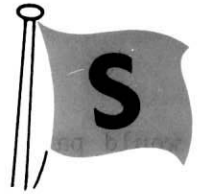


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## THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our Readers who have taken up our suggestion to write to their M.P's (and some to the P.M. herself) bringing the plight of the Merchant Navy to their attention. Some of the replies we have seen have been at least encouraging, even if some others have shown that its importance to the Nation is still not appreciated. On the subject of Pensions, judging by the Press, it appears that appeals to M.P's have been so great that it is expected the Chancellor will not make any material changes, so your efforts in this respect at least, have been worth it.

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## SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

**BIRTHS:** Our congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Ian Stewart** on the birth of a son on 12th February. They have named him **Christopher Ben**.

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**NEWS OF RETIRED STAFF:** It was nice to hear from **Mr. H. Hogg**, ex Chief Engineer, this month. **Mr. Hogg** says he and his wife are now in their 86th year and "not doing so badly". He has kept himself active and sent his wishes for good health and happiness to those who knew him in the past sixty years. We reciprocate **Mr. Hogg's** wishes for the year ahead.

**Mrs. L. Ford** (widow of **Captain Lionel Ford**) has now given up her home in Cardiff to live with her daughter in Bideford, as she is quite poorly and unable to live alone. We send her our regards and best wishes.

CREW MAIL

We would particularly draw the following to the attention of all sea staff, their families and friends regarding the sending of mail to the ships:

1. Envelopes must be stamped with the correct postage for the countries concerned.

Eg: 10 Grams to Japan .... 34p  
" to U.S.A .... 31p  
" to Europe .... 22p  
" to N.Africa .... 29p

2. These letters are batched and forwarded to the respective Agents in a standard official Post Office envelope measuring 9" x 6", thus large cards cannot be accommodated, these and letters insufficiently stamped are sent separately and can be subject to delays.

3. Parcels must be sent direct to the Ships Agent and a completed Customs Form affixed to same. Addresses of Agents can be obtained from Cardiff Office.

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ALL AT SEA.....

AMPARO	Captain Deck Officers	J. Pearsall I. Stutt, A. Morris, D. Gonzalez B. Everett P. Evans, R. Rees, M. Penny, D. Guevara, I. Garcia. D. Harnett N. Frost	EASTERN VALLEY	Captain Deck Officers	R. Crawford J. Andrews, K. Jones D. Williams. R. Smith, D. McCrohan D. Harrison, K. Rowney, C. Lee, S. Rawlings E. Bennington M. Dias
BIBI	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers	M. Bellamy T. Haxell, M. Fraser, A. Baker C. Macey R. Chambers, T. Graham-Russell M. Williamson, H. McLundie. R. Bracken. K. Hampton R. Peach	WESTERN VALLEY	Radio Officers Engineer Officers	J. Birrell J. Pagler, P. Codd, G. Provis E. Bromham W. Gill, W. Bruce, N. Millward, W. Heyman F. Brown O. Rebello
SILVIA SOFIA	Electrician Catering	B. Boyer P. Bayerstock, P. Roberts, E. Naughton. D. Bidmead D. Henry, K. Negele, P. Deschamps, M. Moore. D. Williams, K. Bean C. Harry.	NORTHERN VALLEY	Electrician Catering	W. Jones A. Thomson, D. Kirley, D. Littler R. Masters H. Fletcher, P. Slade M. Evans, M. Holman J. Atkinson. T. Lobo
OLMECA	Captain Deck Officer Radio Officer Engineer Officers	M. Slayman A. Field, R. Davies, C. Everett. B. Carter R. Diamond, J. Hocking A. Keast A. Parker, P. Cocker. D. Osborne J. Sequeira	TACOMA CITY	Captain Deck Officers	J. C. Lee C. Swindells, P. Bullard, A. Prosser, R. Chugg. M. Powell, P. Evans D. Simons, C. Broughton J. Crawford R. Pierce.
YAQUI	Electrician Catering	E. Walmsley, M. Lovibond J. Townsland J. Mathews, P. Short. J. Scott, R. Thomas, A. Coombes A. Gaskell K. Baines E. Pereira	m.v. "SKEENA"	Engineer Officers Electrician Catering	Ships Company:- Captain R. Stuart, Captain R. Baker, J. Hudson, C. Broad, D. Thomson, D. Amey, R. Reed, J. Akhurst, I. Morgan, N. Padfield, A. Gouldie, M. Evans, W. Shephardson, A. Viner, G. Moore, G. Gibson, A. Marren, M. Bowen, D. Long, S. Hird, N. McLennan, G. Weekley, B. Williams, P. Miller, K. Shire.
LACANDON	Captain Deck Officers Radio Officer Engineer Officers	J. Porteous D. Toon, M. Sealey, I. Cowan R. Hogg K. Morgan, N. Nesbitt K. Warner, M. Hopewell M. Burns D. Fernandez		Ships Company:-	

The disposition lists were correct at the time of printing

## SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 21st February, 1985

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account British Steel Corporation, sailed Immingham 0515 7th February with a total cargo of 22,922.205MT. Steel Products for discharge Hong Kong and Shanghai. Vessel anchored Port Said 0144 19th February and after transiting the Suez Canal, sailed Suez 0040 20th February and is presently proceeding towards Jeddah for bunkers. Vessel arrives Jeddah 0600 22nd February and after shipping 800MT IFO for B.S.C. account will sail early am. 23rd February. Vessel then proceeds towards first discharge port, Hong Kong, where she is due to arrive around the 16th March and after discharging 12,142MT cargo will sail 19th for second and final discharge port, Shanghai, where she is due to arrive the 23rd and complete discharge of 10780MT cargo and redeliver from Time Charter around the 5/10th April.

m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account R.M.Z. sailed final load port, Sipora, 2150 11th February with a total cargo of 19,927MT. Timber for discharge Hodeidah, Jeddah, Monfalcone and Valencia. Vessel arrived Padang 0415 12th to discharge Stevedores and obtain vessel's clearance, sailing 1735 same day. Vessel is presently proceeding towards first discharge port, Hodeidah, where she is due to arrive noon 24th February and sail 3rd March for Jeddah, arriving 5th, sailing 7th, after which vessel proceeds to the Suez Canal, arriving the 8th, and after transiting sailing Port Said 9th March for Monfalcone, arriving 13th, sailing 21st for fourth and final discharge port, Valencia, where she is due to arrive around the 26th March and complete and redeliver from Time Charter around the 28th March. No future business has yet been arranged.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel delivered under Time Charter account Burdekin, arriving Pilot Station Townsville 1800 14th February and berthed Townsville 0620 15th. Vessel is presently loading a cargo of 12,000MT. Slab Lead, 2000MT. Copper Cathodes, 10,000MT. Zinc Concentrates and 1000MT. Marble Slabs for discharge U.K./Continent. Vessel is due to complete loading and sail Townsville around pm. 24th February, after which will call Jeddah for bunkers, arriving 21st March, sailing same day for the Suez Canal, where she is due to arrive 23rd March and after transiting sail Port Said 24th March. Vessel then proceeds towards first discharge port, Catania, where she is due to arrive 27th March to discharge 1000MT. Marble Slabs and sail 28th for Antwerp, arriving 4th April to discharge 10,000MT Zinc Concentrates, sailing 5th for final discharge ports yet to be decided, but at present Flushing or London, where she is due to arrive around the 6th April to discharge 14,000MT Lead/Cathodes and complete and redeliver from Time Charter around the 10th April. We are awaiting a more accurate itinerary from Charterers.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account British Steel Corporation, sailed first load port, Ymuiden, 0108 10th February after loading 10,500MT. Steel Billets arriving Hamburg 0228 11th February and after loading 5307.72MT. Wire Rods sailed 2312 13th. Vessel then arrived Tees Pilot Station 0136 15th February and berthed Teesport-Teesdock No. 1. (Middlesbrough) 1536 19th and commenced loading 9000MT Beams 0600 20th. Vessel is due to sail Middlesbrough 26th February and proceeds towards the Suez Canal, where she is due to arrive Port Said 8th March and after transiting sail Suez 9th for Jeddah for bunkers, arriving 11th and sailing same day. Vessel then proceeds towards first discharge port, Port Kelang, arriving 25th March to discharge 3000MT Beams, sailing 27th for Singapore, arriving 28th to discharge 5000MT. Beams, sailing 1st April for Hong Kong, arriving 5th to discharge 1000MT Beams, sailing 7th for final discharge port, Busan, where she is due to arrive 11th April to discharge 14,000MT Billets and Coils and complete and redeliver from Time Charter around the 16th April.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, presently operating under Mediterranean Service, berthed Mobile 1824 12th February and after completion of cargo operations sailed 1800 15th. Vessel then arrived Rio Haina 19th February and is due to sail pm. 21st for Georgetown (S.C.) where she is due to arrive 24th February. We have not yet received dates for this service from T.M.M. but tentative itinerary after Georgetown is Tenerife, Las Palmas, Arice de Lazarotte, Algeciras, Motril, Naples, Bar (Yugoslavia), Genoa and Barcelona.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 26 Eastbound, sailed Yokohama 1322 12th February and is presently proceeding towards the U.S. West Coast, where she is due to arrive Oakland 1900 22nd and after completion of cargo operations sail same day for Long Beach 23/24th February & Manzanillo 27/1st March. Vessel proceeds under Voyage 26 Westbound arriving Salina Cruz 3rd March, sailing 6th for Long Beach 10/11th and Oakland 12/12th March. Vessel then proceeds back to Japan, arriving Yokohama 24th March, sailing 25th for Osaka 26/27th, port to be nominated 28/29th and Hong Kong, arriving 2nd April. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 27 Eastbound.

m.v. "LACANDON" This vessel sailed from Casablanca 2142 2nd February with a cargo of 25,110MT Bulk Phosphate for discharge Coatzacoalcos. Vessel arrived Coatzacoalcos 0910 19th February and after discharging Bulk Phosphate cargo will complete and sail around the 24th February. No future itinerary has yet been received for this vessel from T.M.M.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel sailed Casablanca 1600 5th February with a cargo of Phosphate Rock for discharge Coatzacoalcos. Vessel is due to arrive Coatzacoalcos 1800 21st February and after discharging Phosphate Rock cargo will complete around 24/25th February. No future itinerary has yet been received for this vessel from T.M.M.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 23 Eastbound, sailed Hong Kong 1200 17th February after discharging 276 TEU. and loading 160 TEU. Vessel berthed Busan 1730 20th February and after completion of cargo operations is due to sail pm. 22nd for Nagasaki, arriving am. 23rd and sailing evening 25th. Vessel then calls Kanda 26/27th February, Nagoya 28/1st March, Osaka 2/2nd March and finally Yokohama 3/4th March. Vessel then proceeds towards the U.S. West Coast, where she is due to arrive Oakla. 14th March and sail same day for Long Beach 15/16th, Manzanillo 19/21st, Lazero Cardenas 22/22nd and Acapulco 23/25th March. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 23 Westbound, arriving Salina Cruz 26th March, sailing 28th for Mazatlan 31/1st April, Long Beach 4/5th April and Oakland 6/6th April. Vessel then proceeds back to Japan, arriving Yokohama around the 20th April.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel sailed Antwerp 1300 5th February, with a cargo of 6712MT Steel Billets for discharge Vera Cruz. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Vera Cruz, where she is due to arrive around 0600 25th February and complete discharge around the 1st/5th March. Vessel's next business will be to load 16,800MT. Fluorspar at Tampico for discharge Dordrecht (Holland). We are awaiting dates for this business from T.M.M.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel arrived Toyohashi 0425 14th February and after loading a cargo of Cars totalling 3970MT. sailed 1830 15th. Vessel is presently proceeding towards first discharge port, Honolulu, where she is due to arrive pm. 25th February and after discharging 410 Cars will sail noon 26th. Vessel then arrives Portland, Oregon around the 4th March, and after discharging 2970 Cars will sail 5th March for third and final discharge port, Vancouver B.C., where she is due to arrive around the 6th March to discharge 4 Excavators totalling 84MT. We are awaiting future business from Seaboard.

POT POURRI

THE THINGS THEY SAY!.....

While travelling from Hamburg to Antwerp on the "YAQUI" at the beginning of February with my two small sons, we stopped to pick up the Steenbank Pilot.

My sons and I were watching from the Bridge wing. When the Pilot came on board, 5 year old Adam said "Why hasn't he got an eye patch?".

"Who"? I asked

"The Pirate"!!!

(Thanks to Mrs. Judith Milburn for this "gem").

Anyone got any other children's sayings??

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ECHOES OF THE SOUTH WALES ECHO FROM  
50 YEARS AGO:

This little piece appeared in the above Newspaper on 18th February:

Skill and devotion to duty by the Captain, Officers and Crew of a Cardiff steamer saved the ship when it was ablaze at sea in September. Fire broke out in the cotton cargo of the "BRADBURN" when she was travelling from Balboa to Japan. The ship was in danger of being destroyed and returned to Balboa. The blaze was put out after the vessel was grounded on mud flats outside the port.

Now every member of the crew was given an ex gratia payment from Sir William Reardon Smith, the head of the firm owning the ship, at the Board of Trade offices in Cardiff. It was in appreciation of meritorius services during the fire incident. The "BRADBURN's" skipper was Captain N. Shotton.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

Remember, the tide turns at low water, as well as high.