. Rowney
Third Engineer	R. Thomas	T.E. Sperrin	K. Velda	A. Doubler
Fourth Engineer	A.J. White	A. Keast	M.G. Smith	R.H. Reed
Fourth Engineer	M.J. Lockwood	A.M. Baxter	M. Williamson	
Electrician	D. Osborne	J. Grainger	K. Hampton	D.J. Harnett
Catering Officer	C. Harrhy	D.R. Hartshorne	L.E. Seabrooke	
Cadets	J.G. Townsend	W.P. Heyman		
	D.F. Carter	P.G. Connick		

Master	M.J. Bellamy
Chief Officer	P. Baverstock
Second Officer	T.L. Lawrence
Third Officer	J.J. Hudson
Radio Officer	R.H. Smith
Chief Engineer	K.D. Morgan *
Second Engineer	D.G. Wedlake
Third Engineer	G.E. Ashton * (* Temporary Appointment)
Fourth Engineer	M.R. Preece
Fourth Engineer	M. Richards
Electrician	K. Baines
Catering Officer	L. Slawinski
Cadets	

Listed below are Officers on Voyage leave as at 31.3.82: Every effort is made to ensure this list is as accurate as possible at the time of printing.

Masters: J.J. Kalnins, J.J. Birrell, A.L.G. Gosset, R.E. Skinner, T.R. McNulty
B.A.G. Boyer, J.C. Lee, R.I. Crawford

Chief Officers: D.H. Aubrey, R.T. Alford, J.S. Murray, J.R. Ashley, J.S. Pearsall

Second Officers: M.L. Fraser, T.A. Price, R.C. Roberts, J.M. Smith, M.J. Clarke

Third Officers: P.A. Bullard, J.J. Moore, G.R. Faulkner, R.G. Hayton, A.C. Tay,
A.P. Morris

Chief Engineers: R. Chambers, D. Henry, A. Amey, P.W. Evans, G. Cuthbertson, J. Scott,
J. Fitzsimmons, L.M. Williamson, D. Harrison, M.E. Rayner

Second Engineers: G.J. Griffiths, W.A. Bruce, J.B. Hocking, J. Foots, D.E. Horne

Third Engineers: A.G. Vincent, A.C. Coombs, R.M. Stead, N.C. Williams, W. Lait, A. Hobin,
W.M. Powell

Fourth Engineers: M.P. Owens, P.M. Deschamps, J.A. Akhurst, A.M. Francis, N.J. Millward,
M.G. Evans, D.J. Coombes, D.B. Evans

Electricians: D.G. Hunt, J. Fernandes, K. Bean, D.A. Williams

Catering Officers: L.B. Surrey, F.W. Lever, D. Gowsell, A. Fox, A.A. Gouldie, P.D. Smith,
L. Hayward

Radio Officers: P. Bradley, B.B. Everett, W.P. Budden, K.H. Sellar, R.G. Chugg,
J.A. Heslop, E.G. Bromham, N.C. Sanders, R.J. Preece

Officers on sick/study leave as at 31.3.82: C.A. Prescott, G.P. Eyles, A. Williamson,
M.S. Duke, I.C. Miller, M. Lovibond, P. Price, I.S. Exton, P.D. Codd, K.R. Negele,
A.M. Mitchell, J.C. Neale, N. Jerrum, J.P. Crawford

Cadets at home on voyage leave, sick leave or study leave as at 31.3.82: A.M. Russell,
E.V. Neale, T.D. Bennett, R.G. Crozier, A.P. Wilson, K. P. Deacon, R.P. Eastham, A.M. Baker,
D.P. Stephens, S.F. Broderick, R. Johnson, E.J. Naughton, D.A. Littler, T.A. Broughton,
A.P.J. Gaskell, J.C.E. Pink, D.P. Lockett, N.J. Griffiths, M.G. Moore, M.M. Taylor,
J.C. Thomas, M. Martyn-Johns, C.B.C. Jones, R.A. Bracken, P.C. Weychan, D.A. Welch,
A.R. Parker, D.R. Aldus, I.J. Morgan, M.R. Penny, W.E. Wilkins, M.J. Cummins, M.G. Adams,
J.M. Coleman, P. Collins, A.J. Salter, M.G. Shaw, G.P. Jones, R. Williamson, P.G. Tate,
S.J. Thomas, P.C. Davies, R.W. Eacott, P.J. Gallie, J.R. Greenspan, T. Stanford, T.J. Wood,
G.J. Provis, M. Cox, P.A. Vaughan, S.G. Bratton

SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 22nd March, 1982.

m.v. "CARDIFF CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Ben Line, this vessel arrived Port Kelang 18th March with probable sailing 23rd for Kunak, Port Wallace, Kunak, Singapore and Port Kelang, for discharge Jeddah, Sete, Bordeaux, Liverpool, Boulogne and Rotterdam. On present schedule, vessel should complete discharge and redeliver from Ben Line at Rotterdam end of May/early June. After redelivery, vessels future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "DEVON CITY" This vessel, operating under Time Charter account Safmarine, sailed Richards Bay 18th March, arrived Durban same day and sailed 1500, 21st March for Burnside and Houston. Vessel is scheduled to discharge 15300MT of Fluorspar at Burnside and 6300MT of Pig Iron at Houston. Vessels ETA Burnside around 14th April with probable completion Houston around 26th April. Thereafter we are awaiting further itinerary from Time Charterers, Safmarine.

m.v. "NEW WESTMINSTER CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Shinwa, sailed Port Dampier 12th March with a cargo of Salt for discharge Niigata and Tomakomai. Based on arrival Niigata 25th March, we would look for her final completion Tomakomai around 3rd April. After redelivery Tomakomai, vessels business has not yet been finalised.

m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" Operating under Steel Service ST.95, this vessel sailed Antwerp 12th March with a cargo of Steel Products for discharge Long Beach, Oakland, Seattle and New Westminster. She is scheduled to arrive Panama Canal 28th March and on this basis we would look for her ETA Long Beach 9th April with probable sailing 12th for Oakland, giving final completion New Westminster around 21st April. On completion discharge of Steel Products, vessel has been nominated to operate under Berth Service BS127, present indication being vessel will load Vancouver for possibly Newcastle, Rotterdam and Cardiff.

m.v. "PRINCE RUPERT CITY" This vessel, operating under Time Charter account Tokai, sailed Tampa 27th February with a cargo of Phosphate for discharge Tomakomai, Tshinomaki, Naoetsu and Tsuruga. She is expected to arrive Tomakomai 1st April and on this basis we would look for final completion Tsuruga around 12th April. Thereafter, her next business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Tokai, this vessel sailed Halifax 19th March, arrived Philadelphia 21st. She is scheduled to complete and redeliver Philadelphia around 24th March, then proceeds to Baltimore to load a cargo of 25000MT five percent HSS in bulk for discharge China. Based on normal loading turn Baltimore, we would look for her sailing around 31st March, giving ETA/D Panama Canal 6/8th April and ETA China 9th May. On completion China, towards the end of May, vessels next business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "VICTORIA CITY" This vessel, operating under Time Charter account Pan Ocean, arrived Busan 21st March, the indication being she should complete discharge 23rd. On completion discharge, vessel has again been fixed on Time Charter, account Sammisa, delivery arrival pilot station South Korean port in Charterers option, for a trip redelivery dropping outward pilot Bordeaux/Hamburg Range, including U.K. The present indication is vessel will commence loading Kunsan, first port. At the time of going to press, we have not received itinerary from Time Charterers, but would look for redelivery U.K./Continent towards the end of May.

m.v. "WELSH CITY" Operating under Time Charter account K. Line, this vessel sailed Tacoma 5th March with a cargo of Corn and Milo for discharge Yokohama, Chiba and Hakata. We are presently awaiting news of her arrival Yokohama, which was scheduled for 0600, 22nd March, and on this basis we would look for her final completion Hakata around 3rd April. Her next business has not yet been finalised.

m.v. "AMPARO" Anchored South West Pass 0655, 17th March, in fog. Vessel entered the Mississippi River 1545, 17th March and anchored Ama 0200 18th, again in fog. She arrived Baton Rouge 1645, 18th March and is expected to sail 23rd for Morehead City, through 24/26th for Barcelona via Las Palmas. Vessels cargo operations cover Barcelona, Catania, Naples, Leghorn and Genoa, prior to returning Barcelona for completion, around end of April. After completion loading Barcelona, vessel proceeds to Vera Cruz, Tampico, Mobile and Morehead City. She is scheduled to sail Morehead City around 8th June, again for Barcelona via Las Palmas, thence Naples, Leghorn and Genoa.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel sailed Manzanillo 2030, 16th March, arriving Champerico 18th. She is scheduled to sail 21st for San Jose, thence Manzanillo for bunkers, prior to proceeding to Yokkaichi and Osaka. Her present scheduled indicates arrival Yokkaichi around 10th April with probable completion Osaka around 15th. At this time we are awaiting further itinerary from TMM.

m.v. "JOSEFA" Sailed Tampico 1900, 16th March for Antwerp. She is due Antwerp pilot noon 1st April, the indication being she should sail 2nd for Amsterdam, Hamburg, Bremen, Le Havre and Liverpool. Her schedule shows completion cargo operations Liverpool around 17th April for Vera Cruz, Tampico and Progreso. On completion cargo operations at Progreso, around 22nd May, vessel returns to Rotterdam, ETA 5th June.

m.v. "OLMECA" Arrived Coatzacoalcos 12th March, berthed 13th, with probable completion 30th. On completion discharge Coatzacoalcos, vessel proceeds to New Orleans to load a cargo of Grain for Mexico. The indication is she should arrive New Orleans around 7th April giving ETD 13/14th for Mexico. Basis Vera Cruz, we would look for her arrival 15/16th.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" Sailed Nagoya 1700, 19th March for Mazatlan, where she is expected to arrive 3rd April. Vessel is scheduled to discharge Mazatlan, Manzanillo and Acapulco. We are presently awaiting next itinerary from TMM.

SOLUTION TO CHRISTMAS QUIZ:

1. Cold, Hold, Held, Head, Heat.
2. 6 lb.
3. 105,672
4. 137
5. 118
6. 1, 3, 9, 27
7. £333
8. Yes - 59
9. Read the Sunday Telegraph every week of the New Year
10. 256
11. NO - one in four

Recipe of the month.....

(With thanks to Mrs. Silvia Lemon)

APRICOT CAKE

500 gr. Self-raising flour, 400 gr. Sugar
100 gr. butter or marg. 5 large eggs
1 small glass spricot brandy: 400 gr. tinned
apricots (drained): Pinch salt: 5 drops vanilla
essence: 1 teaspoonful baking powder.

Melt the butter or marge and cool. Mix withsugar
and eggs. Add a pinch of salt to baking powder
and flour. Add sliced apricots with apricot brandy.
(You may add a little milk if using an electric
mixer - putting in all dry ingredients first, adding
all liquids afterwards).

Bake in oven, gas mark 4-5 for 55 minutes or more.
Leave cake in the oven for 5 minutes after cooking
time is over.

This recipe may be used with sliced peaches instead
of apricots, using peach flavouring instead of
vanilla and liqueur brandy instead of apricot brandy.
It is equally as nice.

March howler....

A famous Scots showbiz personality stayed at an hotel for bed and
breakfast. When asked what he would like for breakfast, he said
"I'll have what I always have - black coffee, toast and honey". When
breakfast was served, it was as he had ordered, but the honey was in
the small individual plastic pot often served in hotels these days. The
famous Scot picked up the honey pot, studied it carefully and then turned
to the waiter and said: "Ah! I see you keep a bee".

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - INFORMATION BULLETIN

WIVES ASSISTED AIRFARES

We would wish to advise our Officers, that due to the economic climate, we have regretfully had to temporarily suspend the practice of concessionary air fares for wives, from the 31st March, 1982.

Officers wives who joined or left a vessel prior to the 31st March will, of course, still be eligible for the allowance.

EXAMINATION/COURSE FEES FOR CONTRACT OFFICERS

The practice of the concessionary assistance towards Exam Fees and Course Fees for Contract Officers undertaking Certificates of Competency, will also be temporarily suspended from the 31st March, 1982.

EXTENDED LENGTH OF VOYAGES

Officers and Cadets joining vessels after the 1st April, 1982, can expect voyages to be extended up to six months, in an effort to reduce costs.

From Commander E. Savill, MBE, RN

VISIT BY MERCHANT NAVY DEFENCE INSTRUCTOR OFFICER
(LONDON) TO THE M.V. "PORT ALBERNI CITY"

The Company very kindly offered me a berth on the ship from 17/22nd February, 1982, the aim of which was to enable me to gain first hand experience of the Merchant Service, both at sea and in harbour. The aim was achieved and I spent a most instructive and enjoyable period on board.

There are three MNDLO's, one based in Glasgow covering Scotland and the North, one at Liverpool covering the Midlands and Wales, and myself based in London covering South of the line from Lowestoft to Bristol; of course, including London.

We give lectures on defence matters, in all the colleges, to a range of personnel, from Ratings to those studying for their Mates and Masters Tickets.

A short visit to a ship such as the m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" is invaluable to enable us to keep up with the current thinking in the Merchant Service, and to put across the message of how we could help you in time's of tension or war.

My thanks to the Company, Captain Jones and his crew for a most enjoyable visit.