

Capt. Ronald Pritchard died suddenly at his home in Crosby on February 23, aged 53. He was a director of PLS and manager of the company's management services. Ronnie, or "RP" as he was known, was a professional stevedore and author of the book "Practical Stevedoring", a widely accepted manual of stevedoring practice, published in 1963.

Born at Widnes, he started work as a clerk in the local authority offices before embarking on a seagoing career. He came ashore as a loading superintendent and later as a manager with A. E. Smith Coggins Limited. He joined PLS as manager in 1961 and five years later was appointed a director. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Captain William John Jones died on January 16 aged 70. He joined Houston Line January 26, 1917 and was appointed third officer on the *Harmonides* May 19, 1923. He served aboard *Clan Campbell* as chief officer from November 11, 1939 until

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March 2, 1942 when the ship was sunk and he was landed at Malta. On June 6, 1945 he was appointed master of the *Sam Derwent*, after which he served on various company vessels until his retirement in 1963.

David O'Keeffe died on January 16 aged 72. He joined Clan Line at Birkenhead in 1914, and apart from service in the First

World War with the Royal Field Artillery, was 48 years with the company.

David retired as senior quayforeman on December 31, 1962. He was keenly interested in football, from the days when he played for the dock team against the Liverpool office team, with such notables as E. Crosby and W. Little in it, to his later years as a director of a well known amateur football team, Liverpool Marine. He leaves a widow and two sons.

The death occurred suddenly on February 18 of **Stanley Clifford Baker** at the age of 63. Stanley Baker, who joined Union-Castle Line in 1945, was a tally clerk at the outward-bound berth in Southampton, specialising for many years in cargo for Cape Town.

William T. Wheelton died December 1 1970, aged 82. He retired as lift attendant on the *Athlone Castle* in October 1959 having given over 40 years unbroken service to the company.

Alexander Livingstone died in the Royal South Hampshire Hospital, Southampton, February 19, aged 70. He joined the company in January 1961 serving as a donkeyman aboard the *Athlone Castle*, then the *Transvaal Castle*, which became the *SA Vaal*, until February 8, 1971. He was landed sick at Las Palmas on that day and repatriated on *SA Oranje*. He leaves a widow.

N. F. Mfeka, donkey/greaser on *Kinnaird Castle*, died March 4 at Las Palmas.

Frederick William Ashford died February 26, aged 83. He joined the company in 1914 as a steward and served until 1939 when he came ashore as a cleaner in the Royal Albert dock office. He remained there until his retirement in 1957.

George Edward Simpkin, general assistant in the cash department, Cayzer House, died January 17, aged 64. He joined the company February 4, 1957 and all his service was in the same department. George Simpkin was an amateur musician, playing the violin in a local orchestra; he also painted in oils and water colours.

Ernest Wilfred Shone died January 17 aged 69. He joined the company October 1, 1934 as a second refrigerating engineer and was promoted chief refrigerating engineer on the *Clan Macdougall* July 31, 1939. He served on various Clan and Shire Line vessels until April 25, 1962 when he transferred to the mail service as chief refrigerating engineer on the *Windsor Castle*. After serving on various Castle vessels he came ashore in 1965 and retired in 1967. Ernest Shone leaves a widow.

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	Clan Grant <i>Left Birkenhead</i> March 10 for <i>Beira</i>	Clan Macgregor <i>Left Birkenhead</i> March 10 for <i>South Africa</i> and <i>Mauritius</i>
Master	H. Walden	F. Pye
Chief Officer	W. Davidson	A. Melia
Training Officer	—	—
Second Officer	M. Ward	J. Mortimer
Third Officer	K. MacLeod	T. Mercer
Cadets	—	—
Radio Officer	H. MacKay	J. Patterson
Trainee Radio Officer	—	—
Carpenter	A. Minton	A. O'Donnell
Assistant Carpenter	—	—
Boatswain	G. Debnath	H. Ahmad
Chief Engineer Officer	A. Kenny	W. Duncan
Second Engineer Officer	J. Fairbairn	R. Huntington
Junior Second Engineer Officer	G. Blakey	M. Trumfield
Third Engineer Officer	J. Ingram	W. Craig
Junior Third Engineer Officer	—	—
Fourth Engineer Officer	R. Smith	G. Etherson
Junior Fourth Engineer Officer	—	—
Junior Engineer Officers	P. Turnbull	—
Engineer Officer Cadets	P. O'Brien-Hill	J. Norrish
	J. Stewart	—
	P. Skingle	—
	M. Flint	—
Chief Refrigerating Engineer Officer	—	—
Second Refrigerating Engineer Officer	—	—
Third Refrigerating Engineer Officer	—	—
Chief Electrical Engineer Officer	T. Higginson	D. Livesey
Second Electrical Engineer Officer	—	—
E.R. Storekeeper	D. Biswas	M. Ali
Purser/Catering Officer	G. James	—
Assistant Purser/Catering Officer	—	—
Chief and Ship's Cook	Ismail	A. Costa
Second Steward	J. Shaw	A. Sabur
	Southampton Castle <i>Left Southampton</i> February 19 for <i>South Africa</i>	Good Hope Castle <i>Left Southampton</i> March 12 for <i>South Africa</i>
CARGO MAIL SERVICE		
Master	I. Shearer	I. Bennet
Chief Officer	J. Smith	R. Will
Second Officer	A. Stewart	F. Murray
Extra Second Officer	C. Issac	A. Blackburn
Third Officer	G. Paxton	J. MacMartin
Cadets	N. Preston	D. Fawcitt
	R. Fraser	N. Donaldson
	C. Blake	S. Thomas
	R. Page	L. Martin
Boatswain	J. Seymour	D. Collins
Chief Radio Officer	J. Blackwell	D. Withers
Chief Engineer Officer	A. Macintyre	J. Forbes
First Engineer Officer	P. Snadden	K. Talbot
Second Engineer Officer	D. Warren	J. Hughes
Junior Second Engineer Officers	W. Croston	D. Cadenhead
	J. Erskin	G. Wallwork
Junior Engineer Officers	T. Peebles	C. Aviss
	T. Durow	G. Stephens
	R. Lippiatt	R. Baker
	K. Euridge	D. Williams
	G. Henderson	N. Crueton
Chief Refrigerating Engineer Officer	L. Block	M. Thomas
Chief Electrical Engineer Officer	C. Mayes	C. Tingley
Second Electrical Engineer Officer	J. Harper	D. Savage
Senior Mechanics	F. Douglas	D. Prior
	F. Taylor	J. Hughes
	A. Riley	W. Davies
Engineroom Storekeeper	H. James	K. Le Gallais
Purser/Catering Officer	R. Jones	W. Parr
Assistant Purser/Catering Officer	J. Grafton	—
Chef	C. Mowforth	A. Dawson