

## R.M.M.V. "ATHLONE CASTLE"

The following eulogy was found pinned to the ship's Tourist Class notice board on the evening preceding arrival at Cape Town from a recent southbound ocean passage.

*This is to thank you, Captain Patey,  
For being such a cheerful matey;  
For what we like you quite the most  
Is being such a genial host.  
You and your crew of shipmates able  
Have both in cabin and at table  
Tried with courtesy and care  
To see to every small affair  
Of us, your guests, who now dividing,  
Would like to thank you for providing  
All the amenities for sport,  
And indoor games of every sort;  
Pictures, dancing, cocktails, too,  
Our very hearty thanks to you!  
Your tolerance when we used the linen  
For dressing up as Eastern women,  
Hula girls, pirates, and spooks,  
Beetles, viruses, and crooks,  
Was most indulgent, and you're kind  
Enough to say that you can find  
The costumes of both young and old,  
Original, clever, yet not too bold.  
The tricky job of judging too—  
We're very glad it fell to you.  
And often on the Tourist decks  
You made your periodic checks  
Of how our carefree hours were spent  
Your concern—our enjoyment.  
Yet all the time—by us not noted—  
Your attention was devoted,  
Your first concern was bound to be  
Our progress through the Atlantic Sea.  
Now here we are near Cape Town's Bay,  
For most at end of holiday,  
Far more punctual than the planes  
(Or those British Railway trains).  
And as we step on to the shore,  
We hope we'll one day come for more.  
What a lovely trip it's been—  
Auf wiedersehen, au revoir, totsiens!*

## PROMOTIONS

### DECK OFFICERS

*To Chief Officer—U-C:* Cargo service—Mr. D. Robson.  
*To Extra Second Officer—U-C:* Passenger service—Messrs. B. R. Oliver, M. R. H. Llewellyn.  
*To Third Officer—U-C:* Cargo service—Mr. P. F. Laister.  
*Clan:* Messrs. D. W. Ellis, W. J. Lees.  
*To Fourth Officer—Clan:* Messrs. A. K. Deacon, D. M. Eastgate, C. J. Fox, T. M. Johns, G. R. Spittal, R. Harden, C. R. S. Dyer, R. G. Smith, R. G. Skedd.  
*To Assistant Purser—U-C:* Messrs. K. N. Underwood, M. S. Squire, M. J. Hackett.

### ENGINEER OFFICERS

*To Senior Second Engineer—U-C:* Mail service—Messrs. J. E. Roberts, J. R. Bray, J. Mawhinney. Intermediate service—Messrs. J. H. Short, A. J. Nathanielsz, T. J. Wright.  
*To Second Engineer—Clan:* Messrs. T. A. Morton, K. J. R. McBurnie, E. F. Kirton, C. C. Bovill, A. J. Neely.  
*To First Electrician—U-C:* Intermediate service—Mr. C. C. Crowe.

## CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY

We congratulate the following Officers on attaining their Higher or Initial M.O.T. Certificates of Competency:—

*Master's Certificate—Clan:* Messrs. J. L. Cameron, F. J. Cameron, J. Isbester, C. B. Walgate. *U-C:* Messrs. P. Redford, B. R. Oliver, M. R. H. Llewellyn, A. J. Chalmers.

*First Mate's Certificate—Clan:* Messrs. P. A. Laurie, P. J. Ward, D. N. Doyne, T. Bryans, J. H. Buttress, D. L. Bark, A. McDonald, M. Smith. *U-C:* Messrs. I. J. Gordon, T. J. Murton, W. A. Dean, J. D. Tidswell, T. J. Nighy.

*Second Mate's Certificate—Clan:* Messrs. T. M. Johns, G. R. Spittal, R. Harden, M. R. White, M. J. Gardner, C. R. S. Dyer, R. G. Skedd. *U-C:* Messrs. G. R. Kyte, T. B. Pool.

*1st Class P.M.G. Certificate—U-C:* Mr. L. R. Whitaker. *M.O.T. Radar Maintenance Examination—U-C:* Mr. R. J. Hepworth.

*Motor Endorsement to 1st Class Steam Certificate—U-C:* Messrs. T. Wright, L. Parr.

*Steam Endorsement to 1st Class Motor Certificate—U-C:* Messrs. A. Nathanielsz, W. Robertson, J. Short, J. Bray.

*1st Class Motor Certificate—U-C:* Messrs. H. Selby, J. Beech.

*2nd Class Steam Certificate—U-C:* Mr. D. Wayman.  
*2nd Class Motor Certificate—U-C:* Messrs. G. Stone, B. Curtis, E. Bevan, A. Baird.