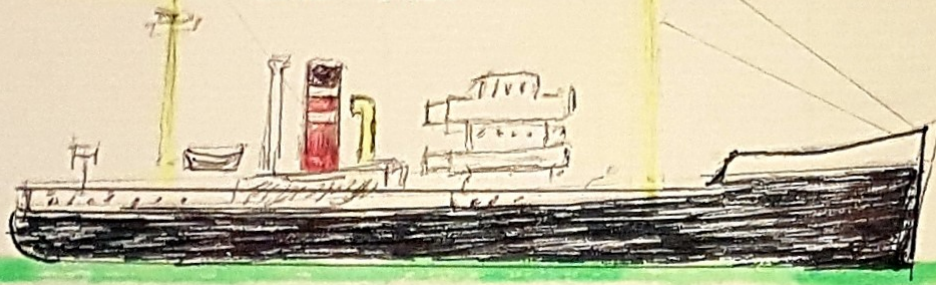


MY FIRST SHIP LOOKED
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London
1 Nov 2020

Dear Young Person,

Although I don't know you I'm very happy to write to you to tell you how important I have found letters in my life. I left the London Nautical school at 15 and started my life as a sailor ending up as a Captain at 27.

In that time I went to Russia, Egypt Africa, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand America, Canada and many, many more countries.

One of the most important things was waiting for a letter from my Mum and Sister. I still have them and they are a lovely memory of them. My suggestion is write letters as much as you can.

Good luck,
John