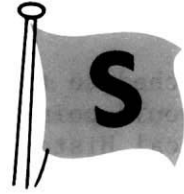


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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

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## SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

**MARRIAGES:** Many congratulations and best wishes for the future to **Mr. A.C. Coombes** on his marriage to **Miss Linda Lewis** on 5th December.

**OBITUARIES:** Readers who remember **Mr. John Howells**, ex Chief Engineer who transferred to our Rig Division some years ago and who still works for Atlantic Drilling Company, which is owned by Ben Line, will be saddened to hear that his wife passed away this month, after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Mr. Howells** and their young children at this time.

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**NEWS OF RETIRED STAFF:** **Mr. T.W. Major** has been in hospital during the past month for an operation. We are pleased to say he is now at home convalescing and has made an excellent recovery. **Mr. Major** hopes to call to see us at Head Office before Christmas and sends his best wishes to all for the Festive Season.

**Mr. Harry Caswell** continues to be as cheerful as ever and is well. He always takes a great interest in the Company and keeps in contact whenever possible.

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**EXAMINATION SUCCESSES:** Congratulations to **Mr. T.H. Jowett** on obtaining his Class J Deck (Master's) Certificate.

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B.U.P.A. 1984

Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of a Memorandum sent to all SEA STAFF. We would point out that the BULK GROUP is NOT a BUPACARE Scheme and that the Medical History should be completed.

If you have not already received your copy of the pamphlet "BUPAMARINE", please contact us immediately.

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DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Our thanks to **Captain K. Milburn and Officers** aboard the m.v. "LACANDON" for their generous donation of £67.00 to the Sailors' Children's Society (Newland Homes). We do know that the Society very much appreciates such donations.

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THE ROYAL MERCHANT NAVY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

We have received a letter of appreciation from the Appeal Secretary of the above in regard to a donation received by them from **Captain A.D. Lightfoot and Officers** of the m.v. "AMPARO", in an amount of £45 in response to their appeal. Major Walker explained a little of the background of the Charity, as follows:-

"After the Great War, the Victorian Mansion and 500 acres of land was given by two benefactors to the Royal Merchant Navy School to become accommodation for some 300 orphaned boys and girls of British Merchant Seamen. After the Second World War, it became impossible to provide sufficient income to maintain the orphanage without taking some fee-paying scholars to help defray the costs of a big boarding School. Now, as costs have continued to increase and the maintenance of the old Mansion has become more costly, the Charity has had to rent the premises to a fee-paying College with permission for boy orphans to be educated there. Girl orphans are paid to enter into boarding schools as near their homes as is possible. Last year we educated 51 orphaned boys and girls at a net cost of £125,643. Among these children were Richard and David Wootton, whose father, David Wootton was Chief Officer on board the m.v. "TACOMA CITY", when he died at sea in July 1972. We are proud of the education you help us to provide for these children and wish to thank all the Masters, Officers and crew members who have given to our various appeals in past years and I hope others will response in as similar generous way as have the Officers and their wives of the m.v. "AMPARO"."

Major Walker ends his letter by wishing all the personnel of Reardon Smith Line a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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AMVER AWARDS

We have received the following from the U.S. Coast Guard in regard to the Twentyfifth Year of the AMVER AWARDS, which many of our vessels have received:  
Greetings:

As AMVER enters its 25th year, I am particularly pleased to congratulate your organization for the high level of active participation in AMVER. Ships flying flags of some 80 countries have merited 1982 AMVER awards and certificates in recognition of their outstanding contributions to world maritime safety.

Awards are made to each ship that was on AMVER plot 128 days or more. Blue pennants are awarded to those ships winning an AMVER award for the first time. The gold AMVER pennant is special recognition awarded to those ships receiving their fifth consecutive award. The remarkable achievement of ten consecutive years in receiving AMVER awards is celebrated with a purple pennant.

These awards are a testimonial to your commitment to safety at sea. As a result of the support of hundreds of companies like yours, and radio stations around the world, AMVER is one of the most respected maritime safety systems in the world. That support is a credit to you and your personnel and is highly valued by the U. S. Coast Guard and the maritime community.

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MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

This week we received a letter from Mrs. Anne Bernard advising us that her mother, **Mrs. Jean Hitchman (nee Jean/Jane/Jennie Wood)** who worked in both Cardiff and London Offices and was Secretary to both Sir William and his son, Sir Willie, died on 6th October. It is only some of our retired staff who may remember Miss Wood, as she then was, but her daughter said she was bright and active up to the last three weeks. She produced and acted in Repertory on the National Party Committee and Fed. University Women, walking 6 - 8 miles daily in addition to Forest and Bird tramps. She was up-to-date with politics and world affairs. **Mrs. Hitchman** was 84. On making enquiries from one of our retired staff, it is understood that **Mrs. Hitchman's** sister also worked for the Company and she, too, worked in both Cardiff and London. Her name was **Rhoda Wood**. Does anyone else remember them? Apparently, Mrs. Hitchman was with us for eighteen years prior to 1936.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Newsletter for December has, necessarily, had to be produced earlier than normal due to the Christmas holidays and to have it ready for posting at the end of the month means it must be completed before Christmas week. Any items received after 15th December will be included in the January issue.

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ALL AT SEA.....

M.V. "EASTERN VALLEY"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Catering	J.S. Pearsall D.C. Toon, M.R. Lovibond, R. Johnson, R.C. Masters K.H. Sellar H.L. Fletcher, N. Nesbitt, M.G. Evans, C.D. Broughton T.S. Lobo	M.V. "SILVIA SOFIA"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	B.A.G. Boyer B.T. Hernaman, D.P. Kirley, G. Provis R.G. Miller N.B. Shilstone, T. Graham-Russell, C.K. Lee, I.J. Morgan, K. Hampton D.G. Grant F.W. Lever P.C. Davies, J.R. Greenspan
M.V. "WESTERN VALLEY"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	J.J. Birrell K. Jones, J.C. Pagler, S.A. Hembury J.R. Mathews D. Amey, J.B. Hocking, M. Williamson, P. Collins F.C. Brown J.B. Sequeira	M.V. "OLMECA"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	M.W. Slayman J.P. Andrews, M.R. Sealey, S. Brown E.G. Bromham K.D. Morgan, P.H. Evans, A.C. Goombs, C.B.C. Jones N.J. Whitfield D.C. Fernandes
M.V. "PORT ALBERNI CITY"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadet	J. Porteous J. Dunk, M.J. Clarke, M. Cox V.F. Cullen R.J. Trigg, J. Fooks, A.P. Brandram-Jones, A.R. Parker J. Fernandes R.A. Peach T.B. Short	M.V. "LAGANDON"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	D.L. Bell I.C. Scutt, 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, M.W. Powell, I.S. Exton, D.B. Evans J.P. Crawford J. Bonner D.R. Hilton, M.A. Worsnop	M.V. "YAQIT"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	T.R. McNulty D.H. Aubrey, P. Coles, D.B. Williams P.L. Hodge J. Scott, R. Thomas, A. Keast, S. Rawlings B.R. Batey
M.V. "AMPARO"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	A.D. Lightfoot I.M. Stewart, J.M. Smith, J.C. Townsend R.G. Chugg J.C. Cullen, C.J. Burton, K.R. Warner, A.J.F. Tuck, M.I.V. Holman D.G. Hunt A.H. Fox G.P. Jones, R. Williamson	M.V. "SKEENA"	Ships Company: Capt. M.J. Bellamy, R.E. Baker, J.J. Moore, C.E. Broad, B.P. Everett, G.J. Griffiths, W.R. Shannon, R.H. Reed, M.S. Duke, J.A. Grainger, L. Hayward, S.J. Thomas, W.D. Shepherdson, F. George, J.C.A. Richards, R.A. Wilkins, W. Hevern, A.M. Viner, P. Jones, M.J. Evans, P.R. Shears, P.J. Mules, G. Weekley, P.F. Miller, D.A. Phillips	
M.V. "BIRBY"	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	W.D. Jones T. Haxell, N. Jerrum, J.M. Coleman C.G. Macey R. Chambers, P.J. Prendergast, K. Negele, H.D. McLundie, N. Padfield P. Willmott P.D. Smith R.G. Crozier, P.J. Gallie			

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

## SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 14th December, 1983

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" After redelivering from Furness Withy Time Charter, dropping outward pilot Kawasaki 0948 5th December, this vessel anchored off awaiting orders, and after receiving same sailed Kawasaki 1150 7th December. She is, at present, proceeding towards Gladstone at 14½ knots to deliver under Time Charter account Burdekin, arrival pilot station, 1600 18th December. Vessel is expected to load 16000T Sunflower Seed Gladstone for discharge Lisbon. After completion of loading, vessel is expected to sail Gladstone around the 24th December and calls Mackay for bunkers, sailing around the 26th December. Her next port of call is Jeddah, again for bunkers, arriving around the 19th January and sailing the 20th, after which she transits the Suez Canal through 22/23rd January, and proceeds to her first port, Lisbon, arriving around the 30th January and completing and redelivering around the 5/10th February. Her future employment 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 24537MT Phosphate Rock and Diammonium Phosphate. Vessel transitted the Panama Canal, sailing Balboa 0300 17th November, proceeding towards Japan. Vessel arrived her first discharge port, Niigata, 2308 13th December, where she discharges a cargo of 4322MT DAP. After completion of discharge, vessel will sail 15/16th December for Niigata where she arrives around the 16/17th December to discharge 20215MT Phosphate Rock and is expected to complete and redeliver around the 22/23rd December, after which her future employment has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Norbulk, sailed Singapore 1820 19th November with a cargo of 16832MT Timber/Ply for discharge Rotterdam, Antwerp and Cardiff. Vessel called Jeddah 2nd December, for bunkers, and after transitting the Suez Canal, sailed Port Said 2200 5th December. Vessel is now proceeding towards her first discharge port, Rotterdam, where she is expected to arrive around 2300 15th December, and after completion of cargo, will sail 19th December for Antwerp 20/22nd and finally, Cardiff, where she is due to arrive the 24th December and complete and redeliver, after completion of cargo operations, around the 30th December. Her future employment has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" This vessel redelivered from United Arab Shipping Time Charter, passing Muscat, 0312LT 8th December, and is, at present, proceeding towards Richards Bay, where she delivers under Time Charter account Island View Shipping, on arrival pilot station, around 0200 19th December. She is expected to load a cargo of 26250MT Phosphate Rock Richards Bay for discharge Rotterdam and Heroya. Vessel is expected to leave Richards Bay around the 21st December and Charterers have instructed vessel to proceed at slow speed to her first discharge port, Rotterdam, where she is expected to arrive around the 13th January. After discharging 15250MT cargo, vessel is expected to sail 15th January for Heroya, arriving 16th January, to discharge 11000MT, and sail 18th January, after which she redelivers from Time Charter, passing Skaw, around 19th January. Her future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel sailed Chiba 1424 29th November, after completion of loading, and proceeded towards the U.S. West Coast, arriving her first discharge port, Long Beach, 0700 13th December. After discharging and bunkering vessel sailed 0033 14th December, for Benecia (San Francisco) 14/15th December; Portland 17/18th and finally, Vancouver, where she is expected to arrive the 19th December and complete discharge the 21st. Vessels next business is loading Nanaimo 21/22nd December; Crofton 22/23rd and Vancouver, arriving 23rd December and completing/sailing around 26/27th December, all for discharge Chiba, Tokyo, Kawasaki, Nagoya, and finally, Osaka. Vessel is expected to arrive Japan around the 9th January.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 8 Eastbound, is due to sail Naples around the 15th December for La Spezia 16/17th, after which she arrives Antwerp around the 22nd December and commences under Voyage 8 Westbound, sailing 26th December for Hamburg 28/29th, Bremen 30/30th, Rotterdam 2/3rd January, Le Havre 5/6th, Felixstowe 9/9th and Bilbao (to be confirmed) 12/13th January. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 9 Westbound, arriving Vera Cruz 22nd January, sailing 26th, for Tampico 27/1st February and Coatzacoalcos 2/5th, after which she proceeds back to the Continent, where she is due to arrive Antwerp around the 19th February.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 9 Westbound, sailed Osaka 0930 11th December and is expected to arrive Hong Kong 1500 14th, after which she proceeds under Voyage 20 Eastbound, sailing Hong Kong 14th December for Keelung 15/16th, Busan 18/19th, Osaka 20/21st and Yokohama 22/23rd. Vessel then proceeds back to the U.S. West Coast, arriving Oakland 3rd January, sailing same day, for Long Beach 4/5th and Ensenada 6/7th, after which vessel proceeds under Voyage 20 Westbound, arriving and sailing Salina Cruz 11/14th January, A Port 16/20th, Long Beach 25/26th and Oakland 26/27th. Vessel then proceeds back to Japan, arriving Yokohama around the 11th February.

m.v. "LACANDON" Vessel completed discharge of her cargo of Grain at Guaymas 1700 6th December, and commenced loading Copper Concentrates 1400 7th December. She sailed Guaymas 0700 12th December with a cargo of 22897MT Copper Concentrates and 1081MT Molybdenum in drums, total cargo being 23978MT, all for discharge Hamburg. Vessel is due to arrive Balboa around pm 19th December and after transitting the Panama Canal, will sail Cristobal 20th for Hamburg, where she is due to arrive around the 5th January, and complete/sail about the 10/15th January. We are still awaiting further itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "OLMECA" Operating under Time Charter account Euram Shipping, this vessel sailed Oakland 13th December, and is due to arrive Portland 2300 14th, and sail 16th for her final discharge port, New Westminster, where she is due to arrive 18th December and complete/redeliver around the 22nd December. Vessel then proceeds to Guaymas to load a cargo of Copper Concentrates (for discharge Hamburg and possibly Huelva) arriving around the 30th December and sailing 4th January for the Panama Canal 11/12th. Vessel then proceeds to her first discharge port, Hamburg, arriving around the 25th January, and after completion of her cargo operations at that port, is due to sail 29th January for her possible final discharge port, Huelva, 2/4th February.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel undocked and sailed Osaka 1030 14th December and is, at present, proceeding to Yokosuka at a reduced speed due to no berth being available until 1200 15th December. Vessel commences under Voyage 17 Eastbound, and after completion of cargo operations Yokosuka, sails 16/17th December for Nagasaki 19/20th, Hiroshima 21/22nd, Shimizu 24/27th, Lazaro Cardenas 11/15th January, Acapulco 16/18th and Mazatlan 19/20th, after which vessel proceeds under Voyage 17 Westbound, arriving/sailing Champerico 21/23rd January and Guaymas 26/28th. Vessel then proceeds back to Japan, arriving her first port, Yokohama, around the 11th February.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel arrived Hamburg 0715 11th December, and after completion loading her cargo of Steel Pipes and Coils, sailed 1736 13th December for her second load port, Antwerp, where she is due to arrive 2000 14th December and complete cargo operations and sail around the 16th December for her discharge ports, Coatzacoalcos and Vera Cruz. Vessel is expected to arrive Coatzacoalcos around the 2nd January.

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STAMP ISSUES 1984

17th January	Heraldry
6th March	Cattle
10th April	Urban Renewal
15th May	Europa
26th June	Greenwich Meridian
25th September	The British Council
20th November	Christmas

(NOTE: If anyone has a copy of the 1984 Stamp Bug Calendar, they will see a discrepancy on the June issue. On the Calendar it is shown as the 26th, but underneath the picture is written 27th June. A check has been made with the Philatelic Bureau, who confirms that the stamp will be issued on 26th June, all issues this year being on a Tuesday.)

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TO RAISE A SMILE WITH WHICH TO ENTER THE NEW YEAR

An editor looked over the proofs of the book on child care and decided the author had used the word "underpants" too often. He jotted down a memo "change underpants" on his calendar pad to remind him of this change. The next morning the editor's secretary checked her boss's calendar as usual, shook her head and said: "What will that man want me to remind him of next?"

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FOR THE NEW YEAR

This extract of a poem was broadcast by the late King George VI in one of his War-time Christmas Messages to the Nation and Empire. (1939)

I said to the Man who stood at the  
gate of the year,  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely  
into the unknown".  
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness  
and put your hand into the hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light  
And safer than a known way".

An actress was suffering from nervous tension and strain. She went to a psychiatrist. "You need a change. Get away from your normal routine", he said. "A change?", she asked, "in the past six years I have been in five different plays, have lived in seven different apartments, have been married to three different men, have owned nine cars and have travelled to 24 states and nine countries. What sort of change did you have in mind?". (There's no answer to that!!)

(With acknowledgments to Alberta Wheat Pool "Budget" for both jokes)<sup>3</sup>