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The Editor,
Pathe Gazette,
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Dear Sir.

With reference to the recent visit of your camera man to our Subsidiary Company Brooke Marine Limited, of Lowestoft for the purpose of compiling a documentary film, we feel that the enclosed literature and layout plan may prove useful as a basis upon which your commentary may be made.

If at any time you require any factural information, this department will be only too pleased to assist.

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Yours faithfully,

G. de M. Slade Publicity Manager

M/V. "ELK" NEW CARGO VESSEL LAUNCHED AT LOWESTOFT

On 13th April 1959, Lady Warter, wife of Sir Philip Warter, Chairman, Southern Area Board, British Railways, launched the first of two twin-screw cargo vessels, which Brooke Marine Ltd. are constructing for the British Railways Southern Region.

Designed in conjunction with the British Transport Commission consultants, Messrs. Burness, Corlett & Partners, M/V "Elk" is 288 ft. length overall, 32 ft. moulded breadth and approximately 1,000 gross tons, having a designed speed of 14 knots.

The vessel will be propelled by two 900 B.H.P. diesel engines of Sulzer manufacture, placed aft, which were reassembled at the Brooke Marine Yard.

Especially designed for rapid cargo handling, in bulk or by pallets, the vessel is able to carry a considerable number of containers, and has facilities for the carriage of cattle.

Special consideration has been given to crew and officers accommodation, the crew having two-berth and each officer a single cabin, with heating and ventilation throughout.

The vessel will be equipped with echo sounding apparatus, radar, radio telephones and V.H.F.

It is intended that both the M/V "Elk" and her sister ship, M/V "Moose" which is to be launched shortly, will replace the "Haslemere", "Ringwood" and "Whitstable" on the Channel Islands Service, and will be based at Southampton.