

# Manifest

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## Retirements

Captain George William Spiller retired on January 1 as master of the *Clan Macintyre*. He served his apprenticeship with the New Zealand Steam Ship Company and joined *Clan Line* October 17, 1929. He obtained his first mates certificate September 1933 and was promoted second officer on the *Clan Macbrayne* March 28, 1938. After obtaining his masters certificate he was promoted to command *Clan Mackinlay* September 15, 1954. Since then he has commanded a number of group cargo vessels.

Edward William Campbell Young lamp-trimmer ex-*SA Oranje* retired on December 1, 1970. He joined the company in 1925 as an ordinary seaman, served only briefly, then rejoined as able seaman in 1939 and served aboard *Edinburgh Castle*. His promotion to leading hand came on April 17, 1956. Edward Young served in various Company vessels until his retirement (and at one time worked with the shore gang).

Henry Toms retired from *SA Vaal* on December 1, 1970. He joined the company in March 1923 as a calender boy serving

on the *Arundel Castle*. He was promoted assistant laundryman, left the company in November 1933, rejoined in June 1950 as assistant laundryman and served on *Windrose Castle*. In this capacity he served on various ships until his retirement.

Alexander Walter retired on December 1 as a greaser aboard *SA Oranje*. He joined the company in November 1950, serving on the *Athlone Castle*. He served continuously in various company vessels until retiring because of ill health.

Alan Bartlett second assistant baker aboard *Reina Del Mar* retired on November 14, 1970. He joined the company as assistant baker on the *Carnarvon Castle*, serving on various ships until his retirement.

G. Cowley retired January 1 from the position of carpenter aboard the *Clan Macintosh*. He joined the company March 26, 1952 and served on various vessels.

## Hospital presentation

When the *Windrose Castle* was in Cape Town on December 21, members of her Leading Hands Club officially presented a hospital bed, complete with bedding, to the Monastery Nursing Home, Sea Point, in memory of Ted Wallace, engine room store-keeper, who died at the age of 64 during the vessel's southbound voyage in October. The Monastery Nursing Home cares for a large percentage of seamen landed in Cape Town for hospital treatment.

Commodore Ronald Wright made the presentation. The first patient to use the bed was E. C. Dix, of the tanker *Alva Star*.

## Farewell to all those "R" ships

SOUTHAMPTON—The unusual sight of five Union-Castle "R" vessels at 101 Berth for their winter lay-up caused quite an amount of interest in the port. They have now all dispersed, two of them taking extra mail-vessel cargo to the Cape and the others to various ports in the U.K. to prepare for loading in the normal cargo service. The last was the *Riebeeck Castle* which left on January 2 for the Tyne.

The Port of Southampton was unusually quiet at Christmas. A bevy of cruise liners left the weekend before with passengers seeking a Christmas afloat and in the sun. Apart from the small Spanish liner *Monserat*, which had come in from Curacao for further engine repairs, the only vessels in port were ferries and cargo vessels. With the *Pendennis Castle* sailing on Christmas Eve, the only Union-Castle vessels were *Southampton Castle* and *Riebeeck Castle*.



■ On December 22 R. Munton, technical director, presented K. Hislop with the P&O prize, a silver tankard and a ten pound book taken, awarded to the second year engineer cadet who has proved to have the most outstanding blend of technical competence, leadership and social qualities.



■ Hospital presentation in Cape Town. From left to right: H. Smith (donkeyman), D. Hook (mess steward), C. Benson (leading hand), Sister Peter, of the Monastery Nursing Home, S. N. Harron (chief engineer), E. C. Dix (the patient), Commodore Wright, Sister Annunciat, matron of the nursing home and N. G. Ticehurst, leading steward. Picture: The Cape Argus.