



CAPTAIN CHARLES D. MAVITTY
Master of the *Nina Bowater*

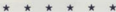
Captain Mavitty's sea career commenced in the Clan Line for, after two years in the schoolship *Conway*, he joined the turbine steamer *Clan Mactaggart* (Captain T. Forrett) at Birkenhead in September, 1931, as an Indentured Apprentice. He obtained his Second Mate's Certificate in 1934 and during this period of depression in world trade, made several voyages as a Cadet in the Clan Line's New York/Cape service. These trips were not without their hardships as, in winter months, and within certain limits on the North American coast, the Lascar crews were not allowed to work on deck because the Indian Government considered that the cold was too extreme for their nationals, so all the deck work of the ship was taken over by eight Cadets.

After nine years with the Clan Line, Captain Mavitty reached the rank of

Third Officer and then transferred to the Orient Line with whom he served throughout the Second World War. He was engaged in ferrying troops to all theatres of war, the evacuation of civilians from Ceylon, Singapore and Middle East countries and, in the *Otranto*, took part in the landings at Algiers.

Early in 1948 Captain Mavitty joined the Suez Canal Company and, after a spell as Harbour Pilot at Port Said, transferred to the Canal pilotage at Ismailia. In this service he piloted numerous Clan Line vessels, ships of the Union-Castle Round Africa Service and King Line.

His career in Egypt ended in 1956 following the military operations there. In 1957 he joined The Bowater Steamship Company. At that time only the *Margaret Bowater* and her



WHO'S WHO

During the course of succeeding issues we hope to feature profiles of personnel serving in Bowater ships: should this prove successful, the column will be extended to embrace other Companies in the Group, thereby acquainting readers with Who is Who.



sister ship *Sarah Bowater* had been built and he was appointed Chief Officer of the latter vessel, being promoted Master at the end of the year. Captain Mavitty has since commanded most vessels of the Bowater fleet. The *Nina Bowater*, his present command, is the latest vessel to be built for The Bowater Steamship Company and joined the fleet in 1961.



MR. K. A. B. LIDDLE

The Chief Engineer of the *Nina Bowater* is Mr. K. A. B. Liddle. Born in 1907 at Arbroath, he served his Apprenticeship with Alex Shanks & Son Ltd., and went to sea with the British India Steam Navigation Company and the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company before joining Bowaters on 10th August, 1961. Mr. Liddle obtained his Second Class Steam Certificate in May, 1933, his First Class Steam Certificate in May, 1937, and his Motor Endorsement the following year.

During the second World War he was Engineer in Charge of an Engineering firm in India engaged on War work. He was responsible not only for the power plant but was also in charge of the tool room making precision tools and gauges for the 25 pounder shells produced. The output of shells was 25,000 per week and hundreds of tools and gauges. He was also in charge of Air Raid Precaution Details.

Since joining the Bowater Steamship Company Mr. Liddle has served in the *Markland*, *Gladys Bowater* and *Nicholas Bowater* in addition to his present ship.



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The Nina Bowater, 5,585 tons, the latest vessel to be built for the Bowater Steamship Company.