

### Clues across

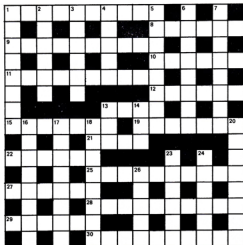
1. Of 'Firenze' (10)
8. Nery? (6)
9. Modest (10)
10. Defeated 16th-century fleet (6)
11. Exploring, originating (10)
12. No raid (anag.)
13. Field Marshall Idi (4)
15. Taller than the others? (7)
19. Accord with (5-2)
21. Group of players (4)
22. Lack food (6)
25. Ship in distressed position? (3-7)
27. A new plant yearly (6)
28. Entertaining organizer (10)
31. Liquid food carrier (6)
30. Crushing piece of rock can mean hard work (10)

### Clues down

1. Firm push (anag.)
2. Good talker (6)
3. Not as difficult (6)
4. Less fierce (5)
5. Interesting fiancée? (8)
6. Go under (8)
7. Not soft rice (4-4)
13. Eat yesterday (3)
14. Je suis (1-2)
16. Turkish town (8)
17. A dozen labours for Zeus' son (8)
18. Financially good quality (8)
20. Want extra (4-4)
23. Turning point, time of acute danger (5)
24. Folded into four leaf size (6)
26. Cover-up garment with strings attached (5)

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# readers' letters

## Pictures of the old Clan Ross

Sir,

I read in CLANSMAN no. 31 that Keith Belcher is looking for a picture of *Clan Ross*. I was third officer of the old *Clan Ross* from January 25 to June 23, 1928, when I left that vessel to sit for my first mate's certificate.

I enclose two photographs, one taken at Fowey and the other at Bremen. Capt. L. G. Openshaw was master of *Clan Ross* at that time.

I also have photographs of *Clan MacQuarrie* taken in 1926; of *SS Hessone* (ex-German) taken in 1930; of *Clan Kenneth* taken in 1931, and of *Clan Lamont* (turret) taken in Brake (Germany) in 1923. That was the ship in which I served my apprenticeship.

I left the company in October 1934 to join the Commissioners of Fresh Light lighthouse tender *Isolda* and retired from that service as inspector and marine superintendent in September 1969. I am now nautical advisor in a part-time capacity to Arthur Guinness Son & Co (Dublin). My son, George H. Ball, was with B&C

from 1960 until October 1970 when he resigned to join the B+I Line ferries. He is at present chief officer of their new RO/RO *MY Dunalk*.

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*Editorial note:* Would all readers with interesting old pictures or documents please follow Capt. Ball's example and let us know about them, in connection with the Clan Line history in preparation.

## U-C nameplates found new homes

Sir,

Your readers may be interested in the final disposal of the 27 old Union-Castle nameplates, mentioned in CLANSMAN no. 31.

Mr. Haslett—who was at sea with Union-Castle about 20 years ago, and collects such items—came over here and took some of the plates. In response to his enquiries I suggested he make a small donation to the RNLI.

Mr. Melloe—who was with Cayzer Irvine and is now with Overseas Containers in Manchester—has been sent some of the boards. He generously gave me £5 for the RNLI.

Mr. Wootton—second purser *Edinburgh Castle*—next applied to me. I was glad to be able to let him have several plates (including his own ship's name). Most of these he is taking out to Clyde Davidson in Cape Town, who is trustee of the Maritime Museum there and director of the Cape Peninsula Publicity Association. I have today received a donation from Mr. Wootton which I am sending on his behalf to the RNLI.

Finally I received a long letter from a Mr. Wilson in Winnipeg and had just one plate left to send him. I kept for myself *Athlone Castle* and *Winchester Castle*, these being the ships by which the famous old Union-Castle Line kindly took my wife and myself to Madeira and back on our honeymoon in 1952.

So it has turned out that this exercise has been really worth while, and I thank you very much for all you have done.

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