



SMOKE SIGNALS



Best Wishes on Retirement

Four Union-Castle Line Commanders—who all joined the Company as Cadets—retired on 1st November. They are Captain J. P. Aplin, Captain D. D. MacKenzie, Captain C. C. Page and Captain J. E. R. Wilford.

Employed since July, 1958, as relieving Commander on vessels doing coastwise voyages, **Captain John Aplin** was for seven years in command of cargo ships, his first appointment as Master being to the *Richmond Castle* in 1951.

In September, 1940, whilst the *Llandaff Castle* was in the Royal Albert Dock, London, his prompt action put out a fire on the ship caused by an incendiary bomb. Two years later he was Chief Officer on the same ship when she was torpedoed and sank.



Captain C. C. Page

For the last nine years Master of the Mailship *Athlone Castle*, **Captain Charles Page** was appointed to his first command at the end of the war, in which he served in the Royal Navy. He was in command of an Assault Tank Landing Ship at the landings in Sicily, Reggio, Salerno, Anzio and Normandy. In 1945 he commanded a flotilla of landing ships in the Burma Campaign. Since the war, Captain Page has commanded ships in both the Round Africa and Mail Services.

Appointed to the command of his first passenger ship in March, 1950, **Captain James Wilford** has since then been Master of five of the Round Africa vessels. During the last war he served in the Royal Navy from September, 1939, to January, 1946, and on returning after the war, he commanded the *Richmond Castle* and then the *Riebeeck Castle*—two of the Company's refrigerated cargo ships. Captain Wilford's home is at Lymington.



Captain D. D. MacKenzie

During his career, **Captain Donald MacKenzie** has commanded no fewer than eleven of the Company's ships, and for six years was Master of the *Arundel Castle*, which he accompanied on her last voyage earlier this year to a breakers' yard in Hong Kong. When Second Officer in the *Durban Castle*, he was brought ashore at Cape Town to act as Assistant Marine Superintendent for six months in 1938. He was elected a Younger Brother of Trinity House in 1945.

Over Fifty Years Afloat

Captain A. W. Wheeler, who completed his last voyage in the *King Arthur* in July, retired on 31st October.

He first went to sea in 1908 as an apprentice in the sailing ship *Clackmannanshire* and transferred to steamships on obtaining his Second Mate's Certificate in 1913. He obtained his Master's Certificate in January, 1917, and joined the King Line in June, 1923, as Chief Officer, being promoted to his first command in February, 1928.

He was Master of the m.s. *King Edgar* during the second World War and was torpedoed off Millford Haven in March, 1945, while in convoy on a voyage from Vancouver to London, the ship—which had previously taken part in the Normandy Operations—being sunk. Captain Wheeler recalls that he was



Master of the m.s. *King Edgar* for 15½ years without missing a single voyage, and later served on the s.s. *King Edgar* for 5½ years, thus having served in a ship of the same name for 21 years.

Mr. Oscar Hall on "Argyllshire"

Mr. Oscar Hall, Managing Director of King Line, who retires at the end of the year, is at present making a

voyage in the *Argyllshire*, visiting Durban, Lourenco Marques, Beira and Australian ports.