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CAPTAIN J.J. KALNINS

Due to private circumstances, Captain Kalnins has regretfully come to the decision to resign from his employment with the Company. He joined the Company as Third Officer in April 1963 and was promoted to Master in January 1974. During his time with the Company, Captain Kalnins has always been a loyal and faithful employee and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his service and to wish him and his family best wishes for the future.

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STAFF NEWS

INDISPOSED: Miss Dorothy Bowkett continues to make good progress and we hope it will not be too long before she is back with us again.

COMMENCED: We are pleased to welcome to the Company Mr. L. Vickery, Security/Handyman, who replaces Mr. F. Bolter, who has recently left the Company.

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DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Our thanks to the Officers and wives aboard the m.v. "WELSH CITY" who contributed £7.00 and £8.30 respectively to the R.N.L.I. and the Seafarers Education Service. Both Charities are most appreciative of the donations received.

Our thanks also to the Officers of the m.v. "DEVON CITY" for their donation of £36.00 to the R.N.L.I. Most people would appreciate the conditions in which the Lifeboat Service operate and this has been brought home during the recent gales that have been experienced in this country.

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THE MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS PENSION FUND

Overleaf we reproduce an extract from the MNOPF Bulletin regarding an "Increase in Lump Sum Death Benefit".

The Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund

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MNOPF BULLETIN 83/1

INCREASE IN LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFIT

In December 1982, the Committee of Management of the Fund agreed to raise the amount payable on the death of a member whilst in service according to Rule 11(c).

This improvement, which now provides for the payment of twice the greater of the member's salary in either of the last two Pension Years or in either of the last two calendar years chosen in place of Pension Years revalued according to Section 21 Orders, is payable in respect of deaths occurring on and after 1 January 1982.

HIGHER INTERIM INCREASE IN PENSIONS - OLD (PRE 1978) SECTION

At a meeting of the Committee last month, it was agreed to raise the present interim award of 6% per annum to 12% per annum with effect from 16 March 1983, in respect of all pensions payable from the Old (Pre 1978) Section for a period of twelve months. The first monthly pension payment will be made at the higher rate on 15 April 1983.

This award was made with the agreement of the Consulting Actuary and is paid with the expectation of surplus emerging at the next Actuarial Valuation as at 5 April 1984.

This continues the policy, adopted by the Committee in 1977, of paying annual interim increases to pensioners, to offset part of the effect of inflation during the years between the declaration of Actuarial Valuation bonuses.

February 1983 .

Ebbisham House

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ATTACHMENTS TO NEWSLETTER:

Many thanks to Mr. T.B. Lynch, retired, from our London Office and to "Country Boy" for their contributions this month. Please keep the news coming.

SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 21st February, 1983

m.v. "CARDIFF CITY" This vessel, operating under Time Charter account Italmare, sailed Hamburg 1420 8th February with a cargo of 25,000MT Soft Wheat for discharge Chittagong, Bangladesh. Vessel is due to arrive Port Said am 21st February, sailing Suez sometime during the 22nd, arriving Chittagong around 11th March. Vessel completes and redelivers Chittagong around 20/25th March, after which her future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "DEVON CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Van Ommeren, this vessel is, at present, loading a cargo of Lumber, Plywood, Metal and Grain at Vancouver B.C. Vessel is due to sail Vancouver 22nd February, transitting the Panama Canal around the 5/6th March, after which she proceeds to her discharge ports, Cardiff being her first port, arriving 21st March, sailing 26th, Dublin 27th March/5th April, and Rotterdam, arriving 7th, completing and redelivering around the 9th April. Vessels future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "NEW WESTMINSTER CITY" This vessel delivered under Time Charter account TMM 1654 18th February on arrival pilot station Tampa. Vessel is, at present, loading a cargo of DAP for discharge Tampico. She is due to complete and sail Tampa 22nd February, arriving Tampico 25th and after completion of discharge sails Tampico around 16th March for Tampa, arriving 19th March, to load a second cargo of DAP, again for discharge East Coast Mexico, sailing Tampa 21st March, arriving East Coast Mexico around 24th, completing and redelivering around the 15th April. Her next business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" Operating under Time Charter account BSC, this vessel sailed Middlesbrough 1300 8th February with a cargo of 22586MT Bulk Wheat and Steel for discharge Port Kelang, Penang and Singapore. Vessel arrived Port Said 20th February and sailed Suez 21st. She is due to arrive her first discharge port, Port Kelang, around 8th March, sailing 12th for Penang 13/17th and Singapore, arriving 18th, completing and redelivering around the 21st March. Her next employment has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel berthed Charleston 2038 17th February and after loading a cargo of 23441.371LT Soya Beans, sailed 1512 17th February for Glasgow. Vessel is due to arrive Glasgow pm 1st/am 2nd March and will complete discharge around 5/10th, after which her future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "WELSH CITY" This vessel sailed New Orleans 1145 7th February with a cargo of 53423MT Yellow Corn. Vessel arrived Cristobal 0455 12th February, commenced transit 0715 13th and sailed Balboa 1830 13th February for Japan. She is scheduled to arrive Japan around 13th March and complete discharge 20/25th. Vessels future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel sailed Las Palmas 1400 15th February and arrived Cagliari 19th, sailing same day for Catania where she arrived the 21st and is due to sail pm same day for Naples. She is scheduled to arrive Naples 26th February, sailing 1st March, Leghorn 2/2nd; Genoa 3/4th; Barcelona 5/6th; Tarragona 7/10th; after which she then proceeds to Mexican ports, arriving Tampico 24th March, sailing 28th; Vera Cruz 29/31st; Tampico 1/3rd April; Mobile 5/7th; Morehead City 11/12th, after which she proceeds back to the Continent.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel sailed Yokohama 1800 16th February, and arrived Osaka 1504 17th. Vessel sailed Osaka 19th February with 3913MT Cargo, including 171 Containers. Vessel then proceeds to Kaohsiung, arriving 22nd February, sailing 23rd, for Busan 25/26th; Osaka 27/28th; Yokohama 1/2nd March, then proceeds USA, arriving Oakland 13th March, sailing same day for Long Beach 14/14th, then back to Mexico, arriving Ensenada 15th March, sailing 17th, for Manzanillo 20/22nd; Salina Cruz 24/25th; Ensenada, arriving 29th, sailing same day, for U.S.A.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel sailed Manzanillo 6th February and is due to arrive Onsan (Korea) 28th February. After completion of discharge she sails Onsan 9th March, after which vessel proceeds to Saganoseki (Japan) arriving 10th March, sailing 17th. She then proceeds to Busan, arriving 19th March, sailing same day for Japan Mill Port 21/21st; Kobe 23/24th; Yokohama 26/27th; Yokosuka 28/29th then proceeds Mexico, arriving Manzanillo 18th April, sailing 22nd for Acapulco 24/26th; San Jose 28/29th; Acajutla 30th April/1st May; Punta Arenas 4/4th and Manzanillo 8/8th, after which we are awaiting further itinerary from TMM.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel sailed Yokohama 16th February, where she loaded 65 Containers and Heavy Plant making a total cargo on board of 1195MT. Vessel arrived Osaka 1600 17th February and sailed 0700 18th with cargo on board of 134 Containers (3086MT). Vessel arrived Yokohama 19th February and loaded 1060MT Containers/Generals, after which vessel sailed Yokohama 19th February with a total cargo of 4171MT, including 213 Containers. Vessel proceeds to Oakland, where she arrives around 1st March, sailing 3rd, for Long Beach 4/5th; Ensenada 6/7th; Manzanillo 10/12th; Salina Cruz 15/16th, then returning USA, arriving Long Beach 20th March, sailing same day for Oakland 21/22nd, after which vessel returns to Japan.

m.v. "VICTORIA CITY" This vessel arrived Kanda 0900 18th February, and sailed am 19th for Fukuyama, where she arrived 19th and sailed early pm 20th. She then proceeded to Amagasaki, where she arrived am 21st February and is due to sail am 22nd for Kobe, arriving and sailing 22nd for Yokosuka 23/25th; Yokohama 25/27th, after which vessel then proceeds to Mexico, arriving Ensenada 12th March, sailing 14th for Manzanillo 17/20th; Acapulco 22/23rd; Champerico 25/26th; Acajutla 27/28th; Punta Arenas 30/31st and Manzanillo 4/6th April, after which we are awaiting further itinerary from TMM.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel sailed Almeria 1935 7th February with a total cargo of 24441MT Bulk Gypsum for discharge New Orleans. She was expected to arrive New Orleans am 21st February and after completion discharge vessel is expected to load a cargo of Empty Containers in New Orleans for Vera Cruz.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel arrived Yokohama 1842 14th February and sailed 0710 15th, after loading a cargo of Cars for discharge San Francisco (where she is due to arrive 28th February) Portland and Seattle.

VESSEL	CARDIFF CITY	DEVON CITY	NEW WESTMINSTER CITY	PORT ALBERNI CITY
Master	R.E. Baker	J. Porteous	W.D. Jones	J.S. Pearsall
Chief Officer	J.P. Andrews	R.V. Duncan	J.R. Ashley	I.M. Stewart
Second Officer	M.R. Sealey*	C.E. Broad*	R.W. Davies	T.J. Fuller*
Third Officer	R.W. Eacott	M.R. Lovibond	N. Boyce	P.C. Weychan
Radio Officer	V.F. Cullen	B.J. Carter	K.H. Sellar	R.G. Chugg
Chief Engineer	B.M. Draper	K.D. Morgan*	W. Gill	N.C. Trigg
Second Engineer	A. Hobin	K. Velda	W.A. Bruce	I.S. Exton*
Third Engineer	W.H. Tucker	K.R. Warner*	P. John	R.E. Russell
Fourth Engineer	C.K. Lee	A. Keast	H.D. McLundie	P. Collins
Electrician		F.C. Brown	B.R. Batey	J.P. Crawford
Catering Officer	D.C. Fernandes	E. Dias	L.B. Surrey	R.A. Peach
Cadets			M.G. Moore	K.P. Deacon
	(Add. 4/E A.M. Francis)			G.P. Jones
				A.P.J. Gaskell

VESSEL	TACOMA CITY	VICTORIA CITY	WELSH CITY	AMPARO
Master	W.G. Wood	M.C. Hurst	J.J. Birrell	D.L. Bell
Chief Officer	J.E.S. York	M.W. Slayman	I.C. Stutt	B.T. Hernaman
Second Officer	P.C. Coles	M.L. Fraser	A.C.B. Tay	T.L. Lawrence
Third Officer	J.M. Coleman	E.J. Naughton	P.A. Bullard*	C.G. Everett
Radio Officer	R.J. Preece	D.C. Short	R.W. McInnes	M.W. Savory
Chief Engineer	H.C. Convery	E.R. Morgan	R.U. Bell*	J.C. Cullen
Second Engineer	A. Edwards	D.E. Horne	J.B. Hocking	W.M. Powell
Third Engineer	D.C. Pulley	M.G. Evans	N.C. Williams	D.J. Coombes*
Fourth Engineer	M.S. Duke	M.P. Owens	I.J. Morgan	W.E. Wilkins
Electrician	K.W.B. Hampton	N.R. Padfield	P. Willmott	J. Fernandez
Catering Officer	P.D. Smith	N.H. Frost	D. Gowsell	A.H. Fox
Cadets	A.P. Wilson	D.P. Luckett	D.P. Stephens	M.M. Taylor
	R.A. Bracken			E.V. Neale
				D.A. Welch

VESSEL	BIBI	OLMECA	SILVIA SOFIA	YAQUI
Master	A.D. Lightfoot	K. Milburn	B.A.G. Boyer	T.R. McNulty
Chief Officer	D.H. Aubrey	E.W. Walmsley	T. Haxell	I. Woollard
Second Officer	N. Jerrum	A. Thomson	J.J. Moore*	A. Abel*
Third Officer	P.A. Vaughan	S.J. Laws	J.J. Hudson	H.D. Walker
Radio Officer	R.G. Miller	J.R. Mathews	D.P. Bidmead	J.A. Heslop
Chief Engineer	D.N. Amey	J. Scott	N.B. Shilstone	H.L. Fletcher
Second Engineer	C.J. Burton	D.A. Roberts	T. Graham-Russell	N. Nesbitt
Third Engineer	R. Thomas	A.C. Coombs	R.C. Butcher	D.E. Simons
Fourth Engineer	A.J.F. Tuck	M.J.C. Lockwood	D.R. Aldus	M. Williamson
Electrician	D.G. Grant	D. Osborne	D.J.C. Harnett	D.H. Fidler
Catering Officer	D.R. Hartshorne		F.W. Lever	
Cadets	A.M. Baker		R.P. Eastham	
	N.J. Griffiths		J.C.E. Pink	

M.V. SKEENA

Ships Company: Capt. M.J. Bellamy, J. Dunk, T.A. Price, N. Davies, B.B. Everett, G.J. Griffiths, W.R. Shannon, R.H. Reed, C.J. Brown, J.A. Grainger, L. Hayward, M.G. Shaw, R.G. Crozier, M. Martyn-Johns, T.A. Broughton, H.A. Morgan, M.P. Hudson, W. Hevern, P.J. Betts, R.A. Wilkins, G. Phillips, J.C. Richards, J.A. McCavish, N.J. Coyne, P. Jones, P. Mules, K.J. Shire, P.F. Miller, D.A. Phillips.

Listed below are Officers on voyage leave as at 20.2.83: Every effort is made to ensure this list is as accurate as possible at the time of printing.

Masters: J.C. Lee, P.J. Boroughs, R.I. Crawford, R.E. Skinner, L.R. Staines, R.K. Stuart.

Chief Officers: R.T. Alford, P.M. Baverstock, J.S. Murray, D.C. Toon, B. Hopper.

Second Officers: D.P. Kirley, I. Cowan, A.P. Morris, A. Williamson, A.C. Prosser, A.K. Smith.

Third Officers: J.C. Neale, G.P. Eyles, M. Cox, G.R.J. Faulkner, P.D. Codd, S.F. Broderick, A.M. Russell.

Chief Engineers: G.M. Cuthbertson, P.W. Evans, L.M. Williamson, M.E. Rayner, D. Harrison, D.N. Henry, R. Chambers, G. Hughes, D. Archbold.

Second Engineers: R.E. Diamond, J. Foots, P.D. Slade, A. Doubler, K. Rowney, P.H. Evans, P.J. Prendergast.

Third Engineers: G.E. Ashton, D.B. Evans, R.A. Rees, J.A. Akhurst, K.R. Negele, R.M.B. Jenkins, M.B. Perrott, J.H. Davies.

Fourth Engineers: N.J. Millward, C.B.C. Jones, M.R. Penny, A.D. Cowling, A.J. White, A.J. Salter, M.R. Preece, P.M. Deschamps, M.G. Adams.

Radio Officers: E.G. Bromham, N.C. Sanders, P. Bradley, D.S.H. Thomson, W.P. Budden, I.F. Bullock, R.H. Smith, C.G. Macey.

Electricians: D.A. Williams, K.F. Bean, K. Smith-Jaynes, E.M. Bennington, K. Baines, D.G. Hunt.

Catering Officers: R.G. Pierce, J.A. Patrick, L.E. Seabrooke, L. Slawinski, C.J. Harrhy, J. Bonner.

Officers on sick/study leave as at 20.2.83: A.M.W. Mitchell, D.G. Wedlake, A.L.G. Gosset, K. Jones, M.J. Clarke, J.C. Pagler, J.M. Smith, C. Swindells, T.H. Jowett, A.A. Field, P.C. Roberts, R.M. Stead, W.J. Lait, A.P. Brandram-Jones, M.E. Jones.

Cadets at home on sick leave, voyage leave or study leave as at 20.2.83: A.R. Parker, J.R. Greenspan, S.A. Hembury, D.J.F. Carter, D.R. Hilton, P.J. Gallie, M.A. Worsnop, T. Stanford, G. Provis, T.B. Short, J. Cox, D.A. Littler, R. Johnson, J.G. Townsend, C. Taylor, P.C. Davies, S.J. Thomas, P.G. Tate, R. Williamson, P.D. Cocker, T.J. Wood, S.N. Beckett, C.D. Broughton, M.J. Hopewell, N.G. Herod, W.P. Heyman, I.J. Thomas, M.I.V. Holman, S. Rawlings, D.B. Williams.

POT POURRINOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES....

(Seen in the recent edition of the Cardiff "Rag" Magazine).

Sometime between starting and quitting time, without infringing on lunch breaks, coffee breaks, rest periods, story-telling, ticket selling, holiday planning, filling in football coupons and the re-hashing of last night's T.V. programmes, we ask that each employee tries to find some time for a work break. This may seem radical, but it may aid steady employment and assure regular pay cheques.

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The following was found at the back of a desk drawer in the Technical Department, Head Office. Obviously someone in the past considered it worthy of note!

DOCKYARD ELECTRICAL WORKMEN'S HANDBOOK

A Collection of Hints and Information Relating to the Installation and Maintenance of Electrical Cables and Apparatus in Naval Ships, Shore Establishments, etc.

GENERAL NOTES:

When wiring in an occupied house, do not make yourself a nuisance. Sweep up your mess as you go. (You can always borrow a dust-pan and brush).

Wear a pair of rubber-soled canvas shoes; it is better to do so than to leave boot marks on parquet floors and stairways and you will make less noise.

Do not leave your dirty finger marks on the paint work. Do not leave a piece of loose floor board for a person to tread on; his foot may go through the ceiling.

It is better to ask the householder or maid to move china, clocks or ornaments, out of your way, than to accidentally smash some article.

Do not sing and shout.

If you wish to smoke, ask the householder if he or she objects. If permission is given, do not leave cigarette ends and burnt matches about and be particularly careful not to leave a burning cigarette on the edge of a polished sideboard or other furniture. You may be called away and forget it.

(One wonders what the reaction would be if this notice was given to some workmen in a home these days. Probably unprintable!!).

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DON'T FORGET.....

It's Mothering Sunday on 13th March. You have been reminded!

Our thanks to Mr. T.B. Lynch. one of our Retired Staff, for this amusing and interesting article.

A SURPRISE DELIVERY (Medically Speaking)

When serving as an Army Dispatch Rider in the Middle East during the Campaign to capture Syria from the Vichy French, I was detailed to take some important dispatches from our base at Accra, just inside the border of Palestine with Syria (now Lebanon) to the Army H.Q. in the hills overlooking Beirut.

It was a beautiful early morning as I set out, crossing the border and was soon speeding along the scenic Mediterranean coast road, passing through the sleepy Arab Biblical villages of Tyre and Sidon, now great oil terminals and feeling on top of the world.

Suddenly, to my dismay, I noticed that the bag containing my dispatches had broken away from the straps now dangling from my bike.

Visions of an inevitable Court Martial for my carelessness loomed up as I retraced my journey in the forlorn hope of finding the bag in a country where Army equipment left about disappeared in the wink of an eye, day or night. I stopped and searched the few donkey carts then about, but without success.

I had almost arrived back at the Palestine border when I noticed an Arab woman plodding along slowly in my direction and obviously in an advanced state of pregnancy. An intriguing thought flashed through my mind and I could take no chances. I screeched to a halt beside her, jumped off my bike and pointing to her midriff shouted "Shufti"!! (let's have a look).

She let out a scream and in an instant was darting across the field. Where she had stood lay my bag. Was I relieved?! (Yes, in more ways than one!!).

I hastily checked that the contents were intact and was soon speeding back on my way to Beirut.

Little did the Officers pouring over these dispatches realise the strange, dark and circuitous route they had taken.

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Our thanks to "Country Boy" for the following Poem:-

Now I am a naive Deck Cadet,
And for my sake, I don't have a name,
But I will tell you I have no prejudice,
And treat everyone the same.

In all my months of sea service,
I have not learned a knot, splice or sheave,
But I sit in the bar on board,
And listen to discussions on "leave"

Remote on the New Westminster City,
I reminisce a blues bar scene,
There were two joyful characters, but sulking,
And a bar for drunk me to lean.

They talked of family relations and darlings,
Which to me rings no emotional bell,
For let it be known I have no children,
And my heart is a virgin as well.

"I left her at the airport" the Sparks said,
"Her dark eyes did twinkle with tears,
And though only six months has passed since then,
They seem not like months but years"

What is the Sparky mumbling on about,
He should be thinking of whiskey and beer,
And seeing the world as a man should, like me,
Not thinking of his sweetheart so dear.

I pour the rum into the ashtray,
And smile at what a stupid thing I've done,
"Why are fathers so protective", I say,
"They should let their children have their fun"

Now these two are not sentimental men,
But are of the likes of you and me,
But only when far away from a close loved one,
But only then can you see.

So please R.S.L., be considerate and fair,
To your men who have loved ones ashore,
For only when we are happy, we work our share,
For that is the "Industrial Law"

SPORTS PAGE

REARDON SMITH INVITATION LEAGUE

1983 will see changes in the teams competing in the league, probably a revitalization although naturally we are sorry to lose two of the original members of the League, namely; Graig Shipping and Touche Ross. Both teams have decided that they are unable to raise sides of sufficient strength to compete. We thank them for their past efforts and hope they will soon be seeking to rejoin us again.

In the meantime, their places will be taken by three teams who we know will maintain and, hopefully, improve the standard although maybe we at Reardon Smith may suffer. The three new sides are:-

Cardiff Royal Infirmary Medical Staff

Penarth Sports

Housing Department of Cardiff City Council.

As an innovation this year, it is planned to hold a match between the 1982 Champions, Company Records Office, and the rest of the League. The game will be played at St. Fagans on May 3rd, and we hope readers will make a note of the date, pray for a sunny evening, and come along to support this new venture.

REARDON SMITH CRICKET CLUB NEWS

John Lewis has been nominated as Vice-Captain by John Jones, the 1983 Captain.