

# newsletter



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## YES, SOME DO CARE!

We were very pleased to hear from some of our readers that they have responded to the appeal in last month's Newsletter to write to their M.P's regarding the state of the British Merchant Navy and also in relation to the possible taxing of Pension Funds. It has been interesting to see the replies received from some M.P's and it is obvious that even some of them do not really appreciate the position. If you have not already done so, it is worthwhile writing, for the M.P's do pass the information to the respective Government Minister and the opinions of the people are heard. Regarding Pensions, do please remember it is not just the lump sum payment which is liable to taxation, it is the Pension Funds themselves and this could affect the pensions of everyone - present and future.

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## SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

**BIRTHS:** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Brown on the birth of a son, Clive James, on 22nd December 1984. Mr. Brown is an Electrician with the Company and we were pleased to see both Mr. & Mrs. Brown and Baby Clive in Head Office earlier this month.

**MARRIAGE:** We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. Williamson, Second Officer on his marriage to Miss Ruth Griffiths at St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend, Glamorgan, on 22nd December, 1984.

**APOLOGIES:** We must apologise for the error which occurred in last month's Newsletter under "Births", when we referred to Mrs. Stutt as "Rosemary". Her name is, in fact, "Diana".

**CERTIFICATE SUCCESSES:** We congratulate the following on obtaining their Certificates:

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| Mr. R.M. Stead | - | Class I Motor. (Mr. Stead is now leaving the Company and sends regards to all colleagues at sea). |
| Mr. C.E. Broad | - | Class 2 Deck.   |

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**RETIREMENT:** This month we mark the retirement of **Mr. & Mrs. Richard Parker**, Caretakers at Head Office. There has been a long association between the Company and **Mrs. Parker**, as **Mrs. Parker's** mother was in charge of the office cleaning many years ago when Head Office was situated at Cardiff Docks. Therefore, **Mrs. Parker's** connection with Reardon Smith has been of long-standing and when, in 1958, Head Office moved into the City Centre, **Mr. Parker** joined his wife in the work and they have been resident Caretakers to date. Their attention and diligence to their job has been second to none and, in wishing them both every health and happiness in their retirement we, at Head Office, feel that the place will not be the same without them. They will, in due course, be moving home and we wish them all the best in their new surroundings.

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#### NEWS OF RETIRED STAFF

We have heard from quite a few of our Retired Staff this month. Most are keeping very well and are enjoying life - most being pretty active and wondering how they found time to work at all! Mr. Bill Burge, who moved on retirement to Cornwall, is enjoying life carrying out such jobs as wall-building, hanging twelve foot gates, hedging and ditching, etc.

Captain A.B. Parkhouse was visited during the Christmas period and is quite well these days, having made a good recovery. Mrs. Parkhouse is fine and they would both like to thank all those who sent cards and wrote to Captain Parkhouse when they knew of his illness. Mr. & Mrs. Parkhouse appreciated the good wishes so much and send their regards to all.

Mr. Noel Chorlton-James, we understand, reached Four Score last month. We offer our congratulations to him and understand he still plays 36 holes of golf each day. Mr. Chorlton-James keeps very fit and well and it is always a pleasure to see him on the odd occasions when he calls at Head Office.

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**CHEERIO AND GOOD LUCK:** We, at Head Office, have recently said "goodbye" to two members of staff this month, Mr. Ken Brown (Reardon Smith Management) and Mr. Michael Cross (Computer Department). We thank them for their services to the Company and wish them every success in the future.

We have also said Cheerio to Mrs. Pat Cutbush (Secretary, Reardon Smith Coggins, resident in London). Mrs. Cutbush has been with Reardon Smith Coggins since its formation. We thank her, also, for her contribution to this Company and wish her every happiness in the future.

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#### DONATIONS TO CHARITY

We were delighted to receive the sum of £180 for the R.N.L.I. via Mrs. Hazel Hopewell. This was money raised at a New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Disco held at the Village Hall, Hoton (near Loughborough), which is eight miles from Mrs. Hopewell's village of Ruddington. Apparently everyone entered into the spirit of New Year and the costumes were "super". On behalf of the R.N.L.I., we would thank all those who contributed and also add our own thanks for their generosity.

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#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER

Please remember the Newsletter is mostly what you make it, so any pieces of news or other contributions will be much appreciated.

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ALL AT SEA.....

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| AMPARO       | Captain<br>Deck Officers<br>Radio Officer<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering        | R. Skinner<br>J. Pearsall, I. Stutt<br>K. Sellar<br>P. Evans, P. Prendergast<br>M. Penny.<br>D. Harnett<br>N. Frost  | EASTERN VALLEY  | Captain<br>Deck Officers<br>Radio Officers<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering | R. Crawford<br>J. Andrews, K. Jones<br>D. Williams<br>R. Smith, D. McCrohan<br>D. Harrison, K. Rowrey<br>C. Lee, T. Broughton.<br>E. Bennington<br>M. Dias   |
| BIBI         | Captain<br>Deck Officer<br>Radio Officer<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering         | M. Bellamy<br>T. Haxell, M. Fraser, A. Baker<br>C. Macey<br>R. Chambers, T. Graham-Russell<br>M. Preece, J. Pink, R. Bracken<br>K. Hampton<br>L. Slawinski   | WESTERN VALLEY  | Captain<br>Deck Officers<br>Radio Officer<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering  | R. Duncan<br>J. Pagler, P. Codd, G. Provis<br>E. Bromham<br>W. Gill, A. Hobin, R. Thomas<br>D. Welch<br>F. Brown<br>D. Dias  |
| SILVIA SOFIA | Captain<br>Deck Officer<br>Radio Officer<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering Officer | B. Boyer<br>P. Baverstock, P. Roberts<br>E. Naughton<br>D. Bidmead<br>C. Burton, K. Negele,<br>P. Deschamps, M. Moore, M. Adams<br>D. Williams<br>P.D. Smith | NORTHERN VALLEY | Captain<br>Deck Officers<br>Radio Officer<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering  | W.D. Jones<br>A. Thomson, D. Kirley,<br>I. Cowan<br>R. Masters<br>H. Fletcher, P. Slade,<br>M. Evans, M. Holman<br>J. Atkinson<br>T. Lobo  |
| OLMECA       | Captain<br>Deck Officer<br>Radio Officer<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering         | M. Slayman<br>A. Field, R. Davies, C. Everett<br>B. Carter<br>R. Diamond, J. Hocking,<br>A. Parker, P. Cocker<br>D. Osborne<br>J. Sequeira                   | TACOMA CITY     | Captain<br>Deck Officers<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering                   | J.C. Lee<br>J. Murray, C. Swindells,<br>R. Eacott, R. Chugg<br>M. Powell, A. Doubler<br>D. Simons, A. Tuck<br>J. Crawford<br>R. Pierce   |
| YAQUI        | Captain<br>Deck Officers<br>Radio Officers<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering       | K. Milburn<br>E. Walmsley, M. Lovibond<br>J. Townsend<br>J. Mathews, P. Short<br>J. Scott, W. Bruce, A. Coombes<br>A. Gaskell<br>K. Baines<br>E. Pereira     | m.v. "SKEENA"   | Ships Company:-  | Captain R. Stuart, I. Wollard, T. Price, C. Broad<br>D. Thomson, D. Amey, W. Shannon, J. Akhurst<br>M. Martyn-Johns, M. Evans, N. Padfield, J. Phillips<br>A. Gouldie, M. Bowen, W. Shepherdson, A. Viner<br>A. Marren, G. Moore, G. Gibson, S. Hird,<br>M. McLennan, G. Weekley, B. Williams, P. Miller,<br>K. Shire. |
| LACANDON     | Captain<br>Deck Officers<br>Radio Officer<br>Engineer Officers<br>Electrician<br>Catering        | J. Porteous<br>D. Toon, M. Sealey,<br>D. Littler<br>R. Hogg<br>K. Morgan, N. Nesbitt<br>K. Warner, M. Hopewell.<br>M. Burns<br>D. Fernandez                  |                 |  |  |

The disposition lists were correct at the time of printing

## SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 23rd January, 1985

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" This vessel delivered under Time Charter, account British Steel Corporation, at Elbe No. 1 (Hamburg) 0001 21st January and berthed at Atabaski-Kai Hamburg 0812 21st. After loading 11,000MT Steel Sheets and Blooms vessel will sail Hamburg early am. 24th for second and final load port, Immingham, where she is due to arrive 0600 25th and berth pm. tide 27th January. After loading 11,142MT Billets and Steel Products, which is expected to take 7/10 days, depending on weather, vessel will sail Immingham about 5th February and proceed towards the Far East for discharge. Vessel transits the Suez Canal, arriving 15th, sailing 16th for Jeddah for bunkers 18/19th February. Vessel then proceeds to first discharge port, Hong Kong where she is due to arrive around the 8th March, and after discharging 12,142MT of cargo sail the 11th for second and final discharge port, Shanghai, arriving 14th March, and completing and redelivering from British Steel Corporation Time Charter around the 1/5th April.

m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter, account R.M.Z., sailed Singapore 0742 18th January after loading 957MT Timber. Vessel arrived Palembang 1224 19th and after loading 2500MT Timber will sail around 0800 25th. Vessel then calls Dumai, arriving 1600 26th, sailing same day for Singapore, arriving am. 27th, sailing 28th for Pangkalan Susu 29/30th and final load port Padang, arriving 31st January and completing loading Timber and sailing around the 4th February. Vessel then proceeds to first discharge port, Hodeidah, where she is due to arrive 16th February and sail 20th for Jeddah 22/24th, after which vessel transits the Suez Canal, arriving 26th, sailing 27th for third discharge port, Monfalcone arriving 3rd March, sailing 12th for fourth and final discharge port, Valencia, where vessel is due to arrive 16th March and redeliver from Time Charter around the 18th March.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Coreck Maritime arrived Shanghai 1405 26th December and anchored Shanghai Buoys 1845 5th January. Vessel berthed Shanghai 0426 20th January and after discharging a cargo of 7668MT Polyester Fibre is due to sail Shanghai about noon 24th January for second and final discharge port, Xingang. Vessel is due to arrive Xingang around the 26th January to discharge a cargo of 10,095MT Steel Billets and complete and redeliver from Coreck Maritime Time Charter around 1/10th February. No future business has yet been arranged for this vessel.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" This vessel anchored off Casablanca 1758 17th January awaiting laydays. Vessel delivered under Time Charter, account Forestships International, at Casablanca Pilot Station 0001 21st January and berthed Casablanca 1857 same day. Vessel sailed Casablanca 1832 22nd January, after loading a cargo of 26,160MT Phosphate Rock for discharge Immingham. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Immingham Pilots at 12½K on 26T IFO, and is due to arrive 1800 27th January. After discharging Phosphate Rock cargo vessel will sail and redeliver from Forestships Time Charter around the 7th February. Vessel will then deliver under Time Charter, account British Steel Corporation, Ghent/Hamburg range or East Coast U.K. around the 8th February and after loading a cargo of Steel at ports yet to be declared will sail around the 22nd February for Suez Canal, arriving Port Said around the 4th March, and after transiting the Canal sail Suez 5th March for discharge ports to be declared in the Hong Kong/Japan range, arriving around the 25th March and redelivering from Time Charter around the 20/25th April. We are awaiting a more accurate itinerary from British Steel Corporation.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel arrived Vancouver 1630 19th January and after loading a cargo of 8650MT Lumber sailed 0200 21st for second and final load port, Nanaimo, where she arrived 0630 21st January and sailed 1720 22nd, with a total cargo of 16,820MT Lumber for discharge Japan. Vessel is presently proceeding towards first discharge port, Sendai, where she is due to arrive 5th February, sailing 6th, for Nagoya 9/9th and final discharge port, Osaka, arriving 10th and sailing 11th. Vessel will then load a cargo of Cars in Japan around the 12th February sailing 14th for the U.S. West Coast for discharge, arriving around the 27th February. We are awaiting itinerary from Seaboard.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 4 Eastbound sailed Lazaro Cardenas 0005 17th January and proceeded towards the Panama Canal, where she anchored Balboa 0230 21st January and after transiting sailed Cristobal 0130 23rd January. The delay to vessel's sailing was due to lock maintenance. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Tampico, where she is due to arrive 1600 26th January and sail 27th for final discharge port, Vera Cruz, arriving 28th January and sailing 30th. Vessel then transfers to Mediterranean Service and we are awaiting itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel, operating under Voyage 25 Westbound, sailed Oakland 0609 14th January and is presently proceeding towards Japan, where she is due to arrive first port, Yokohama, 0800 26th January and after cargo operations, sail am. 27th for Osaka, arriving and sailing 28th. Vessel then arrives Hong Kong 3rd February and proceeds under Voyage 26 Eastbound, sailing same day for Keelung 4/5th February, Busan 7/8th, Osaka 9/10th and Yokohama, arriving 11th and sailing same day for U.S. West Coast. Vessel arrives first port Oakland 22nd February, sailing same day for Long Beach 23/24th and Manzanillo 27/1st March. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 26 Westbound, arriving Salina Cruz 3rd March, sailing 5th for Long Beach 10/11th, and Oakland 12/12th March, after which vessel proceeds back to Japan.

m.v. "LACANDON" This vessel sailed Puerto Ordaz 0815 28th December with a cargo of 23,500MT Briquettes for discharge Santander and Savona. Vessel arrived Santander 0524 10th and after discharging 1000MT sailed 2300 17th January. Vessel is presently proceeding towards second and final discharge port, Savona, where she is due to arrive 1300 23rd January and berth 1500 same day. Vessel is expected to complete discharge of 22,500MT Briquettes around pm. 25th January and will sail Savona after repairs, which are expected to take 2/3 days, around the 27/28th January. Vessel's possible next employment will be to load a cargo of Phosphate Rock in Casablanca for discharge Coatzacoalcos, but this has to be confirmed by T.M.M.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel sailed Port Arthur 2110 11th December with a cargo of 23,119.420MT Petcoke for discharge Gela (Sicily). Vessel arrived Gela Roads 0826 29th December and due to continual bad weather is now expected to berth Gela 25th January. Vessel is expected to complete discharge of the Petcoke cargo and sail Gela around 31st January/1st February. Possible next business is to load a cargo of Phosphate Rock in Casablanca for discharge Coatzacoalcos but this has to be confirmed by T.M.M. due to the late completion date in Gela.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 22 Westbound, arrived Salina Cruz 1730 18th January, and after completion of cargo operations will sail 0600 23rd for Long Beach 26/27th and Oakland 28/28th January. Vessel then proceeds towards Japan, arriving Yokohama 9th February and sailing same day for Osaka 10/11th February and Hong Kong, arriving 15th February. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 23 Eastbound, sailing Hong Kong 16th February for Keelung 17/18th, Busan 20/21st, Osaka 22/23rd and finally Yokohama arriving 24th and sailing 25th February. Vessel then proceeds back to U.S. West Coast, where she is due to arrive Oakland around the 8th March.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel sailed Tampa 0830 6th January with a cargo of 24,343MT Fertilizers for discharge Hamburg. Vessel is presently slow steaming towards Hamburg and is due to arrive 0800 23rd January. Vessel is expected to berth at "Midgard Dsag", Hamburg - Harburg Seehaven No. 2 at 0630 24th January and after completion discharge of the Fertilizer cargo will sail 30th January. Vessel then proceeds to Antwerp, arriving 1st February to load a cargo of 20,000MT Steel Billets for discharge Vera Cruz. Vessel will sail Antwerp around the 5th February and arrive Vera Cruz the 22nd February and complete discharge around the 1/5th March.

POT POURRI

Answers to last month's Crossword:

Across:

1. See 10.
4. Bulkhead.
- 10 & 1. Chimney Sweep.
11. Firebug.
12. Bump.
13. Attic.
14. Grit.
17. Discrimination.
19. Radiotelephone.
22. Apex.
23. Scant.
24. Jazz.
27. Hair oil.
28. Station.
29. Sharp eye.
30. Sands.

Down:

1. Sick beds.
2. Enigmas.
3. Punt.
5. Unfriendliness.
6. Kerb.
7. Embargo.
8. Digit.
9. Systematically.
15. Train.
16. Stops.
18. Seizings.
20. America.
31. Oration.
32. Aches.
25. Poop.
26. Rays.

Seen in the November edition of "Fairplay":

Ship Sales - "CHIYODA": The Greek-flag motor bulk carrier "Chiyoda" (ex Eastern City) owned by Panarctic Transport Corp. Piraeus, has been reported as sold to Philippine interests for a price in the region of \$1M. Details: single deck, 17,713 grt, 29492 dwt, built by Fairfield SB & Eng.Co.Ltd., Glasgow in 1965, with a two-stroke, single-acting, six-cylinder Sulzer engine (9500 bhp) by Fairfield Rowan Ltd., Glasgow, giving about 15 knots.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.....

You may not ever be a star,  
But there is no need to be a cloud!