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CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

During this long recession in our Industry, one looks for the time when there can be offered some hope for the future and it has to be believed that the revival in the Shipping Industry, influenced by an improvement in world trade, will one day occur. Indeed, companies struggle to ensure that they will operate sufficiently long enough to take advantage of this improvement when it arrives.

There are just a few hopeful signs, with indications principally coming from America, that the worst of the recession is over and that, perhaps, we may look forward to a gradual improvement in world trade. Unfortunately, it takes a long time before any improvement is felt in the Shipping Industry, but at least it helps us to retain some optimism for the future.

However, despite the difficult times, the coming of Christmas is a period when we all try to forget the worries of the present and be thankful for the blessings of our families and friends. Christmas really spells out hope for the future and it is a time of new beginnings.

It is with this thought that I send my sincere good wishes to all those at sea and at home for a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

OBITUARIES: It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Mrs. Nancy Lindsay**, wife of **Commodore O.J.T. Lindsay**. Readers may remember that **Commodore Lindsay** was flown home from the "WELSH CITY" off Cape Town when **Mrs. Lindsay** was taken seriously ill early in 1982. In the time that has elapsed, she has undergone intensive hospital treatment for a rare illness, which she bore very bravely and patiently. Our very deep sympathy is extended to **Commodore Lindsay** and their daughter **Christine** at this very sad time.

Our very sincere condolences are also extended to **Mr. Clive Stockdale**, Head Office Accounts Department, on the recent sudden passing of his mother.

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**MARRIAGES:** Many congratulations to **Mr. Andrew Salter, Fourth Engineer** and **Miss Joanne Lawrence** on their marriage at Taunton on 12th November.

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**EXAMINATION SUCCESSES:** Our congratulations to **Mr. A. Keast** on obtaining his Class 2 Engine Certificate.

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DONATIONS TO CHARITY

We would like to thank **Captain A.L.G. Gosset** and **Officers** of the m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" for their kind and generous donation of £35.00 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

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BATTLE HONOURS FOR H.M.S. "CARDIFF"

During the past month or so, we have heard that "our Buddy ship", H.M.S. "CARDIFF" has been awarded Battle Honours for her service in the Falklands Campaign. It will be known as the Falkland Islands 1982 Honours. Battle Honours were awarded to thirtytwo Merchant ships, including the ill-fated "ATLANTIC CONVEYOR" - the only Merchant ship lost during that Campaign. We were also pleased to note that H.M.S. "GLAMORGAN" also received Battle Honours for her service, which has made the City of Cardiff very proud.

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ATTACHMENTS TO NEWSLETTER:

TWENTYFIVE YEARS' SERVICE: We have once again brought our list up-to-date.

"KUALA LUMP IT ?"

Thank you, **Captain Wood** and "**Daytripper**" from the m.v. "TACOMA CITY" for this amusing contribution.

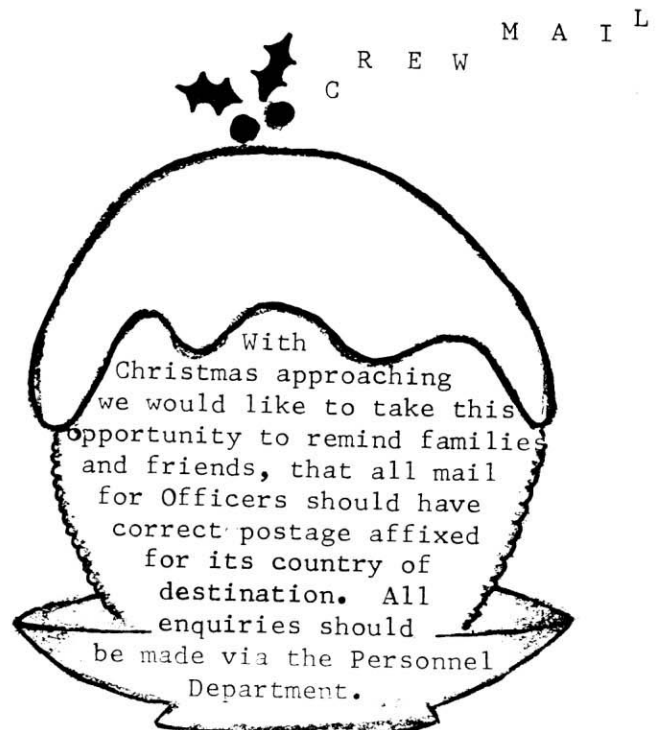
FROM THE EDITOR...

Just a word of thanks to all those who have so kindly sent in contributions during the year. They are much appreciated and do help to make our Newsletter "newsy" and interesting. Happy Christmas - and keep the contributions coming.

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LATE NEWS - OBITUARY:

Just before going to press, we have heard the sad news of the death of **Mr. Gary Hayes'** mother. **Mr. Hayes** is in Head Office Accounts Dept. and we extend our sincere sympathy to him.



ALL AT SEA .....

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Catering Cadet	J.S. Pearsall D.C. Toon, J.M. Coleman, R. Johnson K.H. Sellar H.L. Fletcher, N. Nesbitt, M.G. Evans, C.D. Broughton T.S. Lobo E.V. Neale	m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	B.A.C. Boyer I. Woollard, D.P. Kirley, G.J. Provis R.G. Miller N.B. Shilstone, T. Graham-Russell, C.K. Lee, I.J. Morgan D.G. Grant F.W. Lever P.C. Davies, J.R. Greenspan, A.P. Wilson
m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Catering	J.J. Birrell R.V. Duncan, K. Jones, R.A. Hall J.R. Mathews D. Harrison, J.B. Hocking, M. Williamson, M.J. Hopewell J.B. Sequeira	m.v. "OLMECA"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Cadet	M.W. Slayman J.P. Andrews, M.R. Sealey, S. Brown J.A. Heslop K.D. Morgan, P.H. Evans, J.H. Davies, C.B.C. Jones G. Jones D.G. Fernandes T. Stanford
m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	J. Porteous J. Dunk, M.J. Clarke, M. Cox V.F. Cullen R.J. Triggs, J. Foots, A.P. Brandram-Jones, W.P. Heyman J. Fernandes R.A. Peach T.B. Short, M.G. Shaw	m.v. "LACANDON"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	K. Milburn I.C. Stutt, P.D. Codd, E.J. Naughton D.J.F. Carter B.M. Draper, W.A. Bruce, P. Deschamps, P.D. Cocker J.E. Atkinson E. Dias
m.v. "TACOMA CITY"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	W.G. Wood R.T. Alford, T.J. Fuller, P.A. Vaughan M.W. Savory R.U. Bell, W.M. Powell, I.S. Exton, M.G. Adams K.F. Bean J. Bonner K.P. Deacon, D.R. Hilton, M.A. Worsnop	m.v. "YAQUI"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadet	D.L. Bell D.H. Aubrey, A. Thomson, S.F. Broderick P.L. Hodge J. Scott, D.A. Roberts, A.C. Coombs, S. Rawlings B.R. Batey N.H. Frost D.P. Stephens
m.v. "AMPARO"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	A.D. Lightfoot I.M. Stewart, J.M. Smith, C.G. Everett R.G. Chubb J.C. Cullen, C.J. Burton, K.R. Warner, A.J.F. Tuck, M.T.V. Holman D.G. Hunt A.H. Fox G.P. Jones, R. Williamson, P.C. Tate, A.M. Baker	m.v. SKEENA	Ships Company: Capt. M.J. Bellamy, R.E. Baker, J.A. Moore, C.F. Broad, B.B. Everett, W.R. Shannon, G.J. Griffiths, P. Price, M.S. Duke, J. Grainger, I. Hayward, R.P. Eastham, S.J. Thomas, W.D. Shepherdson, F. George, T. Aheru, J.C.A. Richards, R.A. Wilkins, W. Hevern, P. Jones, M.J. Evans, P.J. Mules, P.F. Miller, D.A. Phillips, K.J. Shire, P.R. Shears, S. Seagraves.	
m.v. "BIBI"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	W.D. Jones T. Haxell, N. Jerrum, R.W. Eacott C.G. Macey R. Chambers, P.J. Prendergast, K. Negele, H.D. McLundie, P. Willmott N. Padfield P.D. Smith R.G. Crozier, P.J. Gallie			

The above disposition lists were correct at the time of printing.

## SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 23rd November, 1983

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Furness Withy, sailed Philadelphia 0030, 19th October with a cargo of 26,031MT Soya Beans for discharge Japan. Vessel transitted the Panama Canal, and sailed Balboa, 0330, 26th October. She is due to arrive her first discharge port Japan, namely Hakata, around 1700, 25th November, berths about the 27th (due to congestion) and completes/sails evening 28th November for indicated discharge ports, Kobe 29th November/1st December; Kawasaki 2/4th, and finally, Yokohama, where she is due to arrive the 5th December and complete/redeliver from Time Charter 7th December. Her future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" Operating under Time Charter account Daiichi, this vessel sailed Tampa 0710, 12th November, with a cargo of 24,537MT Phosphate Rock and Diammonium Phosphate for discharge Japan. Vessel arrived Cristobal 2355, 15th November, and after transitting the Panama Canal, sailed Balboa 0300, 17th November. She is presently proceeding towards Japan at economic speed, and is due to arrive her first discharge port, Miyako, around the 11th December, where she is expected to discharge 20,215MT cargo, and sail the 16th December for Niigata, where she is due to arrive the 18th December to discharge 4,322MT DAP and complete discharge and redeliver around the 20th December. Vessels future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel, operating under Time Charter account Norbulk, sailed Singapore 1820, 19th November, after loading 957MT cargo, making a total cargo on board of 16,832MT of Timber and Ply for discharge Rotterdam, Antwerp and Avonmouth. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Jeddah at 14 knots, giving ETA around the 2nd December, and after bunkering, will sail same day for the Suez Canal, where she will transit through 5/6th December and then proceed to her first discharge port. Vessel is expected to arrive Rotterdam around the 16th December and sail the 20th for Antwerp 21/23rd and finally, Avonmouth, where she is expected to arrive around the 25th December and complete/redeliver around the 1st January. Her future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" Operating under Time Charter account United Arab Shipping (SAG), this vessel sailed Antwerp 0440, 9th November with a cargo of 9,465.016MT Steel Pipes, which includes 263 Pipes on deck (1,476MT). Vessel arrived Port Said 0100, 19th November and after transitting the Suez Canal, sailed the 20th, and is presently proceeding towards Kuwait at full speed. Vessel is expected to discharge at either Shuaiba or Shuweikh, and her present ETA Kuwait is 1700, 29th November. She is expected to complete and sail around the 8th December, after which vessel redelivers from Time Charter, passing Muscat, between 10/15th December. As yet, no future business has been arranged.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel arrived Toyohashi Anchorage 1105, 22nd November, and is expected to berth 0630, 25th. After completion of loading, vessel will sail the 25th November for further load ports, namely Nagoya 26/27th November; Yokkaichi 28/29th and finally, Chiba, where she is expected to arrive the 30th November and complete/sail same day. Vessel then proceeds to her discharge ports, the first being Long Beach, where she is due to arrive and sail 14th December, secondly Benecia (San Francisco), arriving 16th, sailing 17th December, for her final discharge port, New Westminster, arriving the 20th December and sailing 24th. As yet, we have received no further itinerary from Seaboard.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, operating under Voyage 8 Eastbound, sailed Tampico 1915, 19th November, and arrived Baton Rouge 0325, 22nd November. She is expected to sail pm, 25th November or 26th for Las Palmas, where she is due to arrive around the 4th December. After completion of cargo operations, vessel will sail the 5th December for Tenerife 6/7th and Naples, where she is due to arrive the 11th December. After completion of cargo operations, vessel will sail for Spezia and Antwerp, where she commences under Voyage 8 Westbound and sails Antwerp, for Hamburg and Felixstowe. We are awaiting further itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel, operating under Voyage 19 Westbound, sailed Salina Cruz 0615, 17th November and arrived Manzanillo 1612, 18th November. After bunkering, vessel 2315, 20th November. Vessel is, at present, expected to arrive Long Beach 23rd November and sail the 24th for Oakland 25/26th, after which she proceeds to Japan, Yokohama being her first port, where she arrives the 10th December, sails 11th, for Osaka 12/13th and then proceeds to Hong Kong, where she arrives the 17th December and commences under Voyage 20 Eastbound, sailing Hong Kong 19th December for Keelung 20/20th; Busan 22/23rd; Osaka 24/25th; Yokohama 26/26th, after which vessel proceeds back to the U.S. West Coast, arriving Oakland 7th January.

m.v. "LACANDON" This vessel sailed New Orleans 1145, 13th November with a cargo of 21981.7MT Sorghums for discharge Guaymas. Vessel arrived Cristobal 17th November, and after transitting the Panama Canal, sailed Balboa 1900, 18th November and is, at present, giving her ETA Guaymas 1900, 25th November. We understand vessel will be loading and discharging in this port, and will complete Guaymas around the 18th December, after which her future itinerary has not yet been received.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel, operating under Time Charter account Euram Shipping, sailed Bremen 0030, 4th November with 8,381T Cargo. Vessel arrived Cristobal 0130, 21st November and after transitting the Panama Canal, sailed Balboa 1900, 21st November. She is, at present, proceeding towards Manzanillo, for Bunkers, where she is expected to arrive 0600, 27th November and sail same day. She will then proceed to her first discharge port, Los Angeles, where she is expected to arrive around the 1st December, and sail the 4th, for Oakland 5/7th; Portland 9/11th; Seattle 13/15th, and finally, New Westminster, where she is due to arrive around the 16th December and complete/redeliver around the 18th December, after which no further itinerary has been received from T.M.M.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 16 Westbound, sailed Oakland 0015, 13th November (after discharging and loading) with a total cargo on board of 472 TEU's, plus 143 Empties. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Yokohama, where she is due to arrive 0600, 25th November and after completion of cargo operations, sail same day for Osaka 26/27th; Hong Kong 30/1st December; Keelung 2/3rd and Busan 5/6th. Vessel then proceeds to Osaka, for drydocking, arriving 7th December, completing/sailing around the 16th, after which she proceeds to Kobe, arriving 18th December, sailing same day, for Japanese Project Port 20/26th and Yokohama 27/28th. Vessel then proceeds to Lazaro Cardenas, arriving 11th January.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel arrived Amsterdam 4th November and berthed Amsterdam Repair Yard ADM 0100, 5th November. Vessel drydocked Amsterdam 1300, 16th November and after completion of hull painting, expected to be around am 22nd November, is expected to undock am 23rd and proceed to a layby berth to complete repairs. Vessel is expected to complete all repairs/sea trials and sail the 4th December, after which no future itinerary has been received.

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ERRORS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR JUST  
PLAIN DROPPED CLANGERS!!

The following example of a written "misunderstanding" was noticed in an article about the correctness, or otherwise, of the written and spoken word. Managers of any kind, please take note.....

This occurred in a letter written to the staff of a large Insurance Company:-

"Managers are asked to take advantage of their secretaries as early in the day as possible....." OR

from Secretary to her Boss:

"I am leaving. I have found a new position". The Boss replied: "Stay - and I'll double your pay".

Just shows how careful one must be with the written word!!

BUNTERS KNELL (with acknowledgment to Peter Simple of the Daily Telegraph).

"Ingredients: Whipped cream (containing stabiliser E401) - 34%. Sugar, Water, Wheatflour, Egg, Chocolate Flavour Vermicelli (with Emulsifier E322, Glazing Agents E414 & Shellac), Morello Cherries - 4% Glacé cherries (with colour E127), Fat Reduced Cocoa Powder, Chocolate Flavour Cake Covering (with emulsifier E322), Kirsch - 0.9%, Vegetable Oil, Dextrose, Emulsifiers (E470, E471, E475, E477), Modified Starch, Sorbitol, Colours (E122, E124, E142, E150, Chocolate Brown HT), Flavouring, Citric Acid, Margarine, Acidity Regulator (E331) - from a list of ingredients in a supermarket "Black Forest Gateau".

Black Forest will never seem the same again!!



"I'll have to be frank with you. Promotion prospects are terrible."

With acknowledgments to - *Executive World*  
We were so amused, we thought they wouldn't mind us  
reproducing this.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICE STAFF WITH  
25 YEARS OF SERVICE, OR MORE.

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	<u>YEARS</u>
C.R. Chatterton	54
A.F. Westall	44
R.S. Burston	42
O.R. John	40
L.S. Williams	39
M.G.B. Thomas	37
D.C. Griffith-Jones	37
J.W. Loudon	36
R.K. Thomas	36
V.T. Adney	35
A.F. Osborne	33
B.E. Gully	31
P.E.S. Hunt	31
R.G. Lewis	30
Miss P. Ward	28
A.M.B. Rowley	27
G.T. Walker	27
E.W. Poingdestre	26
W.A.J. Reardon Smith	26
J.P. Reardon Smith	25
R. Parker	25

SEAGOING STAFF WITH 25 YEARS  
OF SERVICE, OR MORE.

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	<u>YEARS</u>
J.S. Murray	36
P.J. Boroughs	36
R.A. Peach	33
A.D. Lightfoot	32
L. Slawinski	31
T.R. McNulty	30
P.W. Evans	28
B.A.G. Boyer	28
R.J. Trigg	28
J.R. Mathews	26
R.U. Bell	26
R.K. Stuart	25



Our thanks to Captain W.G. Wood of the m.v. "TACOMA CITY" for sending us this Article, by "Day Tripper".

KUALA LUMP-IT .....?

Those interesting please write down you name at the list, was the message left by M.S. Fulsan, Tourist & Travel Agency, Port Kelang. The details of the day trip to Luala Lumpur were displayed in the Old Groaner Bar on the Tacoma.

Sunday morning arrived and I was regretting being one of the six interesting people on board, and I think each one of us might have been excused for our mixed feelings as we scaled the near vertical gangway of a ship with empty cargo holds, waiting to load a cargo of plywood and kiln dried timber, at anchor. Our dubious descent of the gangway might have been due to the rain that hammered down on us, or could it have been the sight of the rickety old boat that was to take us ashore? Pelabuhan Kelang was a mere half hour away by boat, it it could stay afloat that long!

We managed to make it into the boat without absail gear, and the boat, surprisingly seaworthy, transported us to the quay, where the "air-conditioned" saloons awaited our arrival. A quick visit to immigration, a mere "hello" and a show of faces was more or less all that was required, and I cast my mind back to our experiences in the Persian Gulf. As the sun pierced the clouds, any mixed feelings drifted away, as did the rain. Not too hot, not too many flies, pleasant Immigration Officers and a chauffeur-driven ice-box - luxury!

King Palace was first on the list, so you can imagine our surprise when we arrived at stop number two - a Hindu Temple! Hold on Mr. Pulsan, we see at least one of these every day. How about showing us something different? Ah, now you are talking, a Hindu Temple. A few photographs of the statues guarding the shrine, a couple of the old lady sweeping the steps, smiles to the locals. A quick glance inside - lots of coconuts, a few stalls, food stands, more coconuts - hold on, temple or fairground? Must be humble, smiles to the old lady and the little man in the corner - fool, he's a statue.

Mr. Pulsan usshers us courteously into the frigidair on wheels and off we zoom to our next whistle stop. Ah! Number one, Kings Palace. Nine Kings in Malaysia all together, each with descending rank. This was number twos hang out, or was he number three? Well, anyway, he was well up the table, what with a swish joint like this, and surrounded by a rather large golf course. Royal Family and close friends only, no doubt.

So, after wiping the condensation from the lenses of our newly purchased cameras (Singapore last port), we record a few more sights/sites, and before you can say "Watch the Birdie" we are back on the road again.

Number three is the rubber and palm oil plantation, but there was no mention of the snakes or the great big spider on the information sheet. The spider and a willing finger (for comparison in size) become the design on another piece of Kodak.

I believe that the "Museum" was next on the list. Stepping out of the "cooler", I felt like an ice-cream, so I bought a chocolate lollipop. Cameras armed and ready, this was one area where we had the Japs beaten. Outside the "Museum" stood two old steam trains, and a battered old Austin. "It must have been one of the first ever built," was the confident proclamation. Out came the cameras, and a few more memories are wound on. Inside the "Museum", our interest is captured by the historic gowns, head-dresses and jewels, and by the various weapons, ranging from Muskets and Blunderbuss', to Sabres, Samurai swords and all sorts of other nasty shaped swords and daggers. Also, a couple of sets of knuckle dusters shaped by a somewhat sadistic hand. The hunting implements exhibited would do more than just kill the prey, probably skinning and gutting the poor animal at the same time. An efficient way to cut out the middle man, but what a mess! Let's look at the costumes again!

It was the British heritage section that caught my 50mm eye. The familiar sovereigns looking out of place on unfamiliar currency. King George V and Queen Elizabeth II were amongst those recognised on the Malaysian bank notes and only that very same day, we had been told that an OCL ship had discharged a cargo of Malaysian loot, printed in Britain. Upon checking, I found that printed on the back of the notes is "BRADBURY, WILKINSON & CO. LTD., NEW MALDEN, SURREY, ENGLAND". It could be the brand name on a packet of Polo's or at the most, printed on Monopoly money, but for it to be printed on the Malaysian currency, seemed a little out of place.

As we focused our lenses on Mr. Athelstain Swettenham, the little man at the door focused his on us. In any language, that look said "no photographs please", but as we sneaked a quick flash, his voice confirmed that look, in perfect English, "no photographs please". I'm sure that Athelstain did not mind, and after all, he was one of our main links until just recently, when Port Swettenham became Port Kelang.

Maintaining a similar theme, we headed for the Lake Gardens to see the War Memorial. Mr. Fulsan had sorted out his A/C, perhaps having grown tired of peeling his hands from the steering wheel, or the time wasted thawing out at each stop. So, after a few more snapshots, came the words that my stomach had been waiting to hear - "Chow Chow". Chinese was the order of the day, our guides' choice being the Kum Leng Restaurant, but having little confidence in his own choice of dining premises, he disappeared to eat elsewhere.

A glass of China Tea was never (sorry about this one) my cup of tea, but the peanuts went down well. The "beautiful girls' service" as promised, dished out the flannels, and in the same sweep gathered them in again. I did not mind the sticky fingers, just bring on the grub! The trays appeared, and were set down in the centre of the table. Sweet and Sour, Mushrooms and Noodles, Small Prawns and Rice, a variety of unidentifiable morsels and then the Fried Chicken, or was it Rabbit, or was it something else? The Anchor Beer, washed down any lingering tastes, but the digestive system was not given much of a chance. Mr. Fullsan arrived and herded us out into the now dazzling sunlight. A few scrawny cats lay still and motionless in the yard. One missing? No he must be in the shade somewhere! It was Chicken!

The Handicraft Centre was our post-luncheon date. The pretty young girls, dressed in examples of their work, greeted us pleasantly, gave us a brief tour and explanation of the surroundings, a quick look at the crocodiles and then, surprise, surprise, tried to sell us the goodies. I think we may have bought enough to keep them happy, but if not, even their persuasive shop talk could not have prevented the eager Mr. Fullsan from rushing into his car and racing off to the next stop!

It's getting late, and Batu Caves have yet to be explored. Psyching ourselves up to the 272 steps to be negotiated (and who complained about the gangway) our ultimatum is one hour to get up there, look around, take some photographs and get back to the cars. Ha! we should complain, just listen to this ..... During the festival of Thaipusam, celebrated in late January of each year, processions of Hindu Devotees, bearing the "Kavadi" with its sharp spikes pinned to their bodies, climb the 272 steps to the Cathedral Cave, where the Shrine of Lord Subramaniam is housed. I mean, these guys climb all the steps whilst they are bleeding to death! Man! Heavy! But I bet some of them use the cable car! If you reach the caves at the top, and if you recover, you can observe the remarkable limestone outcrop with vast caverns rising with imposing grandeur, but like everyone else, we went to have a look at the monkeys.

China Town terminated the tour. A chance to buy some goodies, a few blackcurrants, grapes and horse chestnuts. A final chance to observe the local shopping customs, their way of life, the different methods of sale and purchase, the presentation and preparation of goods, particularly the food stuffs, and the Cops. Don't dilly dally now, Mr. Fullsan says, it's time to go. Off back to the ship, after a full and interesting trip. Hey! Steak and Chips for dinner tonight, and ice-cream for dessert, great stuff!