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Hospital Insurance Shifted to Texas

With the approval of bargaining representatives of seagoing employees, the basic hospital-surgical-medical insurance coverage is being transferred from Health Service, Inc., Chicago, to Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas, in Dallas. It is expected that the change will result in better case handling and more prompt payment of benefits.

All seagoing employees who are subscribers to this insurance will receive new identification cards to be used instead of the Health Service, Inc. cards, which should be destroyed provided you have no claims for service prior to Aug. 1.

There is no change in benefits or the procedure for making claims *except* to substitute Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas, Main at North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75222 wherever Health Service, Inc. is mentioned in the Medical Expense Program booklet.

There is also no change in the major medical coverage, which continues with the Travelers Insurance Co.

TYPES OF HOSPITAL-MEDICAL INSURANCE

This seems a good time to review the various

classifications of hospital-surgical-medical and major medical coverage. There are 5: individual: individual and one dependent: family: sponsored dependent, or spouse only (under age 65) in the case of an annuitant who is 65 or over. Whenever your family status changes from one type of coverage to another, the Company should be notified so that you get the insurance you need and pay the correct premium.

Perhaps the least understood type of coverage is the sponsored dependent. An unmarried child becomes a sponsored dependent when he reaches age 19. This can go on until he reaches age 23 unless he becomes self-supporting sooner. A conversion to sponsored child coverage must be filed with the Company at least one month before the child attains age 19.

Also on the subject of dependents — how about your Thrift Fund and life insurance beneficiary designations? Are they the way you want them, or do you know how they are? Members of the Benefits and Claims Section have been (and still are) having personal interviews with men aboard

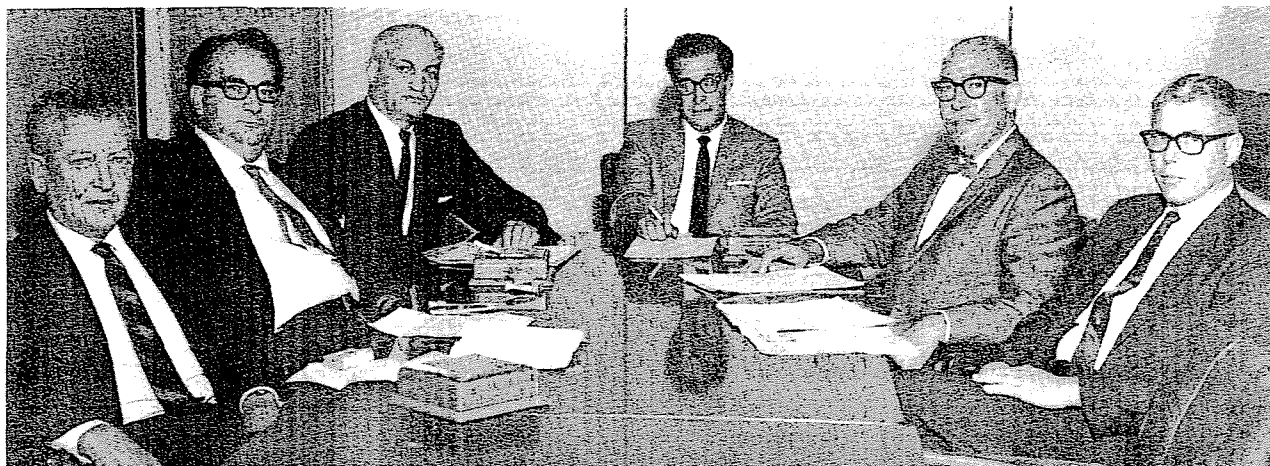
ESA BOARD OF GOVERNORS — John J. Seiler, Stanislan Skadovura, Antonio F. Gomes, John F. Caldas, Ralph Maupin and Adolphe G. Koppel (l. to r.) — met with the Company in Houston, July 21 and 24, in accordance with the Union's request to meet as soon as possible after certification.

Among subjects discussed were:

tanker operating prospects on the West Coast, the Middle East situation, new ship plans, seniority, and various shipboard work rules. The Company offered to increase its share of the hospital-surgical-medical premiums. More basic negotiation points were not brought up due to an ESA request to meet in the New York area so they could have

"benefit of counsel." It is expected that negotiations will resume in a few days.

During the first meeting, Joseph Andrae, General Manager, and Sydney Wire, Asst. General Manager, "dropped in to say hello" and wish the negotiators success in producing a mutually satisfactory agreement.



ships at Gulf ports to update beneficiary designations. If you have not yet been contacted, if you wish to change your medical coverage or beneficiary designation, or if you have a question, call Stewart T. Edmonds, Seagoing Personnel Section, Houston. His number via Company phone is 9-2787 from Baytown, 3-2787 from Baton Rouge, 8-92-2787 from Bayonne or Bayway.

Humble Fleet Still Top Contributor To Merchant Marine Library

A June 30 report of Ocean Crews Contributions to the American Merchant Marine Library Association lists the *Esso Seattle* (with a \$128 donation) along with the 10 other vessels in the Fleet contributing \$100 or more, mentioned in the June 15 EFN.

Total donations from the Fleet amounted to \$1,624.35, the highest of any U. S. Flag fleet, including many with more ships and more seagoing personnel.

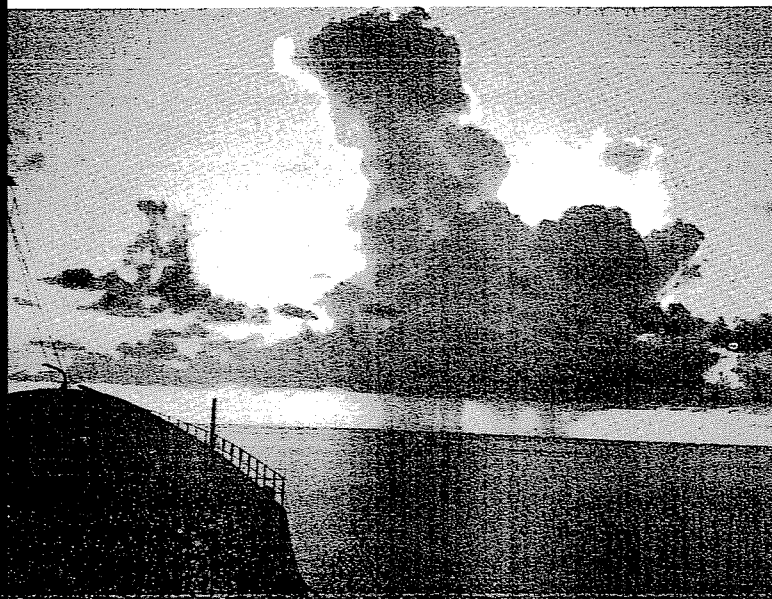
It may be of some interest to know that the Company also made a contribution to the Library — somewhat more than the total from the Fleet.

Nursing Scholarship Awards

Teagle Nursing Scholarships, covering tuition, fees, board and room, etc. up to \$500 plus a \$25 per month personal allowance for the academic year, have been awarded to the following:

MARY BETTIN, daughter of Oiler RICHARD W. BETTIN, to attend Southeast Missouri State College, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

One of the "wonders in the deep" that "they that go down to the sea in ships" sometimes see is the phenomenon illustrated here. "It's a series of water-spouts," Gregor O. W. Collins, Chief Engr. in the *Esso Dallas*, said. "The time was about 8:30 p.m., July 12. The *Dallas* was steaming westward in the Gulf, the sun was behind the cloud and we were about 16 miles away when the picture was taken. As we approached, the cloud grew bigger and when we were under it, the rains came." Chief Engr. Gregor O. W. Collins



JOYCE BURGO, daughter of the late Chief Cook CAESAR BURGO, JR., to Whidden Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Everett, Mass.

KAREN CHRISTENSEN, daughter of Chief Mate BERTRAM O. CHRISTENSEN, to St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Paterson, N. J.

MARGARET TODD, daughter of AB BENJAMIN A. TODD, to Texas Woman's University College of Nursing, Houston.

All of the scholarships are to be effective in September.

Steward's Dept., MM2P Promotions

The following promotions have recently been made in the Steward's Dept. and in the rating of Maintenance Mechanic/Second Pumpman. The Steward's Dept. promotions were made, in each case, after a trial period of service in the higher rating.

The men promoted to MM/2P are, in most instances, "graduates" of the pumpman training program which was initiated by the Company with the approval of the ESA.

To CHIEF STEWARD

JOSEPH M. FRANCIS	JOHN G. PINA
PAUL ONUFRYK	JOAQUIM G. PINA
MATEUS GONSALVES	

To CHIEF COOK

MANUEL L. D. CARDOSO	CHARLES T. HUDSPETH
GEORGE SWAN	DEMETRIOS GEORGIU
JOSE J. PIRES	EDMUND J. REIMER
MARCELINO M. GILMETE	JOEL R. TEIXEIRA
ANTONE JOAQUIM	JOHN P. GOMES
JESSE SUMTER	RAYMONDO G. DAHLIG

To SECOND COOK

ADOLFO ARCE	ARTHUR E. DeLEON
HENRY THOMAS	AYRES GONZALES
HENRY L. HUTTO, JR.	ALBERT E. RUSSELL
DAVID PIRES	LEONARD J. SCHOLATO
ALEXANDER M. TEPPER	RAYMOND McGRATH
LIONEL N. HERRERA	

To MAINTENANCE MECHANIC/SECOND PUMPMAN

ALEXUS M. MICHELSON	ADRIAN MARTINEZ
JAMES L. MILLER	JOHN L. HILLMAN
T. A. MOSLEY	EMERY H. ST CLAIR, JR.
HERCILIO F. DASILVA	ROBERT C. HEYMAN
LEONARD C. BENSON	WESLEY C. SEWELL
SIDNEY MOSHER	HAROLD C. SPAULDING
ROY G. STANLEY	EARL A. BODDEN
FRANCIS L. PICOU	WALTER V. ROSYPAL
REX B. WILLIAMS	

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Esso Newark Back From the 7* Seas

The *Esso Newark* docked at Baytown, July 30, becoming the second Company tanker to complete a round-the-world voyage in July. (The *Esso Miami* was the first.)

The *Newark's* 100-day circumnavigation began from Baytown, April 21. She sailed from Baton Rouge, April 23, transited the Suez Canal, May 11-12 and discharged her lube oils at Bombay, May 20 to June 2. The Middle East crisis was hot when she arrived at Bahrain, June 6 and she didn't get away until the 16th — and that included 9 days' war bonus for the crew.

The Bahrain cargo was discharged at 3 ports in Okinawa, July 1-5, followed by the long haul across the Pacific to the Panama Canal, transited July 26-27.

*We count 8 or 9. What do you count?

Esso Newark Circumnavigators

Julius E. Wend	Master	Carlos Bogar	OS
Ernest Palazzini, Jr.	Ch. Mate	Thadeus S. Sokolowski	OS
Adrian F. Boulay	2nd Mate	Henry M. Wzorek, Jr.	Pumpman
Irvy H. Ebanks	3rd Mate	Floyd L. Harris	MM/2P
Nils Vindenes	Ch. Engr.	Richard K. Surgocinski	Oiler
Stanley A. Draus	1st Asst.	Hubert A. Walker	Oiler
John F. Kelly	2nd Asst.	Jose Coelho	Oiler
William Uffikowich	3rd Asst.	Pedro J. Graca	FWT
John M. Wilmoth	3rd Asst.	James C. Jenks	FWT
Karl C. Von Hartmann	R.O.	John Olivo	FWT
Peter Muscarnera	AB	Ronald J. McLean	Ch. Steward
Kolbjorn Hansen	AB	Stephen W. Johnson	Ch. Cook
Almouh C. Herod	AB	Lionel N. Herrera	2nd Cook
Carl R. Blaisdell	AB	Lorenzo M. Armendariz	MM
Raymond R. Darby	AB	Abraham Mall	MM
Arthur R. Kay	AB	Edmund R. Canton	UM
William J. Somsy	OS	Ling Ah Tay	UM

RECENT RETIREMENTS



2ND ASST. ENGINEER CHARLES E. HOLTON figures the transition from employee to annuitant will hold no problems for him. He sees retirement as continuous paid leave and plans to do what he has been doing on his regular leaves. That means taking care of his home in Charleston, S. C.; doing a few chores for Elsie, his wife, and scooting off across the country on his motorcycle. (Charlie is an ardent cyclist from way back.)

After some engine dept. service with Clyde Mallory Lines in 1937 and '38, Mr. Holton shipped out as Pumpman, Third and Second Asst. with Esso in 1939 and '40. He returned to the Fleet in Aug. 1948 as Second Pumpman and has served as an engineer officer since Dec. 1949. For the past 2½ years he has been Second and

First Asst., sailing most recently in the former rank aboard the *Esso Houston*. He retired (early) Aug. 1 with 20 years' service.

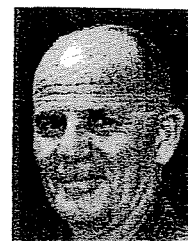


CHARLES E. SCHWARB, senior Radio Officer in the Fleet, relinquished his position Aug. 1 to get in a little extra time as an annuitant. What he will do with the time he has not yet decided but it will likely involve electronics, travel and Siamese cats.

Mr. Schwarb's 38 years of credited service began when he signed on in the *W. C. Teagle*, July 28, 1927. It was a short assignment but he was back the next year for 7 months in the *Walter Jennings* and from May 1929 on, his service was continuous. It included 7 years in the *G. Harrison Smith*, wartime voyages in the *Esso Bayonne*, *Christy Payne* and *Wallace E. Pratt* and, since June 1954, over 11 years in the *Esso Bangor*. For 10 years (1954 to '63) he was a member of the EROA negotiating committee.

Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Schwarb shipped out in a Socony tanker, a Shipping Board freighter and worked at the FADA radio plant and the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New York City. He and his wife Ethel are long-time residents of Manhattan.

RADIO OFFICER CHARLES E. WARREN, JR. sampled a half-dozen U. S. shipping companies in the 1930s before deciding to pound out the dots and dashes in the radio shacks of Esso tankers. He was Radio Officer in 4 vessels between July 1937 and Oct. 1940 and after 2 war-time years with the Army Transport Service, returned to the Fleet in Jan. 1945. Since then he has been "Sparks" in the *Esso Roanoke* for 3 years, in the *Esso Scranton* for 7 and the *Esso Florence* from 1958 until his retirement, July 1. He joins the early annuitant ranks with 25 years' service.



Mr. Warren lives in New York City with his wife Florence. He is a photographer of professional skill, doing his own developing, printing and enlarging.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC / SECOND PUMPMAN THOMAS BOYLE retired on disability July 1. Following his first assignments in the Fleet as Wiper in the *Charles Pratt* and *G. Harrison Smith* in

1935 and '38. he was FWT. Oiler and Pumpman in 8 vessels during World War II. His service, totaling 21 ¾ years, was intermittent since the War but continuous as Oiler and MM/2P since June 1963.

A native Texan, Mr. Boyle lives in Hitchcock, a town near Texas City and Galveston.

Benefit Plan Statements Mailed

Annual statements showing updated information about retirement income, survivor protection and temporary disability benefits, were mailed last week to plan registered addresses of regular employees who are covered by the Humble Benefit Plan and had one or more year's service on June 30, 1967.

The statement will be similar to last year's except that the Disability section has been changed to show the potential total value of Temporary Disability Benefits, and the figures will be as of June 30, 1967, instead of a year earlier.

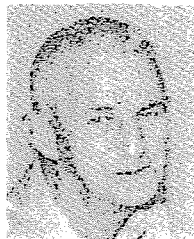
Upon receipt of the statement, it is suggested that you

- Check the figures to see if they seem to be correct. If not, contact your supervisor or E. C. Fischer, Benefits and Claims Section, Marine Department, Houston.
- Work out the retirement income estimate to see how the Annuity Plan applies in your own case. This is not difficult in most instances.

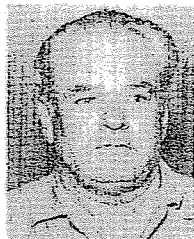
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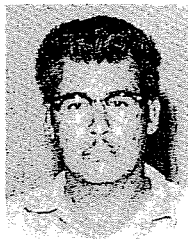
20 YEARS



Herbert A. Trenoweth
Second Mate
May 31, 1967



William G. Wasko
Able Seaman
June 3, 1967



Francisco Martinez
Ordinary Seaman
June 22, 1967



Marcelino J. Gomes
Oiler
March 23, 1967



Boaventura Silva
Chief Cook
March 29, 1967



Marcelino P. Gomes
Chief Cook
June 24, 1967



10 YEARS



John G. Mustian, Jr.
Ordinary Seaman
July 10, 1967

Romaldo F. Isberto
Messman
July 12, 1967

Wallace Blanco
Utilityman
July 13, 1967

- Complete the calculation of protection for your survivors by adding the value of your Thrift account (from your most recent Thrift statement) to the figures printed on the statement.
- Keep the statement in a convenient place for personal and family reference.

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JACK ERTL — 2nd Asst. Engr., 7/18/67*

* Date reported to Company

TAFFRAIL TALK

ROBERT H. DUNHAM, recently Third Mate in the *Esso Jamestown*, has accepted a temporary shore assignment as an assistant in the Baytown Marine Office. Bob has been in the Fleet since his graduation from Kings Point last year.

Third Asst. ARCH GRIFFITH, ex-*Esso Lexington*, and his wife Barbara announced the arrival of a king-sized son (11 lbs., 1 oz.) Gregory on July 8. "All is well," Arch said. "Received the radiogram in the Gulf aboard the *Lexington*. Thought they had made a mistake in the weight but it was correct. Mother and father putting in much overtime." The Griffiths live in Clifton, N. J.

ROBERT B. KIRBY, 20, son of ROBERT G. KIRBY, Chief Mate in the *Esso Seattle*, recently graduated from Tulane University with a BS degree in political science and 4 awards: The President's Award; Reserve Officers Association, New Orleans Chapter, Award; Superior Senior Cadet Award, and the DAR Award. He had a Teagle Scholarship for his first 2 years at Tulane and an ROTC scholarship for his second 2 years. A Second Lieut. in the regular Army, Bob will start on a master's degree in law this fall at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby's daughter Susan, a high school student in Hot Springs, Ark., is interested in music and has had some encouraging singing auditions.

BARBARA E. JOHNSON, daughter of Captain and Mrs. T. A. JOHNSON and a Teagle Scholarship student, received a BS degree in nursing from Boston University last June. She plans to study for a Master's degree in psychiatric nursing under a Federal grant.

LUDDY BADE, officially Head of the Allocation and Dispatch Section, Traffic, but actually a fount of wisdom on maximum deadweight utilization, was separated from his gall bladder, appendix and part of his stomach at Methodist Hospital, Houston, on July 24. He is making a good recovery but will be recuperating at home for a while yet.