UNIT NUMBER: FORT CHURCHILL

AREA OF SERVICE: HUDSON BAY (1913-1922) JAMES BAY (1923-1939)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
Motor sailing vessel

Dimensions: Length - 73.9 feet; breadth - 22.1 feet; depth - 9.87 feet (C.7/57).
Draft: Number of passengers: Number of crew:
Plans: [1913] - Plan of oil and water tanks (A.12/FT 341/[3], fo. 79).
Power: 80 BHP, 100 IHP (C.7/57) Bolinder Engine
Speed: Tonnage: Gross - 83.06 tons; registered - 56.48 tons (C.7/57).

HISTORY:
1913, July Registered at Falmouth, made maiden voyage across Atlantic to Hudson Bay (C.7/56).
1915 Found washed up on South Belcher Island after being torn from her moorings (B.135/a/190, 12 August, 8, 14-17 September 1915)
1921 & 1922 Replaced Fort York as supply vessel out of York Factory
1923-1927 Based at Moose Factory
1927-1931 Laid up
1931-1939 James Bay supply vessel
1939-1941 Laid up at Moose Factory
1941 Burned

MASTERS:
J.O. Neilsen
1823
R.H. Taylor
Guy Cadney - Engineer

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:
ca. 1926-1927 - anchored, in the stocks during winter, at Moose Factory
Album 53, No. 227 - at Charlton Island, 8 August 1934
1957/1-31 - view of stern in dry dock at Falmouth
1983/13 - shipyard at Porthleven, ca. 1982
1984/10-91, 106, 191, 112 - docked
1986/37-58 - beached

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A.10/431 Information - Bolinder Engine
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C.1/331b Deck Log 1921-1922
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