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SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

**BIRTHS:** We have just heard that a son was born on 4th December last to **Chief Engineer and Mrs. H.L. Fletcher**. The baby weighed 8 lb. 15 ozs. and is named **Paul Laurence**. **Mr. Fletcher** is at present serving on the m.v. "YAQUI". Our congratulations to them both.

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**OBITUARIES:** It is with regret that we heard of the passing of **Captain Pearsall's father** last month and we offer our sincere sympathy to **Captain Pearsall** and his family at this sad time.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of **Mrs. L. Ford** on 15th April at the age of 93. **Mrs. Ford** was the widow of **Captain Lionel Ford** who served with the Company for many years and who originated from Appledore. **Captain Ford** became a Superintendent with the Company until his retirement and until recently **Mrs. Ford** lived in Cardiff, when frequent contact was kept with her as a Pensioner. We offer our deepest sympathy to **Mrs. Ford's** family at this sad time.

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**INDISPOSED:** We have recently heard from **Mrs. Bill Camp** that she had a heart attack last December, but is making a good recovery. Unfortunately, two months ago **Mr. Bill Camp** was taken into hospital where he experienced a serious heart attack. He is still in hospital, seriously ill. **Mrs. Camp** said he always read the Newsletter the moment it arrived and on his better days now still talks of his time with the Company. It will be of interest to readers who knew **Mr. Camp** to know that shortly before he became ill, he retired as Organist of the local Church after 58 years. Quite a record! We send both **Mr. & Mrs. Camp** our very best wishes.

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**Mr. Harry Caswell** suffered a slight stroke a short while ago and we understand is making good progress. He is as alert as usual and interested in everything that goes on. We understand **Mr. Caswell** will be leaving hospital and entering a Nursing Home and we wish him all the best for a continuance of recovery.

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IMPROVING: We were very glad to have a visit from **Mr. John Crockett** a few days ago. He has made excellent progress and has recovered well. He certainly looked pretty fit when we saw him and it was good to know that, despite the odd headache, he has no real problems. We wish him well and look forward to his next visit.

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VISIT TO HEAD OFFICE: We were delighted this week to see **Captain J.H.J. Thornhill** in our office. He, too, looked very fit and was in the area on holiday with his wife. **Captain Thornhill** keeps busy with his interest - Groundsman at the local Cricket Club where he enjoys himself getting the pitch ready for the season and maintaining it for the summer.

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EXAMINATION SUCCESSES: Our congratulations to the following on obtaining their Certificates:

**Mr. P. Price** - Class 1 Engine : **Mr. M.A. Worsnop** - Class 3 Deck

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"YAQUI" IN NEWPORT: We, at Head Office, were pleased to have the "YAQUI" at Newport recently and to see **Captain McNulty** in the office during the period the vessel was loading. Several staff from the office whose business took them to the vessel thought she looked in very good condition. Whether one of our Managed ships, or our Owned, it is always good to see them coming into a local port and to have the opportunity of seeing the Officers, whether on board or in the office.

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CHEERIO AND GOOD LUCK: This month we say "farewell" to four members of staff. **Mr. Nick Knight**, who joined us in 1974, has worked in the Accounts Department at Head Office and, together with three others, has been a senior member of the Department for some years. We wish him well in his new employment.

**Mr. David Phillips** is leaving us to take up employment closer to his home. **David** joined the Company in 1979 and, for the last couple of years, has worked on the Reardon Smith Management side of the business. We wish him, also, all the best in the future.

**Mrs. Maria Jones** and **Mrs. Sandra Hewitt** (Computer Department and Company Secretary's Department, Head Office respectively) will be terminating their employment with us this month. We wish them well in the future.

We thank all four for their service to the Company during their employment with us.

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MORE NEWS OF RETIRED STAFF: We have recently heard from **Mr. T.W. Major**, (ex Technical Director), who is thoroughly enjoying retirement. He is kept busy doing "rehabilitation" work on his house, which has taken three years, together with odd jobs such as the renewal of all the garden fencing. As he appears to work hard for five hours per day, it seems he is as busy as when working in the office.

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ALL AT SEA.....

AMPARO

Captain J. Pearsall  
 Deck Officers I. Stutt, A. Morris  
 D. Gonzalez.  
 Radio Officer K. Sellar  
 Engineer Officers P. Evans, R. Rees, M. Adams  
 D. Guevara, I. Garcia  
 Electrician D. Harnett  
 Catering N. Frost, R. Ramos  
 Cadet J. Greenspan.

BIBI

Captain A.D.Lightfoot  
 Deck Officers R. Duncan, M. Fraser,  
 R. Eastham  
 Radio Officer C. Macey  
 Engineer Officers R. Chambers, T. Graham-Russell  
 M. Williamson, H. McLundie  
 D. Welch.  
 Electrician K. Hampton  
 Catering R. Peach

SILVIA SOFIA

Captain P. Baverstock  
 Deck Officers D. Kirley, J. Hudson, H. Calzada  
 Radio Officer. D. Bidmead  
 Engineer Officers D. Henry, K. Negele, J. Davies,  
 J. Alvarez, S. Delgado  
 Electrician K. Bean  
 Catering Officer C. Harry, B. Morales.

OLMECA

Captain P. Boroughs.  
 Deck Officers D. Aubrey, C. Everett, R. Crozier  
 Radio Officer B. Carter  
 Engineer Officers R. Reed, J. Hocking, A. Keast,  
 P. Collins  
 Electrician P. Willmott  
 Catering J. Sequeira

YAQUI

Captain T. McNulty  
 Deck Officers E. Walmsley, P. Colcs,  
 J. Townsend  
 Radio Officers V. Cullen, P. Short  
 Engineer Officers H. Fletcher, A. Hobin, C. Jones  
 A. Gaskell  
 Electrician N. Whitfield  
 Catering A. Dias  
 Cadet J. Phillips

LACANDON

Captain L. Staines  
 Deck Officers D. Toon, M. Sealey, I. Cowan  
 Radio Officer P. Bradley  
 Engineer Officers K. Morgan, N. Nesbitt,  
 M. Owens, M. Hopewell.  
 Electrician M. Burns  
 Catering D. Fernandez

EASTERN VALLEY

Captain J. Porteous  
 Deck Officers K. Jones, G. Eyles, E. Neale  
 Radio Officers D. McCrohan  
 Engineer Officers C. Burton, K. Rowney  
 C. Lee, S. Rawlings  
 Electrician E. Bennington  
 Catering M. Dias

WESTERN VALLEY

Captain J.J. Birrell  
 Deck Officers J. Pagler, P. Codd,  
 G. Provis  
 Radio Officer E. Bromham  
 Engineer Officers D. Archbold, W. Bruce  
 N. Millward, W. Heyman  
 Electrician F. Brown  
 Catering O. Rebellio

NORTHERN VALLEY

Captain W. Jones  
 Deck Officers K. Milburn, N. Jerrum  
 D. Littler  
 Radio Officer R. Masters  
 Engineer Officers R. Trigg, I. Exton  
 A. Brandram-Jones, N. Griffiths  
 Electrician B. Batey  
 Catering N. Mathias

TACOMA CITY

Captain J.C. Lee  
 Deck Officers W. Wood, P. Bullard  
 A. Prosser  
 Radio Officer R. Chugg  
 Engineer Officers W. Powell, D. Simons,  
 C. Broughton, M. Moore  
 G. Ashton  
 Electrician J. Crawford  
 Catering R. Pierce

SKEENA

Captain R. Baker  
 Deck Officers I. Woollard, J. Moore,  
 S. Hembury  
 Radio Officer B. Everett  
 Engineer Officers G. Hughes, J. Foots  
 I. Morgan, T. Broughton,  
 J. Grainger  
 Catering L. Hayward,  
 P. Leonard, M. Watts  
 Cadets

The disposition lists were correct at the time of printing

## SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 22nd April, 1985

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m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Sovfracht, sailed Sydney 19th April. After bunkering loads Port Pirie (ETA 23rd April) and Port Lincoln (ETA 30th April) and discharges Bulk Barley at Nakhodka. Redelivers 10/15th June.

m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Sovfracht, arrived Farmers Export Berth, Ama 21st April. Expect complete loading Bulk Corn for discharge at ports presently unknown. After discharge, redelivers from Time Charter safe port in Gibraltar-Skaw Range 21/26th May.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel, presently fixed on Time Charter account Sovfracht, loads Udevalla and Halmstadt for discharge Ventspils and/or Klaipeda. Expect redeliver off Time Charter passing Skaw Westbound 10/20th May.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" This vessel sailed Busan 20th April and delivers on Time Charter to Norbulk on arrival Pilot Station Claveira/Manila Range. Intention is to load 1500MT Chrome Ore Masinloc then Timber from Manila, Tawau, Kennedy Bay, Kota Kinabalu, Tanjong Mani, Telok Ayer, Singapore and Straits for discharge at ports in the U.K./Continent (Bordeaux-Hamburg Range). Expect redeliver about 15/30th July.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel sailed Chiba 17th April with Cars. Discharges Portland (ETA 29th April) and New Westminster.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, operating under Mediterranean Service, sailed Algeciras 20th April with a cargo of 4825MT of Generals and Containers for discharge at Vera Cruz (ETA pm. 3rd May) and Tampico.

m.v. "BIBI" Sailed Yokohama 13th April with 458 Containers on board for discharge at Oakland and Long Beach. ETA Oakland 23rd April.

m.v. "LACANDON" Sailed Guaymas 7th April after having loaded Copper Concentrates and Molybdenum. After bunkering at Manzanillo the vessel proceeds via the Panama Canal to discharge at Hamburg (ETA Hamburg 13th May). Sails Hamburg 16th May.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel is on the FESCAMEX Service and loads 37,513 Bales of Cotton Corinto, and Containers Salina Cruz for discharge at Nagoya, Osaka and Keelung. The vessel arrived Corinto 19th April and sails Corinto 23rd April. ETA Salina Cruz 30th April/1st May, giving ETA Nagoya 21st May.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" At present this vessel completes her Westbound voyage after sailing Hong Kong on the 26th April. She proceeds on the Eastbound voyage loading Keelung 27/28th April, Busan 13th April/2nd May, Osaka 3/3rd May, Yokohama 4/6th May, Oakland 16/16th May, Long Beach 17/18th May and then arrives and sails Manila 22nd/24th May.

m.v. "YAQUI" After loading Powdered Milk at Newport, the vessel sailed 16th April and discharges the full cargo of 5950MT at Vera Cruz. ETA. Vera Cruz 2nd May.

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POT POURRI

## LIGHTFINGERS.

Orders received, VIA SUEZ :- shock, horror, fear.

How to prepare beyond the contents of circulars, Pilot book and Portinfo file?

Everything unshipped, put away, barricaded, closed, padlocked.

Reduce vulnerability, how to turn defence into offence.

The forward castle must be open, searchlight socket available to canal electricians, where they go the boatmen go. The enemy?.

Temptation : a carton of assorted light bulbs, tucked not quite out of sight of prying eyes.

Perplexed, a seaman seeing the likely loss is ordered to "leave alone" in brogue.

Full Away and clear, the carton undisturbed? but check.

Under the top layer are only rags, original contents gone.

Consternation: "Crackers" Crawford chuckling, chucks the carton canalwards, and gesticulates

WHAT BETTER USE FOR DUD BULBS.

JayCee

WHAT'S IN A NAME? and "THE THINGS THEY SAY..."

When we were considering a name for this page, the name "Pot Pourri" came up and knowing it meant "a musical or literary medley" thought it quite appropriate. After receiving a letter from Mrs. M. Jones, in which she informed us that "Pot Pourri" was Welsh for "spittoon", we are not so sure!! One just cannot win, can one?!

She was also kind enough to enclose the following "gem" from her 3½ year old grandson, which amused us.

Hanging up an aerial photograph of the "NEW WESTMINSTER CITY", loaded with a deck cargo of timber, my grandson said:

"That's a funny looking ship". I wasn't in the mood to go into details, so offhandedly I answered - "It's a very big ship and your Uncle was on it at the time!"

The little boy studied it closely and then said "Where is he? I can't see him". Again offhandedly I answered - "Perhaps he was in his cabin". "Who was driving then?" was the question.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.