



# Smoke Signals



## Good Wishes on Retirement

Mr. E. H. Pitt, D.S.C., 1st Radio Officer in the *Windsor Castle*, retired on 18th May after 39 years' service with the Group.

He first went to sea in November, 1915, as a Cadet with Elder, Dempster Lines Ltd., and in January, 1917, became a Midshipman, R.N.R. Following demobilisation two years later, and failure to pass the B.O.T. eyesight test for Second Mate, he studied wireless, obtained a First Class P.M.G. Certificate, and joined the Marconi Company—his first ship in 1920 was the *Garth Castle*.



Mr. E. H. Pitt

In June, 1926, Mr. Pitt joined the Union-Castle Line, spent one year on the P.E.A. coast in the *Rovuma* during 1929 and was appointed 1st Radio Officer on the Round Africa Service in 1936. When War broke out he was serving in the *Dunvegan Castle*, which was converted to an Armed Merchant Cruiser. When the vessel was sunk by enemy action in August, 1940, he remained in naval service, being commissioned later as Lieutenant (Special Branch) R.N.V.R. In early 1943 he was appointed H/F D/F and Signals Officer to the newly formed 2nd Support Group engaged on anti-U-boat activities in North Atlantic. He remained with the Group until after the Normandy landings, being

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then promoted to Lieut.-Commander, and for his services received the Distinguished Service Cross and a Mention in Despatches.

In January, 1946, Mr. Pitt rejoined the Union-Castle Line and served in *Stirling* and *Athlone Castles* trooping to Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. He was later appointed to the troopship *Dunnottar Castle* and in 1948 joined the *Arundel Castle* engaged on immigration service to Cape Town. He also sailed on this vessel's maiden post war voyage and thereafter served in various vessels of the Mail fleet, being appointed to *Windsor Castle* in May 1960.

## SAINT LINE SHIPS SOLD

The *St. Essylt* and *St. Thomas*, the two remaining ships of the South American Saint Line fleet, have been sold to the China Navigation Co. Ltd.

Vessels of 6,855 tons net. reg., with a service speed of 14 knots and accommodation for twelve passengers, they were built in Sunderland by J. L. Thompson & Sons Ltd.; with their streamlined superstructures and funnels they attracted considerable attention when they came out in 1948.

Following delivery in May and July their new names will be *Yochow* (*St. Thomas*) and *Yunnan* (*St. Essylt*)

## Good Luck

Mr. K. A. B. Liddle, Chief Engineer, has had to leave the sea for health reasons and resigned on 15th May.

He joined the Bowater Steamship Company in August, 1961, and served in the *Markland*, *Glady's Bowater* and *Nicolas Bowater*. His last ship was the *Elizabeth Bowater*.

Mr. Liddle's shipmates will join in wishing him renewed health and success in his shore appointment.



## Paul-Barrett

Mr. E. A. C. Paul, Chief Officer, Edinburgh Castle, and Miss J. E. Barrett, who was Children's Hostess in the same ship, were married at St. Peter's Church, Hove, Sussex, on 24th April.