

She arrived at Port Dover on August 20th, and was laid away in Gamble's "boneyard" there. She was advertised for sale beginning in 1973, but Gamble, not surprisingly, never was able to find a buyer for the tanker. Gamble held onto HUSKY 120 for many years and she still was lying in his yard in 1995. That year, however, scrapping operations were begun and Gamble's own crews completed the dismantling of the hull in 1996. She was, however, not dropped from Transport Canada's listings until 2001, when her registry was closed out with the notation that the ship had been scrapped.

Thus ended the career of a vessel which saw almost as much time in lay-up as in service over her lifetime. She almost did not make it across the North Atlantic in 1932, and never really settled into long-term employment thereafter. But your Editor has very fond memories of her, as do a few other historians who remember her when she was on service, either on Lake Ontario or at the Lakehead.

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Ed. Note: We have intended to run the story of BRITAMETTE for quite a while now, but have been keeping the feature "in the tank", waiting for a time when we needed a feature that we could put together on very short notice. This was the time.

The input of Skip Gillham and Gerry Ouderkirk was helpful in this effort. The clipping collections of our late members Ivan Brookes and Jim Kidd, as well as Jim's card notes, were of great assistance, as were the writings of J. H. Bascom.

If any of our members have stories about this little tanker that they would like to share with the readers, please contact us. We would appreciate your input.

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IN MEMORIAM

We recently learned that two longtime members of the Toronto Marine Historical Society have "crossed the bar", and we record herewith their passing.

CAPTAIN ROSS M. MacDONALD

Captain MacDonald, a resident of Belleville, Ontario, passed away recently, although we have no specific details. He held TMHS membership card number 466, and had been a member for more than twenty-five years. We are told that he enjoyed reading "Scanner" until his passing. Our sympathy is expressed to the family.

CAPTAIN JOHN J. LAWRENCE

Miss Gloria Lawrence has advised that her brother, Captain John J. Lawrence, of Kingston, passed away on April 2, 2002. She noted: "My brother was an avid reader interested in all aspects of marine history, and always looked forward to the marine news in "Scanner". It brought back many happy associations of Great Lakes sailing and his many years with the St. Lawrence Seaway. He is survived by three sons, two of them following in their father's footsteps and sailing on the Lakes."

Capt. Lawrence held TMHS membership number 618 and was of great assistance to us when we wrote a feature on the "Red Barges" a number of years ago. Our condolences go out to the family.

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