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## IN PROUD REMEMBRANCE

Every village has one; every town has one; cities may have more than one - a main one and smaller, individual but nonetheless important ones. What is it? a War Memorial.

Down through the ages, there have been memorials of some kind or another. In remote parts of the world, a cairn may be seen - a lone memorial to a lost member of an expedition; of a famous (or not so famous) battle of long ago; a tribute to a great man or woman; but the memorials with which we are more familiar are those erected after the Great War 1914/18, when so many of Britain's young men lost their lives. To these were added the names of those lost in the Second World War of 1939/45, either by a separate memorial or combined with those of the First World War.

There are many types of War Memorial. The simple Cross, the Celtic Cross, monuments with statues of men and/or women of the Services - some bearing birds such as an eagle with outstretched wings; an angel or an obelisk, to name but a few. In some towns bombed churches have been left, their shells a stark reminder. Cardiff has an unusual War Memorial. Fashioned in the Grecian style, it is round, has elegant pillars and is open to the sky. Inside it has a fountain around which are figures representing the three Services in First World War uniform. In contrast, nearby stands the small Falklands Memorial - a simple but nonetheless poignant, granite rock.

Another type of memorial is a garden. If you visit the Merchant Navy Memorial Garden off Trinity Square opposite the Tower of London, you will see inscribed on tablets around the walls the names of those of the Merchant Navy who died in the Second World War. To walk or sit in that garden is a both humbling and moving experience - for there are so many names! Probably the most famous of all War Memorials is the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London where, on Remembrance Sunday, the Queen leads the Nation's homage to the fallen. At this time we not only remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and in the other wars in which Britain has been involved over the years, but more personally, as a Company, those of our Seafaring and Shore Staffs, together with the young lads of the Reardon Smith Nautical College.

In remembering their sacrifice, it is worth reminding ourselves why they made it and in their call to duty never faltered. Unlike some of the countries in the Eastern Bloc and other parts of the world, we are still a free People. Forty years on we may think times are hard - and for some they may be - but despite everything, life in Britain is good. We are an Island Nation and without

a Merchant Navy to transport our food and other necessary supplies and the Armed Forces to defend and protect us and the free passage of these supplies, we would indeed be a poor Nation.

May we never forget those who made possible the privilege of the peace and freedom which we more often than not take for granted and which, bearing in mind the present events in Northern Ireland, the Harrod's bomb last Christmas and more recently, the Brighton bomb fresh in our memories, we still struggle to maintain.

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#### SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

**OBITUARY:** It is with sadness we report the passing of Mrs. Jennie White, widow of Mr. Bill White, late of the Superintendents' Department, Head Office. Mrs. White was 85 years of age and died suddenly on 25th September at her home in Cardiff. Many of our retired Cardiff Office Staff will remember her, as she also worked in Cardiff Office before her marriage. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. White's relatives at this sad time.

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**BIRTHS:** Our congratulations to Second Officer Jeff Neale and his wife, Sally, on the birth of their son, Gareth Craig on 26th September.

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#### EXCELLENT AWARD

We were pleased to be informed that the Master and Officers of the m.v. "BIBI" have been selected for the "Excellent" Award for Weather Reporting by the Atmospheric Environment Service of Canada. This is the third successive year that the "BIBI" has been awarded a "Gold Seal" by this Organisation. Many congratulations - and keep up the good work!

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#### "WELL DONE", FROM MET. OFFICE

The m.v. "TACOMA CITY" has apparently pleased the Meteorological Office with their latest Log Books covering the period from July 1983 to March 1984. The Met. Office say in their letter that the high quality material received is of immense value and even any observation which has not been transmitted for whatever reason, is still of value to the climatologist. However, in the books submitted from the "TACOMA", both forecasters and climatologists have had the benefit of the hard work involved. The Met. Office then add:-

"Thank you for the additional remarks included in your books. These are passed to experts for comment and Mr. McBrearty of the Department of Anatomy at Cambridge University has replied to the entry of July 1983 in the Bay of Biscay, that this was probably the smallest of the rorqual family; the minke whale, also sometimes called the "sharp headed finner" and little piked whale. It is found worldwide and in all oceans from Polar Seas to the Tropics. The white band across the forelimb is a diagnostic feature of northern hemisphere minks.....Please keep these sightings coming in....." They enclosed a photographic copy of a drawing of the fish, but unfortunately, this cannot be reproduced for inclusion in the Newsletter.

**Footnote:** We are delighted to have the opportunity of welcoming the "TACOMA CITY" to Cardiff this month, where she will be for about a week or so. Hopefully, this will give us an chance of seeing some of the Officers at Head Office.

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ALL AT SEA.....

EASTERN VALLEY

Captain R. Crawford  
 Deck Officers D. Toon, J. Neale, J. Townsend  
 Radio Officer R. Smith  
 Engineer Officers D. Harrison, N. Nesbitt, M. Owens,  
 C. Jones, T. Broughton  
 Electrician E. Bennington  
 Catering L. Rodrigues.

AMPARO

Captain R. Skinner  
 Deck Officers I. M. Stewart, J. Smith, R. Eastham  
 Radio Officer K. Sellar  
 Engineer Officers P. Evans, J. Fooks, N. Millward.  
 M. Penny, R. Bracken  
 Electrician D. Osborne  
 Catering R. Pierce

WESTERN VALLEY

Captain J. Birrell  
 Deck Officers P. Coles, G. Provis, E. Neale.  
 Radio Officer E. Bromham  
 Engineer Officers W. Gill, A. Hobin, C. Lee.  
 M. Hopewell.  
 Electrician F. Brown  
 Catering D. Dias

BIBI

Captain A.D. Lightfoot  
 Deck Officer J. Dunk, G. Eyles, D. Littler  
 Radio Officer P. Bradley  
 Engineer Officers N. Shilstone, P. Prendergast,  
 M. Preece, J. Davies, N. Griffiths  
 Electrician N. Padfield  
 Catering L. Slawinski

NORTHERN VALLEY

Captain W.D. Jones  
 Deck Officers A. Thomson, N. Jerrum, R. Hall.  
 Radio Officer R. Hogg  
 Engineer Officers R. Trigg, P. Slade, P. Heyman  
 D. Luckett  
 Electrician J. Atkinson  
 Catering T. Lobo

SILVIA SOFIA

Captain B. Boyer  
 Deck Officer B. Hernaman, M. Frazer, M. Cox  
 Radio Officer C. Macey  
 Engineer Officers D. Archbold, T. Graham-Russell  
 I. Exton, S. Rawlings, M. Adams.  
 Electrician K. Bean  
 Catering Officer P.D. Smith.

TACOMA CITY

Captain W. Wood  
 Deck Officers J. Murray, C. Swindells, R. Eacott  
 Radio Officer V. Cullen  
 Engineer Officers R. Bell, A. Doubler, D. Simons,  
 A. Tuck, J. Pink  
 Electrician J. Crawford  
 Catering R. Peach

OLMECA

Captain M. Slayman  
 Deck Officer E. Walsmsley, A. Field, P. Vaughan  
 C. Everett.  
 Radio Officer D. Bidmead.  
 Engineer Officers R. Diamond, R. Rees, A. Brandram-Jones  
 P. Cocker, M. Moore  
 Electrician B. Batey  
 Catering J. Sequeira

m.v. "SKEENA"

Ships Company:-

Captain R. Baker, I. Woollard, T. Price, J. Hudson,  
 B. Everett, C. Burton, W. Shannon, M. Martyn-Johns,  
 J. Grainger, A. Gouldie, D. Sturdy, M. Bowen, F. George,  
 A. Viner, A. Marren, R. Wilkins, M. Beck, S. Hurrell,  
 P. Jones, D. Lineham, N. McLennan, P. Mules,  
 B. Williams, P. Miller, D. Phillips, J.O. Phillips.

YAQUI

Captain T. McNulty  
 Deck Officers J. Andrews, M. Sealey, S. Hembury  
 Radio Officers J. Mathews, D. McCrohan  
 Engineer Officers J. Scott, N. Bruce, A. Coombes,  
 P. Collins, A. Gaskell.  
 Electrician N. Whitfield  
 Catering E. Dias

LACANDON

Captain L.R. Staines  
 Deck Officers D. Aubrey, E. Naughton, R. Crozier  
 Radio Officer P. Hodge  
 Engineer Officers H. Fletcher, D. Roberts, A. Keast  
 D. Aldus  
 Electrician P. Willmott  
 Catering O. Rebello

The disposition lists were correct at the time of printing.

## SHIPS POSITIONS

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AS AT 22ND OCTOBER, 1984

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m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" This vessel arrived Ko Sichang Anchorage 0740 9th October and commenced loading 1900 the 9th. Vessel shipped 450T IFO plus 80T Diesel Oil 12th October - R.S.L. account. Completed loading 1430 17th October and commenced fumigation of cargo 1600 17th. Vessel sailed Ko Sichang 1615 18th October after completion of cargo fumigation with a total cargo on board of 21244.52MT Bagged Yellow Maize for discharge Mombasa. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Mombasa, where she is due to arrive around 1600 3rd November, weather permitting. Vessel is expected to complete discharge Mombasa around 15/20th November. No future business has yet been arranged.

m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" This vessel sailed Istanbul 1636 10th October and redelivered from I.V.S. Time Charter passing Cape Passero 2218 12th October. Vessel passed Gibraltar 0623 16th and passed Ushant 0840 19th October. Delivered under Time Charter, account British Steel Corporation arrival Elbe Pilot Station 0834 21st October, after which anchored off Brunsbuttel 1243 21st October, as berth in Hamburg occupied. Vessel is expected to berth Harburg Shed Midgard, Hamburg pm. 22nd October to load a cargo of Steel and is expected to complete and sail evening 24th October. Vessel then proceeds to second and final load port, Middlesbrough, arriving around 25th October and after completion of loading the remainder of the Steel cargo, will sail 1st November. Vessel then proceeds towards Suez Canal, arriving Port Said 12th November and after transit will sail Suez 13th for first discharge port, Singapore, where she is due to arrive around the 28th November and complete and sail 1st December. Vessel then proceeds to second and final discharge port Hong Kong, where she is due to arrive around the 6th December and complete discharge around the 10/15th December. No future business has yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Norbulk, sailed Antwerp 0012 16th October and anchored off Flushing due to fog and pilotage services being suspended. Vessel left anchorage 1506 16th and proceeded towards final discharge port, Cardiff, where she anchored 0349 18th October to await tide. Vessel arrived Cardiff Locks 1145 18th October and berthed Fletchers Wharf, Queens Dock 1230 same day. Vessel commenced discharge 1400 18th and is due to complete and redeliver from Norbulk Time Charter around the 25th October, weather permitting. Vessel then requires 3 days for hatch cover repairs, which are expected to be completed around the 28th October, after which delivers under Time Charter, account Coreck Maritime at Cardiff around 29th October. Vessel is expected to load 10,000MT Steel Billets at Cardiff and sail around 30/31st October. Vessel could then load at further U.K./Cont. ports, or proceed direct to the U.S.A. for further loading, after which sails for Mainland China/Japan range for discharge. We are still awaiting full itinerary from Charterers, but the intention is to load Steel, Generals, Polyester Yarn and Polyester Fibre.



m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" This vessel delivered under Time Charter account Toepfer at Telok Ayer Pilot Station 0001 17th October and berthed Telok Ayer the same day. Vessel commenced loading Sawn Timber am. 19th October and is due to sail am. 22nd for second load port, Kota Waringing, arriving 23rd, sailing 26th for Sebangau Bay 27/8th November, Borneo 9/13th, possibly Singapore 16/18th and final load port, possibly Port Kelang, arriving 19th November and completing loading and sailing around 24th November. Vessel then proceeds to first discharge port, Jeddah, where she is due to arrive around the 8th December and sail the 11th for Suez Canal, where she is due to arrive 13th, and after transit sail Port Said 14th and proceeds to second discharge port, Trieste. Vessel is expected to arrive Trieste about 19th December, sailing 21st for Monfalcone 22/24th, Salerno 26/28th, and finally Valencia, where she is due to arrive around 31st December and complete and redeliver Valencia around 5/10th January.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel arrived Vancouver (SIT. Terminal) 0758 18th October and after completion of loading sailed 2333 19th October for second and final load port, Nanaimo, where she arrived 0316 20th and after completion of loading sailed 0007 21st October. Vessel loaded a cargo of 17211T Plywood/Pulp and Lumber for discharge Japan. Vessel is presently proceeding towards first discharge port Chiba, where she is due to arrive 3rd November, sailing same day for Tokyo, arriving 4th, sailing 5th for final discharge port, Kawasaki, where she is due to arrive the 6th November and complete and sail same day. Vessel's next business is probably loading a cargo of Cars, but we are awaiting further itinerary from Seaboard.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, presently operating under ECSA. Service, sailed Puerto Limon (Costa Rica) 17th October and is presently proceeding towards Coatzacoalcos at economic speed, where she is due to arrive 0600 22nd October. After completion of cargo operations vessel will sail Coatzacoalcos 23rd for final discharge port, Vera Cruz, where she is due to arrive 24th and complete and sail 25th. Vessel then transfers to FESCAMEX. Service and commences under Voyage 3 Westbound arriving Tampico 26th October. After completion of cargo operations vessel sails Tampico 28th October and proceeds towards the Panama Canal, where she is due to arrive Cristobal 31st, and after transiting will sail Balboa 1st November. Vessel arrives Manzanillo 5th and sails the 8th for Guaymas, where she is due to arrive 10th November and sail 14th. Vessel then proceeds to the Far East, where she is due to arrive Busan about the 1st December.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 24 Eastbound, sailed Yokohama 0700 4th October, after loading a cargo of 786MT Generals, including 48 Containers. Vessel arrived Lazaro Cardenas 1500 17th and after discharging, sailed 1100 19th for Guaymas, where she arrived 21st and is due to sail 23rd for Manzanillo, arriving 25th, sailing 28th for final port, Acapulco, where she is due to arrive 29th and after completion of cargo operations sail 30th. Vessel then transfers to FESUSA. Service and commences under Voyage 24 Westbound. Vessel arrives Salina Cruz around 31st October and sails the 2nd November for Guaymas 5/7th November, but T.M.M. advise that this port may be cancelled, in which case vessel will proceed direct to Long Beach, where she is due to arrive 10th November and sail 11th. Vessel will then call Oakland, arriving the 12th and after completion of cargo operations, sail same day for Japan. Vessel is due to arrive first port, Yokohama, around 24th November, sailing same day for Osaka 25th/26th November, Hibi 27/30th, Busan 2/3rd December and Hong Kong arriving 5th December when vessel proceeds under Voyage 25 Eastbound sailing Hong Kong 5th December for Keelung.

m.v. "LACANDON" This vessel sailed Mazatlan 0900 11th October and arrived Guaymas 1043 12th. Vessel berthed Guaymas 0745 17th and commenced loading a cargo of Copper Concentrates for discharge Hamburg. Vessel was expected to sail Guaymas 20th October and call Manzanillo probably for bunkers, arriving 22nd October, sailing 23rd. Vessel then proceeds towards the Panama Canal, arriving Balboa 28th October and after transiting sail Cristobal 29th October for discharge port, Hamburg, where she is due to arrive around the 15th November. As we are awaiting itinerary from T.M.M. for the above business, all the dates are estimated and could possibly change.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel sailed Sacramento 0428 15th September with a cargo of 19,176MT Paddy Rice for discharge Genoa. Vessel then called Manzanillo for bunkers, where she arrived 19th September and sailed 22nd and proceeded towards the Panama Canal. Vessel arrived Balboa 27th September and after transiting the Panama Canal sailed Cristobal 28th September and proceeded towards discharge port. Vessel arrived discharge port, Genoa, 0948 14th October and berthed 1815 18th October. Discharge operations commenced at 0645 19th and depending on weather, is expected to complete and sail Genoa around the 24/26th October. No future itinerary has yet been received from T.M.M.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel, presently operating under FESUSA Service (Voyage 20 Westbound) arrived Busan 21st October and after completion of cargo operations is due to sail pm. 22nd for Hong Kong, arriving the 24th. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 21 Eastbound, sailing Hong Kong 24th October for Keelung, arriving 26th, sailing same day for Busan 28/28th October, Osaka 29/30th and finally Yokohama, arriving and sailing 31st October. Vessel then proceeds back to the West Coast U.S.A. arriving Oakland 12th November, sailing same day for Long Beach 13/14th and Guaymas 17/18th November. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 21 Westbound arriving Manzanillo 21st November, sailing 23rd for Salina Cruz 25/26th, Long Beach 30/1st December and finally Oakland, arriving and sailing 2nd December. Vessel then proceeds back to Japan, where she is due to arrive Yokohama around the 14th December.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel anchored Safi (Morocco) 0900 5th October and berthed 0457 12th October. Vessel completed discharge of 24,268.84MT Sulphur 0575 17th October and sailed 0709 same day. Vessel anchored 0736 17th October awaiting clearance and eventually left Safi anchorage 0814 18th to proceed towards U.S. Gulf. Vessel has now been fixed and calls Vera Cruz for bunkers, where she is due to arrive around 1st November, sailing the 2nd for one/two safe ports U.S. Gulf to load a cargo of Petcoke, sailing U.S. Gulf around 10/11th November for Italy to discharge. As vessel has only just been fixed, we are still awaiting ports and dates from T.M.M.

POT POURRIEXTRACT FROM "SHIPS MONTHLY", SEPT.1984  
(Thanks to Captain Tim Lawson)

One of the many elderly vessels sold in recent months by the Maldivian Shipping Ltd., of Male Island, one worthy of note is the "Maldivian Promoter" (1960/10141 grt). One of those purchased by the locally based Dynasty Shipping Ltd., she has been renamed "Dynasty Hilali" for a final passage to Kaohsiung. Many will remember her as Reardon Smith's "ORIENT CITY", a slightly older version of the "HOUSTON CITY", which featured in the July issue of "Ships Monthly". At the time of her completion, the "ORIENT CITY" was stated to be the 21st Reardon Smith ship to have been built by Doxford over a period of 45 years, something which brings to mind the association between Readhead and Strick Line and the far longer one which existed between the former and Hains. A motorship of 14600 tdw she had a length of 155.43m (510 ft), a short raised forecastle and poop with three hatches forward and two aft of the superstructure. Sold in 1972 to the Pergamos Shipping Ltd. (A.K.Antoniou) of London, she was renamed "Alexander A.S). Kept for only a year, she then became the "Tong Jit", one of the Singapore-based Kie Hock fleet. Sold again in 1979, she was then given her Maldivian name. For long the career of her sister, "DEVON CITY", followed a similar pattern. Sold to Pergamos in 1972 to become the "Executive Venture", she next came Kie Hock's "Tong Beng". Thereafter their ways parted.

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TWENTYFIVE YEARS

Attached to the Newsletter this month is a list of those Staff Members who have been with the Company for twentyfive years or more. The list has been brought up-to-date to December 1984.

BRAIN TEASER

Answer to last month's puzzle -

Door numbers - they're 12p each!

"THE PLAIN TRUTH"

Our thanks to Mr. A.P. Jagers stationed in Jeddah, for the attachment with the above title. He says it is displayed in his office lest anyone should lose sight of reality!!





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

SEAGOING STAFF WITH 25 YEARS  
OF SERVICE, OR MORE.

	<u>YEARS</u>		<u>YEARS</u>
C.R. Chatterton	55	J.S. Murray	37
A.F. Westall	45	P.J. Boroughs	37
R.S. Burston	43	R.A. Peach	37
O.R. John	41	A.D. Lightfoot	33
L.S. Williams	40	L. Slawinski	32
M.G.B. Thomas	38	T.R. McNulty	31
D.C. Griffith-Jones	38	P.W. Evans	29
J.W. Loudon	37	B.A.G. Boyer	29
R.K. Thomas	37	R.J. Trigg	29
V.T. Adney	36	J.R. Mathews	27
A.F. Osborne	34	R.U. Bell	27
B.E. Gully	32	R.K. Stuart	26
P.E.S. Hunt	32	J.J. Birrell	25
R.G. Lewis	31	K. Milburn	25
Miss P. Ward	29		
A.M.B. Rowley	28		
G.T. Walker	28		
E.W. Poingdestre	27		
W.A.J. Reardon Smith	27		
J.P. Reardon Smith	26		
R. Parker	25		
D.M. Llewellyn	25		