

readers' letters

In favour of 'ships sold' list

Sir,
In reference to your note in CLANSMAN No. 26 about ships sold: Clansmen who have long been associated with ships (particularly those who have served in them) develop a mysterious affection for them. Thus, subject to company approval, it would be of great interest to have mention of disposals and so on or even to have a current fleet list once in a while.

As another pensioner I wholly agree with W. J. Stokes's letter because in its present form CLANSMAN holds very limited interest for us.

All of us are Clansmen of 40-plus years service. When the company was much closer knit, we were individuals and had names—all links in a strong chain connecting most countries in the then British Empire directly with the management in

2 St. Mary Axe. Promotion for all was more or less via dead men's shoes; thus there were no strangers except youthful entrants, and so in our respective spheres we grew up together.

Latterly conditions world wide brought commercial changes and although we then became mere digits in a computer, the friendships remained. Many still do but we are out of circulation and wide spread in these years of our retirement.

CLANSMAN is thus our main connecting link, at present usually in a three line obituary notice. Alas, even that occasionally omitted.

True you cannot live in the past but you wouldn't have a job without it. I understand there are about 1,200 pensioners, some overseas, and this I think justifies their entitlement to a more kindly and stimulating link of mutual interest in the company's magazine.

Capt. A. S. PALETHORPE-MAY,
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Sir,

With reference to your note in CLANSMAN No. 26: I should be very interested in a list of ships sold. I recently saw a reference to a new *King George* and as I launched the *King George* in 1956 I wondered what had happened to her.

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Editor's note: following Capt. Palethorpe-May's letter, we must emphasise that obituary notices are never knowingly omitted from the journal. Readers can help us by pointing out omissions, giving us name, age and (where known) position on retirement. We apologise for obituaries inadvertently left out, but adhere to a policy of keeping obituary notices reasonably short.

Marine artist works in aviation

Sir,

Being a regular reader of the CLANSMAN (through my employment with Aviation Traders (Engineering) at Stanstead, as

Clues Across

- 1 The great northern diver, or loon (5-5)
- 8 Sofa on which singular viands are consumed? (5)
- 9 Begin again (10)
- 10 The fine short line at the end of stems and arms of letters (5)

- 11 Understood (5)
- 12 Gave effect to mined temple (11)
- 18 The participants in these are used to handicaps (10,5)
- 19 & 23 Down To clamp thus so neat a vessel (11,6)

- 25 Old Russian Imperial government decree (5)
- 26 Pastoral poem a novice idly wrote? (5)
- 27 Card game, cooking apple, boot (10)
- 28 A likeness (5)
- 29 These could revive sheer ferns (10)

Clues Down

- 1 Exultation over a discovery achieved (6)
- 2 Make a sign by a nod or gesture of the hand (6)
- 3 Italian town found in Antrim initially! (6)
- 4 One pup will get you in (4,2)
- 5 A reaping-hook (6)
- 6 Pertaining to Ireland (9)
- 7 Instrument fitted to a hired vehicle showing distance travelled and fare due (9)
- 13 G.C. island (5)
- 14 Oriental plug could help one to overcome an obstacle (3,2)
- 15 Very small beginning (5)
- 16 Man who holds the place of master of the house (5,4)
- 17 Superfluous repetition, as they came one after another in succession (9)
- 20 Shooting star that can measure gold? (6)
- 21 Turn ablest (6)
- 22 A subtle distinction among things of the same kind (6)
- 23 See 19 across
- 24 Wombles' game? (6)

Clansman Crossword

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