



Smoke Signals



Mr. R. F. Cole, 65, retired from A.E.I. on 4th February with happy recollections of nearly 30 years spent at sea as a Radio Officer in Clan Line vessels.

His association with the Company began in 1935 when he joined the *Clan Ogilvy*. He was Radio Officer in the *Clan Macarthur* when she was torpedoed in August, 1943, and was made an M.B.E. for "courage, determination and devotion to duty." For this he was also awarded the Lloyds Medal in March, 1944. He received the Coronation Medal in June, 1953.



An "on duty" snap of Mr. R. F. Cole

Mr. Cole's last ship was the *Clan Macdougall* and we wish him renewed health in his retirement, which we understand he plans to spend in the west country.

Mr. Gordon Browne has served in the Deck Department of Union-Castle vessels for many years since joining the old *Edinburgh Castle* as a deck boy in 1923. After periods as A.B. and Quartermaster he was appointed Bo'sun's Mate of the *Arundel Castle* in 1949 and Bo'sun of the same vessel the following year. Mr. Browne became well known during the period he served on *Winchester Castle* as Bo'sun from 1952 until she was scrapped in 1960, when he transferred to the *Carnarvon Castle*. His last



Well Done

Congratulations to Mervyn R. Griggs, one of the first of the Company's Alternative Training Scheme Apprentice Engineer Officers, on gaining his First Class M.O.T. Motor Certificate.

Joining the Group at the age of 16½ years with six G.C.E. "O" Levels, he attended Stow College, Glasgow, where he received his training under the Alternative Training Scheme, successfully attaining the Ordinary National Diploma with Endorsements in Electro Technology, Elementary Naval Architecture and Power Plant Maintenance.

He commenced his sea service as a Junior Engineer Officer in the *Clan Maclean*, remaining in that vessel from 14th May, 1960 to 17th October, 1961, when he was relieved for the Second Class M.O.T. Certificate examination in which he was successful. He was appointed Junior Second Engineer Officer of the *Stirlingshire* and subsequent other ships until successfully attaining his First Class M.O.T. Motor Certificate in January, 1965. On 26th February he was appointed Senior Second Engineer Officer of the Scottish *Ptarmigan*.

vessel before retirement was *Athlone Castle*.

When Mr. David Taylor retired at the end of January he was Night Steward *Pretoria Castle*, although practically the whole of his career with the Union-Castle Line since 1928 has been as a Pantryman and Still Room Steward. He was later 1st Class Lift Attendant of the *Windsor Castle* from her maiden voyage. Upon his retirement Mr. Taylor took a busman's holiday and sailed in the *Athlone Castle* to South Africa, where he is now living.

Mr. Francis Hopper joined Union-Castle in 1923 as Assistant 3rd Class Cook and, after a spell as Assistant Butcher, returned to his previous rating and was appointed 1st Assistant Cook of the *Balmoral Castle* in 1930. Most of his war-time service was as 2nd Cook, *Arundel Castle*, and he was appointed Chef, *Llanstephan Castle*,

in 1949. He has since served as Chef and Extra Chef on many of the Intermediate and Mail Vessels.

New Entrants

A welcome is extended to the following who have recently joined the Sea Staff:—

Messrs. J. A. R. Bell, I. W. Ferguson, I. D. Irvine, N. C. Lawson, D. M. Lineham, R. K. Metcalfe, D. Ophorst, C. R. Pearn (Fourth Officers); Mr. E. Callaghan ex Saint Line (Chief Engineer); Mr. J. W. de Caen ex Saint Line (Senior Second Engineer); Mr. M. S. Sones (Second Engineer); Messrs. J. D. Cruttwell, B. Elsby, F. P. King, P. Nelson ex Saint Line, G. Spurr ex Saint Line (Third Engineers); Mr. D. H. Keith (Junior Third Engineer); Mr. D. O. Hunt (Senior Fourth Engineer); Messrs. W. Hargreave ex Saint Line, D. E. Shute (Fourth Engineers);