## **INFORMATION ON SERIES OF DOCUMENTS**

Series	BT 334
Title	Board of Trade: Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen: Registers and Indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths of Passengers and Seamen at Sea
Structure	Arranged chronologically by year and subdivided within each volume by month.  Volumes arranged: Register of Deceased Seamen – by year. 45 volumes Register of Deceased Passengers – by year spread. 18 volumes Register of Births – by year spread. 5 volumes. Index of Births and Deaths – by year spread. 42 volumes Registers of Death of Seamen reported to GRO's – by year spread. 6 volumes Piece 117 – Register of Marriages at Sea – 1854-1972
Size/Scope	BT 334: Approx. 15000 images The records provide the following information: Register of Deceased Seamen: Printed Information on Printed Forms. Arranged Alphabetically by month: One image = one page. Average of 20 pages per month. Average 18 entries per page. Approx. 11000 images Register of Deceased Passengers: Handwritten Information on Printed Forms. Arranged by month: Name and Surname of Deceased, Sex, Age, Rank, Profession or Occupation, Nationality or Birthplace, Last Place of Abode, Death – Cause/Date/Place, Name of Ship, Official Number, Port of Registry, Trade, Registrar General to whom Reported, Source of Information. Average of 30 individuals per double page. Double page images required. Approx. average of 30 double page images per 6 months. Approx. 1200 images Register of Births: Handwritten Information on Printed Forms. Arranged by month: Name of Ship, Official Number, Date of Birth, Name of Child, Sex, Name and Surname of Father, Rank Profession or Occupation of Father, Name and Surname of Mother, Maiden Surname of Mother, Nationality of Father, Last Place of Abode of Father, Nationality of Mother, Last Place of Abode of Mother, Source of Information. Double page images required. Average of 30 entries per double page. Average 20 double page images per 2-year period. Approx 700 images. Registers of Births and Death of Seamen reported to GRO's: Handwritten Information on Printed Forms. Arranged by month: Name of Ship, Official Number, Date of Death, Place of Death, Name and Surname of Deceased, Sex, Age, Rank Profession or Occupation, Nationality, Last Place of Abode, Cause of Death, Passenger or Member of Crew. Single page Images. Average of 20 entries per page. Average of 25 images per month for Pieces 54, 55 and 74. Average of 12 images per month for Pieces 56, 63 and 69. Approx. 2000 images Index of Births and Deaths: Handwritten Information Register of Marriages at Sea 1854-1972: Piece 117 only. No record of Marriages 1889-1898. Handwritten Information on Printed Forms. Arranged chronologically:

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Physical Format and Condition	Large bound registers, stored in cardboard boxes, the majority of which are approx. A3 size although size is highly variable. Condition is good, although some pages are creased with torn edges, some paper is fragile. Some pages are blank in a small number of cases. Some fragile binding.
Popularity	In conjunction with the BT 153, 156 and 157 registers, these lists could be extremely valuable to family historians for tracing merchant seamen who died at sea. It is expected that popularity would increase with increase in the general knowledge on availability of the records.
Copyright clearance	Crown Copyright
Research Guide	Births, Marriages and Deaths at Sea
Possible areas for indexing	Name, Date of Death/Birth/Marriage, Name of Ship, Official Number of Ship