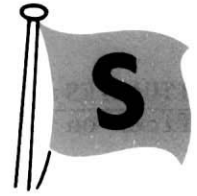


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KEEN KEEP-FITTERS?...OR ARE THEY?

At first glance this photograph may lead readers to believe that those aboard the m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" are enthusiastic keep-fitters or at the very least, that **Captain Jeff Birrell** and **Bill Gill, Chief Engineer**, literally keep their subordinates on their toes. This group of men was photographed recently in Durban and, although **Jeff** and **Bill** do expect fit Officers and Crew, they cannot claim credit this time. The group was actually from a Polish training ship and the photograph just happened to be taken as they passed the "WESTERN VALLEY". Looks impressive, though!!!!



SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

OBITUARIES: Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Mr. F.W. Lever, Catering Officer** on the recent passing of his mother.

Sincere condolences are also offered to **Mrs. Patricia Luxton**, Chartering Department, Head Office, on the passing of her father on 30th April.

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MARRIAGES: Congratulations and best wishes are extended to **Mr. M.J. Clarke and Miss Susan Margaret Vaughan** on their marriage at Wellingborough Register Office on 5th May.

Our sincere congratulations are also extended to **Mr. D.P. Lockett and Miss Angela James** on their recent marriage.

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NEWS OF RETIRED STAFF

We have heard that **Captain Picton Davies** has once again taken a cruise to the Canary Islands over the Easter period. Aboard the m.s. "BLACK WATCH", he visited three of the Islands and had enjoyed sailing with the Captain and most of the staff for the second time. He sends his regards to all his friends in R.S.L.

Mr. T.W. Major is keeping well and went on a trip to Egypt on 5th May. He and **Mrs. Major** were also intending to visit Normandy for the 40th Anniversary Celebrations of the Allied Landings. **Mr. Major** tells us he was there on D + 3 and traded into the beach head for several months with guns and ammunition, etc. After losses on convoys, it was actually uneventful, but the going got a bit rough when they moved to Antwerp. He also sends his regards.

Mr. A.J. Crockett and Mrs. Crockett are now fit and well again after a bad dose of 'flu. He sends his regards to his friends.

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DONATIONS TO CHARITY

As a result of a collection commenced by **Captain Lightfoot** and continued during the past three months, **Captain Skinner**, of the m.v. "AMPARO" has sent a donation to the R.N.L.I. in the sum of £58.00. The R.N.L.I. and the Company are most grateful to the Officers for their generosity.

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REARDON SMITH - COMPANY HISTORY

Readers may remember the Company History Book which was published during our Seventy-fifth Anniversary Year in 1980, compiled by Mr. P.M. Heaton. Mr. Heaton has recently decided to up-date and publish this book, which will be available to the general public probably during the first week in June. We must emphasise that this is Mr. Heaton's own publication and, therefore, the Company is not concerned in its marketing or ordering. As mentioned, it is brought up-to-date and contains more detail than our previous book, which Mr. Heaton has researched. The book will retail at £8.95 and is in hard-back. However, Mr. Heaton is pleased to offer the book at a special price to all R.S.L. staff - ashore or afloat - £6.95 plus £1 for postage and handling.

This rate applies to the U.K. and Northern Ireland only. If books are required for overseas addresses, it would be wise to write to Mr. Heaton first requesting an overseas postal price.

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of our History should write **DIRECT TO MR. P.M. HEATON** at the following address:-

62 AFON CLOSE,
NEW INN,
PONTYPOOL, Gwent. Wales.
G.B.

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ATTACHMENTS TO NEWSLETTER

MNAOA BULLETIN: We attach copy of the MNAOA Bulletin S/0 16 which concerns their Aldgate Office in London.

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R.N.R PUBLICITY: We have been requested by the Royal Naval Reserve in Cardiff to circulate our Fleet with their latest leaflet. This we have photographed and it is one of our attachments.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

It has been suggested that we publish Forthcoming Events for the benefit of our local readers or those who may be visiting Cardiff. Quite a few members on our staff belong to various Clubs who, from time to time, have events which the public attend and which may be of interest to readers. Other staff members are concerned with various Charities: i.e. R.N.L.I., N.S.P.C.C. and The Missions to Seamen, to name a few. We do give a note of our Cricket Club fixtures, but each month we will highlight events due between Newsletters.

Therefore, if any reader wishes us to publish an "Event", please let us know as well in advance of the date as possible, bearing in mind that Newsletters are published around the 18/20th of the month.

If contributions to an Event are requested (i.e. Bring & Buy, Jumble, etc)., we are willing to include this, but such requests must include an address for delivery, as it must be stressed we cannot accept such goods at the office.

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ALL AT SEA.....

m. v. EASTERN VALLEY	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	R. Crawford D. Toon, M. Lovibond, R. Hall R. Smith D. Harrison, D. Roberts, M. G. Evans, M. Hopewell. E. Bennington L. Rodrigues.	m. v. AMPARO	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	R. Skinner B. Hopper, J. Pagler S. Broderick. M. Savory P. W. Evans, J. Fooks, D. Simons, M. McLundie, C. Broughton D. Harnett C. Harthy. J. Greenspan, P. Davies.
m. v. WESTERN VALLEY	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	R. Duncan K. Jones, J. Neale, C. Provis D. Bidmead W. Gill, K. Rowney, R. Thomas C. Lee. F. Brown D. Dias.	m. v. BIBI	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	J. Pearsall, P. Baverstock, A. Morris A. Abel. P. Bradley D. Amey, P. H. Evans, R. Stead, M. Penny, I. Morgan. D. Grant L. Slawinski D. Hilton, M. Worsnop, R. Williamson.
m. v. NORTHERN VALLEY	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officers Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer Cadets	L. Staines I. Stutt, R. Davies, E. Naughton J. Mathews, R. Masters. R. Diamond, J. Hocking. P. Deschamps, A. Parker. K. Hampton M. Gomes P. Gallie, T. Stanford, S. Thomas.	m. v. SILVIA SOFIA	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer	M. Bellamy G. Byles, T. Haxell, R. Eacott C. Hacey K. Morgan, T. Graham-Russell I. Exton, A. Salter, D. A. Williams. K. Bean L. Haywood.
m. v. TACOMA CITY	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering Officer	J. Lee J. Murray, C. Windells, I. Cowan K. Sellar L. Williamson, R. Rees, M. Lockwood, D. B. Evans. J. Crawford R. Pierce	m. v. OJMECA	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	P. Borroughs E. Walmsley, P. Codd, R. Webb E. Bromham E. Morgan, A. Hobin, A. Coombe M. Adams, M. Holman N. Whitfield D. Fernandes
m. v. SKEENA	Ships Company:- Captain A. Prosser, D. Thomson, G. Hughes, P. Price, R. Reed, J. Akhurst, K. Baines, A. Gouldie, P. Tate, D. Sturdy, M. Bowen, W. Shepherdson, A. Viner, K. Walsh, D. Long, S. Hurrell, S. Seagraves, C. Moore, M. J. Evans, S. Bird, G. Weekley, K. Shiro, B. V. Williams, A. Trabert.		m. v. "YAQUI	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	M. Slayman A. Field, S. Brown, M. Sealey B. Carter B. Draper, W. Bruce, K. Warner P. Cocker. J. Atkinson E. Dias
			m. v. LACANDON	Captain Deck Officer Radio Officer Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	K. Milburn A. Thomson, P. Roberts, D. B. Williams. P. Hodge H. Fletcher, P. Stade, M. Williamson, A. Keast. D. Osborne O. Rebello

SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 17th May, 1984

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" This vessel presently operating under Time Charter account Island View Shipping, sailed Port Elizabeth 2207 24th April with a cargo of 25714MT Ores for discharge Rotterdam. Vessel is due to arrive Rotterdam Pilot 1800 17th May and berth at Frans Swarttouw, Vulcaanharbour, Vlaardingen am 18th May and after completion of discharge is expected to redeliver from Time Charter around the 19/20th May. Vessel then proceeds to Ymuiden to deliver under Time Charter, account British Steel Corp. on arrival Pilot Station around 21st May, and after loading a cargo of Steel, sails 24th for second load port, Middlesbrough, arriving 25th and sailing possibly around 14th June. Vessel then proceeds to the Suez Canal, arriving Port Said 24th June and after transiting, sailing Suez 25th June. Discharge ports have not yet been declared, but vessel will arrive Hong Kong/Japan range around 15th July, and after completion of discharge will redeliver around the 25th July.

m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" This vessel presently operating under Time Charter account Island View Shipping, sailed Richards Bay 0905 12th May after loading a cargo of 9450T Pig Iron/5000T Titanium Slag and 3000T Phosphate Rock for discharge Rotterdam. Vessel then arrived Durban 1520 12th May and after loading 2000T Coils Wire for discharge La Corunna, sailed 1840 15th May. Vessel arrived Port Elizabeth 2333 16th May and after completion of loading will sail the 21/22nd. Vessel then proceeds to her first discharge port, La Corunna, arriving 10th June, sailing 12th for her final discharge port, Rotterdam, arriving 15th June and redelivering from Time Charter around 18th June. Vessel's next business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel sailed Cape Town 1630 9th May and delivered under Time Charter account Grant Shipping dropping outward Pilot Cape Town 1640 9th May and is presently proceeding towards Santos, where she is due to arrive 0800 20th May. The intention is to load a cargo of 21,500MT Steel Coils, Plates and Bundles in Santos for discharge Shanghai, Lianyungang and Hsinkang. After completion of loading vessel will sail Santos around 10th June and will call at Singapore for crew change, arriving around 8th July and sailing the 9th for her first port of discharge, being Shanghai. Vessel is due to arrive Shanghai around 17th July and as discharge prospects are, as yet, unknown, we can only estimate vessel will complete discharge and redeliver Hsinkang around 5/10th August.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" This vessel presently operating under Time Charter account United Arab Shipping Co. (SAG) sailed Antwerp 1425 28th April with a cargo of 9755.766MT Pipes and Fittings, including 1643MT on deck for discharge Shuweikh (Kuwait). Vessel arrived Port Said 1210 8th May, and after transiting the Suez Canal, sailed 1648 9th May and is presently proceeding towards Shuweikh, arriving around 1300 19th May. After completion of discharge, vessel is expected to sail around the 24th May and will redeliver from Time Charter passing Muscat 26th May. Vessel then proceeds towards South Africa, where she will deliver under Time Charter account Island View Shipping on arrival Pilot Station Durban or Richards Bay around 6th June, and after completion of loading at South African port(s) will sail around the 12th June for the Continent for discharge. As discharge port(s) have not yet been declared, we can only estimate vessel is due to arrive around 3rd July and complete and redeliver around 5/10th July.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel sailed Vancouver 2200 7th May with 16,700T cargo for discharge Japan. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Sendai, where she is due to arrive am 21st May and after completion of discharge will sail 22nd for her second and final discharge port, Chiba, arriving 23rd May and sailing 24th. Vessel then proceeds to Nagoya, arriving 25/26th May to commence loading a cargo of Cars . We are still awaiting itinerary from Seaboard, but vessel is expected to load Cars at Nagoya, Toyohashi, Yokkaichi, Chiba and finally Kawasaki for discharge Long Beach, Los Angeles, Richmond, Portland and Vancouver, B.C.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, operating under Voyage 10 Westbound, arrived Le Havre 1245 13th May and after completion of cargo operations sailed 2300 14th May for Coatzacoalcos. Vessel is expected to arrive Coatzacoalcos around 27th May and sail 28th for Vera Cruz, arriving 29th, sailing 4th June, and finally Tampico arriving the 5th and after completion of cargo operations sail the 6th. Vessel then proceeds to Mexico - Brazil Liner Service, but we are still awaiting itinerary for this Service from T.M.M.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel operating under Voyage 22 Westbound, sailed Salina Cruz 1700 13th May and arrived Champerico 0619 14th May. After completion of loading vessel will sail Champerico 18th May for Manzanillo 20/21st May, Sacramento arriving 24th May, where it is the intention to load 4000MT Safflower and sail 26th May, for her final load port, Long Beach, arriving 27th May and sailing same day. Vessel then proceeds to her first discharge port, Keelung, arriving 10th June, sailing 12th, for Busan 13/14th, Chiba 15/16th, Osaka 17/18th, and finally Nagoya/Yokkaichi, arriving 19th June and sailing 20th. We are awaiting future itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "LACANDON" This vessel arrived Hamburg 1100 9th May and after completion of discharge sailed 1300 12th May for Antwerp. Vessel arrived Antwerp 0114 14th May and commenced loading a cargo of Pipes 0800 14th May. Estimated time of departure Antwerp is around 17th May for Mexico. We are awaiting declared discharge port and dates from T.M.M., but vessel could possibly discharge at Vera Cruz. No future business has yet been arranged.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel presently operating under Time Charter account Furness Withy, sailed Salina Cruz 1500 12th May and anchored Guaymas 0001 16th May. Due to lack of cargo vessel berths 19th, and after loading a cargo of 23000MT Copper Concentrates and 600MT Drums Molybdenum, is expected to sail Guaymas 21st May. Vessel then calls Salina Cruz for bunkers, arriving 25th, sailing 26th May for Balboa, where she is expected to arrive around 30th May, and after transiting the Panama Canal will sail Cristobal 31st May. Vessel then proceeds to her first port of discharge, Hamburg, arriving around 15th June and after discharging 13500MT Copper Concentrates and Molybdenum will sail 17th June for final discharge port Huelva, arriving 21st June to discharge 9500MT Copper Concentrates, and complete and sail 23rd June. No future itinerary has yet been received from T.M.M.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel presently under Voyage 18 Westbound sailed Guaymas 1200 4th May after loading a cargo of 16,000MT Copper Concentrates plus 50MT Bagged Chick Peas. Arrived Long Beach 1115 7th May and after completion of loading 190 x 40' empty containers sailed 1400 8th May. Vessel is presently proceeding to her first port of discharge, being Miyako, where she is due to arrive 1700 21st May to discharge 5000MT Copper Concentrates and sail evening 24th or noon 25th. Vessel then calls Yokohama arriving 25/26th to discharge 190 x 40' empties and sail 26th. Vessel then calls Yokosuka 27/28th (loads Nissan CKD) Hibi 30/2nd June (discharges 11,000MT Copper Concentrates). Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 19 Eastbound, calling Tokai 3/4th June (loads 2020MT Steel) Nagasaki 5/9th June (7240 c.ft. CFE.Project) Osaka 10/11th June (FESUSA cargo plus 1600 c.ft. Komatsu) and finally Yokohama 12/13th June (FESUSA cargo). After which vessel proceeds to her ports of discharge, Oakland being the first arriving 24th June, sailing same day for Long Beach 25/26th, Manzanillo 29/1st July, and finally Acapulco, arriving 2nd and completing and sailing 3rd July.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel redelivered from Sanko Time Charter and sailed Houston 2318 14th May and is presently proceeding towards Coatzacoalcos where she is due to arrive 17th May. After loading a cargo of Urea, vessel is expected to sail Coatzacoalcos 20th May for Cristobal, where she is due to arrive 25th May and after transiting the Panama Canal will sail Balboa 26th May. Vessel then proceeds towards discharge port, being Manzanillo, where she is expected to arrive 1st June and complete discharge and sail 5th June. No future business has yet been received from T.M.M.

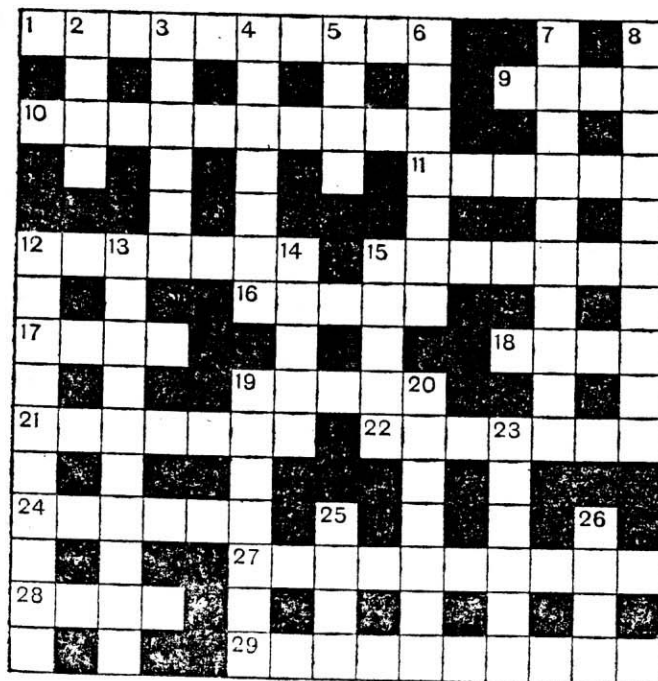
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Clues:

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| <p>1. Part of deck that may be removed? (10)</p> <p>9. A refined woman? (4)</p> <p>10. He realizes wealth from wealth. (10)</p> <p>11. Very small variety of 15 down? (6)</p> <p>12. Fed up with marine adventures, are you this? (7)</p> <p>15. It's used to sweep an area! (7)</p> <p>16. To follow as a consequence (5)</p> <p>17.like this, after destiny; (a muddled feat!) (4)</p> <p>18. A refined man? (4)</p> <p>19. Coach found within gates! (5)</p> <p>21. Depressions between waves (7)</p> <p>22. A revealing character! (7)</p> <p>24. He may 'fix' a ship. (6)</p> <p>27. Good ones are said to be on the road to hell! (10)</p> <p>28. He's resting - not being dishonest. (4)</p> | <p>2. This may be said with a feeling of emotion (4).</p> <p>3. Critical moment. (6)</p> <p>4. Cup used in the mass. (7)</p> <p>5. Many a search has been made in this! (4)</p> <p>6. Try to find again? (7)</p> <p>7. They've made many chips in their time! (10)</p> <p>8. It produces characters! (10)</p> <p>12. A spiderman may have this around him. (6,4).</p> <p>13. Is the sky the limit to his interests? (10)</p> <p>14. Units of speed for shore birds (5)</p> <p>15. Large variety of 11 across? (5)</p> <p>19. Chief officer of Crown in a county. (7)</p> <p>20. A wide extent (7)</p> <p>23. Pleasure trip (6)</p> <p>25. Rats turned into a possible attraction (4).</p> |
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29. When things get too hot, this may be necessary to cool them down! (4,6)
26. Sometime later. (4)



Our thanks to Mr. J.F. Thorne, retired Staff, Cardiff, for this Crossword. Answers next month.

Our thanks to Mr. J.R. Mathews, Radio Officer, m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" for this month's "chuckle".

In Wales, Rugby Union and Religion are somewhat inter-mixed. Just to witness the great hymn-singing crowd at Cardiff Arms Park on International Day clearly illustrates the point. We all know that Welsh Internationals go to Heaven at the end of their labours on Earth.

A man with a puzzled expression stood outside the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter turned to him and looked down his list:

"Name"?, he asked.

"Will Jenkins".

"And what was your claim to fame on Earth?".

"I was a winger for a Welsh Rugby team", he replied, with considerable pride. "You know, I once played for Wales against England at Cardiff Arms Park. I crossed the try-line. Unfortunately, I dropped the ball".

"I see", said Saint Peter, "and when was that?".

"About two minutes ago!".

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"H.M.S. PINAFORES?"!!!

The following was included in a Port Information Circular (port to remain anonymous):

LABOUR: At recent meetings, representatives of the port labour unions have been demanding a number of concessions which include a complete revision of the port working regulations, fortnightly payment of wages, elimination of "dry ports", suitable working clothes and loans for the purchase by the Stevedores of school pinafores for their children. The talks have been orderly, however, and there is no talk so far of staging any kind of industrial action.

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PUZZLE CORNER

Test your skill and ingenuity.

Q. Take 6 matches and, by joining them all together, make 4 equal sized triangles at the same time.

(Answer next month).

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.....

If people look up to you, it does not follow that you should look down on them.