



A Time Honoured Ceremony

One of six victims is hauled before the court of King Neptune (Captain N. M. Lloyd) and his Queen Amphitrite (Parseurette Pamela Donne) at a Crossing the Line ceremony on the Transvaal Castle. Assistant Purser John Johnson wears the helmet.



They Won

We recorded in the April Magazine that the Catering Efficiency Cup awarded to Intermediate vessels had been won by the Rhodesia Castle and early in June Mr. Bernard Cayzer visited the ship in London Docks to present the trophy to Captain A. C. M. Black.

Full Speed Ahead!

At 1130 hours Local Time on 20th June, when in Position Lat. 10°35'N, Long. 82°32'E, the *Clan MacLennan* received a Distress Message from the s.s. *Union Atlantic*, carrying a cargo of iron ore, that her No. 1 lower hold was full of water.

Radio contact was made with several vessels in the vicinity after her request for help. *Maldan* gave her position as 191 miles west of the Distressed Vessel and estimated her time of contact to be about mid-

night; *Clan MacLennan* shortly afterwards.

At 2248 hours in Position Lat. 12°20'N, Long. 86°31'E the *Union Atlantic* was abandoned. At 0505 hours *Maldan* reported having picked up all survivors; *Clan MacLennan*, only an estimated 21 miles from the distress position, accordingly altered course and resumed her passage, having steamed an additional 200 miles in an endeavour to aid the disabled ship.



Ward—Runcie (above)

Pictured after their wedding at the Union Church, Clydebank, on 28th March are Mr. P. J. Ward, Second Officer ex *Nina Bowater*, and the former Miss *Isabella M. Runcie*.

Matthew—Pinkney-Foster (below)

Married at Emmanuel Church, New Brighton, Cheshire, on 11th April were Mr. Gordon G. T. Matthew and Miss Lesley J. Pinkney-Foster. Mr. Matthew is 5th Engineer in the *Clan Macnair*.



Busiest May

May, 1964, was the busiest May in the history of the Life-Boat service. Life-boats of the Royal National Life-boat Institution were launched on service 82 times and saved 37 lives. The previous highest figure for launches in May was 78 in 1959.

The new fast inshore rescue boats were launched 25 times in May, 1964.