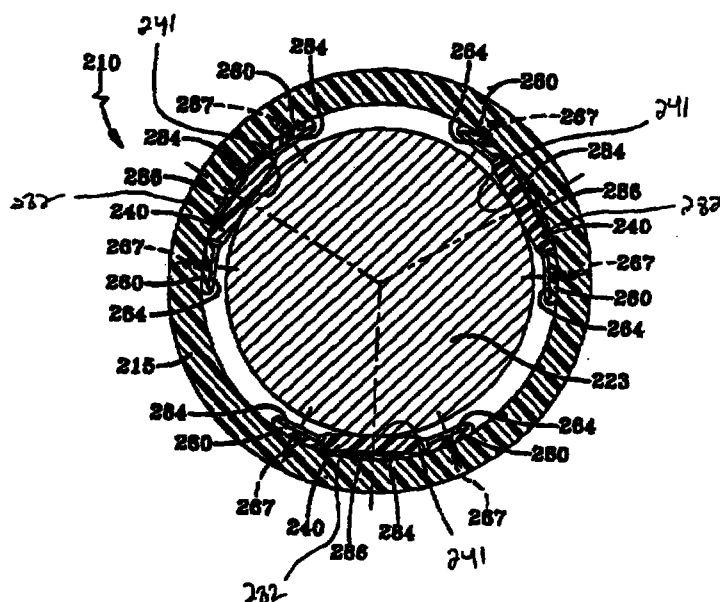


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A bearing assembly (210) for supporting a drive shaft (223) of a ship wherein the shaft is generally to be supported by such bearing assembly in a horizontally extending position. The bearing assembly has a housing (215) with a cylindrical shell mounted therein having a central bore with a longitudinally extending central axis. The shell has a plurality of circumferentially spaced staves (240) provided therein which project into the central bore to support the drive shaft. The staves have transverse grooves provided therein.