

Francis (Frank) Wilson

Source: *Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping 1911-12*

Name:	CALCHAS
Ship's official number:	110586
Type:	Steel-hulled, screw-driven schooner
Powered by:	Triple expansion, three-cylinder engine, giving 521 Nominal Horse Power Supplied by Scott & Co., Greenock
Additional details:	Two decks
Dimensions:	441.7/52.6/30.3 ft
Tonnage:	4279 net / 6748 gross registered
Built:	Scott & Co., Greenock in 1899
Owners:	Ocean Steamship Co. Ltd. (A. Holt & Co. - managers)
Port of Registration:	Liverpool
Master:	G.A.S Rodway since 1909
Signal letters:	RFVN
Rating:	

Source: Catalogue to holdings of 'Crew Lists' at Memorial University, Newfoundland 1863-1913

Those for the CALCHAS for 1910 and 1911 held there

Source: TNA: PRO BT 99/2865 - 'Crew Lists' including those of the CALCHAS, for voyages ending in 1912

There are three Eng. 1 forms and two Eng. 6 forms for the CALCHAS within this box. However, only one applicable:-

Eng. 1 - Agreement and Account of Crew - Foreign-Going Ship

Date of Commencement of Voyage:	14 th October 1911
Port at which Voyage commenced:	Birkenhead
Date of Termination of Voyage:	9 th February 1912
Port at which Voyage terminated:	London

‘ **The Several Persons** whose names are hereto subscribed, and whose descriptions are contained herein, and of whom *14* are engaged as Sailors, hereby agree to serve on board the said Ship, in the several capacities expressed against their respective Names, on a Voyage ~~from~~

of not exceeding eighteen months duration to any ports or places within the limits of 75 degrees North and 60 degrees South latitude commencing at BIRKENHEAD proceeding thence to *Yokohama* and/or any other ports within the above limits, trading in any rotation and to end at such port in the United Kingdom or Continent of Europe (within Home Trade limits) as may be required by the master.

And the said Crew agree to conduct themselves in an orderly, faithful, honest, and sober manner, and to be at all times diligent in their respective Duties, and to be obedient to the lawful Commands of the said Master, or of any Person who shall lawfully succeed him, and of their Superior Officers, in everything relating to the said Ship and the Stores and Cargo thereof, whether on board, in boats, or on shore: in consideration of which Services to be duly performed, the said Master hereby agrees to pay to the said Crew as Wages the Sums against

their Names respectively expressed, and to supply them with Provisions according to the Scale on the other side hereof.

And it is hereby agreed that any Embezzlement or wilful or negligent Destruction of any part of the Ship's Cargo or Stores shall be made good to the Owner out of the Wages of the Person guilty of the same.

And it is further agreed, that if any Seaman enters himself in a capacity for which he is incompetent, he is liable to be disrated.

And it is also agreed, That the Regulations authorized by the Board of Trade, which in the paper annexed hereto are numbered *1 to 5*

are adopted by the parties hereto, and shall be considered as embodied in this Agreement: And it is also agreed, That if any Member of the Crew considers himself to be aggrieved by any breach of the Agreement or otherwise, he shall represent the same to the Master or Officer in charge of the Ship in a quiet and orderly manner, who shall thereupon take such steps as the case may require: And it is also stipulated that advances on account and allotments of part of wages shall be made as specified against the names of the respective seamen in the columns provided for that purpose.

And it is also agreed, that

the Crew, shall consist of, at least, Mate, Carpenter, Steward, Cook, *10* Seamen, *2* Engineers, and *Chinese* Firemen, Seamen and Firemen mutually to assist each other. Firemen and Trimmers to carry up coals to the Galley and to fire the Donkey Boiler when required. If the Chief Steward's cash or liquors are deficient, the amount of deficiency may be deducted from his wages. Stewards and Cooks liable for lost plate and linen. No cash advanced or liberty allowed abroad. No grog Allowed. Also to assist in towage services to any vessels under the management of Alfred Holt & Co., of Liverpool. The Crew or any member thereof may be transferred, if required, at any port, and at any time during the period of this agreement to any other vessel under the same management, wages, capacity, and terms of services being the same.

SHOULD ANY MEMBER OF THE CREW FAIL TO JOIN AT THE TIME SPECIFIED, OR JOIN AND THEN LEAVE THE STEAMER WITHOUT THE MASTER'S PERMISSION, HE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO JOIN LATER, AND THE MASTER HAS THE OPTION OF SHIPPING A SUBSTITUTE AT ONCE.

In Witness whereof the said Parties have subscribed their Names herein on the days mentioned against their respective signatures.

Signed by *J. Watt Walker* Master
on the *11th* day of *October* 1911.'.

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Scale of Provisions

'Required by Section 25 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, to be allowed and served out to the crew during the voyage, except in cases in which the crew furnish their own provisions'.

Note. – The scale agreed upon is in addition to the Lime or Lemon Juice and Sugar, or other Anti-Scorbutics required by the Merchant Shipping Acts.

Water	4 quarts daily
Soft bread	1 lb. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
Biscuit	1 lb. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday and Saturdays
Salt beef	1/2 lb. on Sundays; 1 1/4 lbs. on Tuesdays and Saturdays
Salt Pork	1 lb. on Mondays and Thursdays
Preserved meat	3/4 lb. on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Fish	3/4 lb. on Fridays
Potatoes	6 lbs. weekly
Dried or compressed vegetables	1/2 lb. weekly
Peas split	2/3 pint weekly

Peas green	1/3 pint weekly
Calavances or haricot beans	1/2 pint weekly
Flour	1/2 lb. on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
Rice	1/4 lb. on Mondays and Thursdays
Oatmeal	4 oz. on Tuesdays and Saturdays
Tea	1 3/4 oz. weekly
Coffee	4 oz. weekly
Sugar	1 1/4 lbs. weekly
Milk condensed	1/3 lbs. weekly
Butter	1/2 lb. weekly
Marmalade or jam	1 lb. weekly
Syrup or Molasses	1/2 lb. weekly
Suet	4 oz. weekly
Pickles	1/2 pint. weekly
Dried fruits	5 oz. weekly
Fine salt	2 oz. weekly
Mustard	1/4 oz. weekly
Pepper	1/4 oz. weekly
Curry powder	1/4 oz. weekly
Onions	3 oz. on Mondays

‘Conditions and Exceptions in Applying Scale

1. The issue of provisions for which a total weekly, and no daily, amount is given in the above scale shall be reasonably distributed throughout the week.
2. The issue of soft bread under the scale shall not be required –
 - (a) in a ship of less than one thousand tons gross registered tonnage; or
 - (b) if rough weather renders the making of the bread impracticable, or
 - (c) in any ship until the date of the first agreement with the crew entered into after the first day of January nineteen hundred and eight, but where soft bread is not issued, an equivalent amount of biscuit shall be issued instead.
3. An equal quantity of fish, up to an amount not exceeding three-quarters of a pound in any one week, may be substituted for preserved meat under the above scale. The fish issued, whether under the scale or as a substitute, must be fresh fish, dried fish, or canned salmon or canned herrings.
4. Within the tropics, a pound and a half of preserved meat or three pounds of fresh meat may be substituted for two pounds of salt pork.
5. Fresh potatoes must be issued for at least the first eight weeks of the voyage in the case of every ship leaving a port within the home trade limits at any time between the last day of September and the first day of May, and at any other time when they can be procured at a reasonable cost.
When fresh potatoes are not so issued, an equal amount of yams, or vegetables preserved in tins, or an equivalent amount of dried or compressed potatoes or dried or compressed vegetables, in the proportion of one pound to six pounds of fresh potatoes, must be issued in their place.
6. Fresh vegetables, or vegetables preserved in tins, may at any time be substituted for dried or compressed vegetables in the proportion of half a pound of vegetables, or vegetables preserved in tins, to one ounce of dried or compressed vegetables.
7. A mixture of coffee and chicory containing not less than seventy-five per cent. of coffee may at any time be substituted for coffee in the proportion of five ounces of the mixture to four ounces of coffee.
8. The dried fruit issued under the above scale must be raisins, sultanas, currants, figs, or prunes.
9. The onions to be issued under the above scale must be fresh onions when in season; and, when fresh onions are not in season, an equal amount of onions or vegetables preserved in tins, or an equivalent amount of dried or compressed onions or vegetables in the proportion of one ounce to half a pound of fresh onions must be issued.
10. In port-
 - (a) soft bread shall be issued in lieu of biscuit; and
 - (b) when procurable at a reasonable cost, a pound and a half of fresh meat and half a pound of fresh vegetables shall be issued daily, and, when fresh meat and fresh vegetables are so issued, salt and preserved meats and dried or compressed vegetables need not be issued.
11. The stokehold hands are to receive sufficient oatmeal and one quart of water extra daily while under steam.

Substitutes and Equivalents – Not to be used without reasonable cause.

	To be considered equal
Fresh meat	1 1/2 lb.
Salt meat	1 lb.
Preserved meat	3/4 lb.
Coffee	3/4 oz.
Cocoa	1/2 oz.
Tea	1/2 oz.
Flour	1 lb.
Biscuit	1 lb.
Rice	1 lb.
Split peas	1/3 pint
Flour	3/4 lb
Calavances or haricot beans	1/2 pint
Rice	3/4 lb
Marmalade	1 lb.
Jam	1 lb.
Butter	1/2 lb.
Mustard	
Curry powder	

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Five (of six) 'Regulations for Maintaining Discipline':-

No.	OFFENCE	Amount of Fine or Punishment
1	Striking or assaulting any person on board or belonging to the Ship (if not otherwise prosecuted)	Five Shillings
2	Bringing or having on board spirituous liquors	Five Shillings
3	Drunkenness. First Offence Do. Second and for each subsequent Offence	Five Shillings Ten Shillings
4	Taking on board and keeping possession of any fire-arms, knuckle-duster, loaded cane, slung-shot, sword-stick, bowie knife, dagger, or any other offensive weapon, or offensive instrument, without the concurrence of the Master, for every day during which a seaman retains such weapon or instrument.	Five Shillings
5	Insolent or contemptuous language or behaviour to the Master or officers, or disobedience to lawful commands, if not otherwise dealt with according to law	Five Shillings

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No. 5; F. Wilson; 36; Belfast; 35 The Woodlands Bhead; (discharged) 1911; (last ship) Same; (signed on) 11th October 1911 at Birkenhead; Carpenter; (date and hour to be onboard) 11.30 a.m. 14th October 1911; (monthly pay) £7 0s 0d; (advanced) £7 0s 0d; (weekly allotment) £1 5s 0d; (discharged) 9th February 1912 at London; (balance of wages) £3 6s 4d

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Information gleaned from the 'Certificates':-

She arrived at Selangor on or shortly before November 16th, depositing to the Marine Office her documents and having them returned the same day.

She arrived at Shanghai on or shortly before November 29th, depositing her documents to H.B.M.'s Consulate there, with them being returned the next day.

Next she deposited these at H.B.M. Consulate Nagasaki on December 4th, having them returned the same day

Then, the next day the same process occurred at Shimonoseki

Between December 7th and 8th this was carried out at Kobe

On December 11th, her documents were sent to returned by the Consulate-General's Office at Yokohama.

On the 13th it was back to Kobe, once again and on the 15th Shimonoseki

Between the 18th and 19th her documents were with the Vice Consul at Shanghai.

On December 23rd she called in at Hong Kong, where her documents were scrutinised at the Mercantile Marine Office there

She was next at Singapore, but the entries are undated.

However, on 4th January 1912 she called at Port Swettenham

On the 5th she was at a port that had a Commander Royal Naval Reserve as Harbour Master and Shipping Master, but I cannot make out the stamp. Nevertheless, there were precious few Cdrs. in the RNR at this time, so I reckon that it must have been Singapore

Finally, she was at Amsterdam, handing in and having her documents returned February 7th, by the British Consulate.