readers' letters

Fine modelling from King Henry

I am sending you a photograph of three wooden models made during a recent voyage of King Henry to Calcutta.

The model of a passenger ferry (see the picture) made by Alwyn John was named the Bohuslan. It was provided with an electric motor to turn the propellor but was intended for display only. Its length would

be roughly three feet and it would, I estimate, have taken about 100 hours to build. The launch model was a Fairy Swordsman, three feet in length, with 114 inch beam and powered by a 5cc water cooled diesel engine. It had radio control on throttle and steering and its speed in the water was about 30mph. It was made by

Paul Pepper. John Ritchie, purser/catering officer (on the right of the picture) constructed a model of a Dutch ocean going tug named Zwarte Zee. It was just over two feet long and was powered. It took approximately 50

hours to build. A. B. CLUBB (Fourth Engineer), 8 Linden Walk. Prestatyn, Flints, LL19 9EB.

Thanks for all your help

I should like to express, through the medium of CLANSMAN, my thanks to excolleggues who contributed so generously to the cheque which was sent to me on their behalf recently. It was a most pleasant and totally unexpected gesture which so took me by surprise that I have not been able, even yet, to decide what form the memento

will take. I appreciated the help and co-operation extended to me by members of sea and shore staffs over the years, which contributed in no small measure to the interesting

career I enjoyed with the company. I wish them good luck and good health in the future.

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Rescue earned Lloyds Medal

You mention the retirement of Capt. Mair in Clansman No. 18 and his service in Clan Macarthur when she was sunk by enemy action off South Africa, I recall that he and the late John Ruthyen (who was chief refrig.) received what I understand to be a very special award, I loyds Medal, for their bravery during the sinking.

With complete disregard for their own safety they rigged up means of escape for Asian crew members who were tranned below deek

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Enter Donald on the crew list

You might be interested in including news of our son's birth in CLANSMAN. My husband, Bill, was serving on Edinburgh Castle when Donald Michael Cameron was born on November 22, 1972. We are most grateful to R. I. Bartlett and Edinburgh

Castle's chief engineer for getting the news to Bill (who is now serving on Reina del Mou We both enjoy CLANSMAN immensely, and Bill likes to keep track of fellow engi-

neer officers through your crew lists CAROLINE P. C. McCARTHY. 16 Windyedge Crescent, Iordanhill,

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■ Models constructed during the last voyage of King Henry to Calcutta. From left to right Alwyn John (junior engineer), Paul Pepper (chief electrician) and John Ritchie (parser/catering officer). See the first letter, column one, Picture: A. B. Clubb.

