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Seagoing supplement
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Recent retirements

Capt. H. N. Dryden retired on March 1 after 34 years service, aged 58 years. Capt. Dryden joined Union-Castle as a junior officer on September 1, 1939 and was promoted to Master on December 28, 1960. While serving as second officer *Rochester Castle* he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross following successful outcome of a hazardous voyage to Malta.

Capt. S. K. Williams retired on April 1 aged 60 after 19 years service. He joined Hector Whaling as Master on January 7, 1955.

First class bedroom steward J. Kinsella retired on March 1 aged 65, after nine years service.

When *Pendennis Castle* docked at Southampton on January 15 two officers ended their seagoing careers. They are Mike Hackett, purser and Gordon Bristow, chief radio officer (see picture, CLANSMAN No. 24).

Mike, aged 36, joined Union-Castle in Penchurch Street in 1955 and started his sea going career in 1958. He was on the maiden voyage of *Pendennis Castle*, January 1959, then served on many of the intermediate vessels and mail vessels before returning to *Pendennis Castle* in 1973. Mike met his wife, who used to live in Rhodesia, while he was serving in *Pretoria Castle* (now *SA Oranje*).

Gordon Bristow, who joined Union-Castle in 1935 from The Marconi Co., was in the old *Windor Castle* when she was sunk by torpedo in 1943. Gordon has served in many of the company's vessels but his favourites are *Pendennis Castle* and *Reina del Mar*.

Pre-retirement course

From May 28 to 31 the Seafarers Education Service will run its ninth pre-retirement course for seafarers at Greenwich.

The course will be opened by Lady Phillips, JP, and other lecturers will include an accountant to talk on money matters, a physiotherapist on keeping fit, the head of an art college on spare time pursuits, a consultant on health, the manager of an employment exchange on earning money, and an expert on housing and the home.

Any British merchant seafarer within five years of retiring or very recently retired may apply for one of these courses. They are residential and no charge is made to seafarers. Shipping companies nominating delegates are invited to subscribe £8.50 per delegate toward the expenses. Other costs are borne by the Seafarers Education Service and the Seamen's Hospital Society.

Seafarers' competitions 1974

The 1974 competitions organised by the Seafarers Education Service are open to all British merchant seafarers, their wives if at

sea, fishermen and lightkeepers. They will be divided into three main categories:

Essays, short stories, poems, articles: one first prize of £40, four second prizes of £15 and further prizes for runners-up;

Painting, drawing, handicraft, art: one first prize of £40, four second prizes of £15 and further prizes for runners-up, and

Photography: £12 and £6 paid for any black and white print or transparency worthy of publication in *The Seafarer* (nautical subjects preferred).

The closing date is December 31 1974. Full details are available from SES at 207 Balham High Road, London SW17 7BH.

The SES distributed £351.50 in prizes to merchant seamen for entries in the 1973 competitions. No B&C people were among the major prizewinners. Three of the prizes went to seafarers' wives at sea with their husbands.

Standards, according to the SES report, were generally high except in photography where only three of 73 entries were judged to merit a prize.

A club for old salts

The London Veteran Seafarers' Association would be interested in hearing from retired seafarers who would like to meet socially and keep in touch with former shipmates. Formed jointly in 1963 by marine charities, the LVSA is organised under the auspices of the Royal Alfred Merchant Seamen's Society for the benefit of retired

■ Below: B&C deputy chairman Bernard Gayer presenting able seaman Douglas Jago with the Royal Humane Society's certificate, marking his bravery in diving into shark-infested waters to rescue a woman passenger. The ceremony took place on board *SA Vaal* in Southampton, in the presence of Comm. Douglas Soeden (left) and senior representatives of the National Union of Seamen and the Department of Trade and Industry. Picture: P. Brooks.

