

**48) M.V. Fort Calgary 21893 GRT 13100 BHP  
Long Beach 8/3/86 - 3/6/86 Bordeaux.**



Long Beach, Panama, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, Fredrikstad  
(Norway), Bordeaux.

The Calgary was a geared bulk carrier which meant she could discharge herself and did not require special cranes ashore to do it. This enabled us to go to smaller ports and work various types of cargo, similar to the old general cargo ships of yesteryear. It had the added advantage that our time in port was generally longer than some of the other types of ship. The cranes however were always a source of trouble which kept the electrician and engineers busy. They were quite complex, with powerful hydraulics and large 3 phase pumps and motors with associated control systems.

At New Orleans, I managed to meet up with an old amateur friend of mine again, which was very pleasant. Savannah and Charleston were old historical cities and very interesting to look around. We were berthed not far from the centres in both cities, and did not have far to walk to places of interest. The area had recently been renovated, and there were lots of nice walks along the waterfront. These were dotted with cafes and tourist shops where one could enjoy a drink or browse the knickknacks for sale.

Other than that, I really cannot remember anything about this trip. Nor can I find much I have written about it anywhere. I will have to look up the photographs to see what happened. Maybe we had no noteworthy catastrophes!