

■ The high standards maintained by the business travel section of Union-Castle in Bond Street, London, have received due recognition in the form of an Agent's Performance Award from British Caledonian Airways. Based on turnover, general efficiency and enthusiasm, the award (a shield) was presented to Eddie Edwards, head of the business travel section, by Phillip G. Alexander, district sales manager for B.Cal. The Union-Castle business travel section handles over 6,000 passengers in the course of a year and has enormous experience in worldwide travel with all major airlines. Pictured at the presentation ceremony were (from left to right) John Rickman (B.Cal senior sales executive), Eddie Edwards, Phillip Alexander, David Haynes, Manu Kataria and Willie Whitford. On leave at the time and not included was Peter Murray. Picture: Mike Paul.

■ Henri Frank Basset wearing his OBE after the investiture by the British Ambassador, Sir Nicholas Henderson (left) at the British Embassy residency in Paris, June 8. Picture: Universal Photo.



Unusual honour gained by B&C port agent

Henri F. Basset, of Compagnie Maritime des Chargeurs Reunis, Le Havre, who are our company's port agents, was recently awarded an honour rare for a Frenchman. He was invested with the insignia of "Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE)".

This was in "gratitude for all he had done in Le Havre, in different fields, to strengthen the friendship between our two countries," in the words of the official notification.

M. Basset was managing director of J. M. Currie Ltd. (having direct links with our Donald Currie) who were our general agents until 1975, and he is now with our new general agents. His many friends in Union-Castle and Safmarine will be delighted to hear of the honour accorded to him and will join in offering their congratulations to him writes Eric Travers.