



GALLEY WIRELESS

OUR Commodore, Captain C. E. O'Byrne, and his Officers, must have felt very proud when they received a copy of the *Notul Mercury*, dated October 15, 1948, and read the following:

"LANARKSHIRE" BREAKS ANOTHER RECORD.

"The 'Lanarkshire,' one of the Clan Line's group of freighters, has done it again. On Wednesday she broke the record from Port Elizabeth to Durban by more than two hours, thus adding another record to her list of achievements. From pilot to pilot she took just 24 hours to cover the 384 miles of sea.

"Her latest record-breaking run is the fourth record she has broken since October, 1945. The first record to be broken was that from Glasgow to Sydney Mines in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, where the 'Lanarkshire' arrived 5 days 17 hours after leaving Britain. On this trip she averaged 17 knots.

"The second of her record-breaking trips, which has since been bettered by the American ship 'Marine Runner,' was from New York to Capetown.

"On that voyage, in November, 1945, she covered the distance in 17 days 18 hours 24 minutes, at an average speed of 16-17 knots—a day less than the pre-war record.

"The third of her successes was the breaking of the record from Beira to Adelaide at an average speed of 16-5 knots. This record, still unbroken, stands at 13 days 13 hours 54 minutes.

"Master of the 'Lanarkshire' and Commodore of the Clan Line, Captain C. E. O'Byrne, is affectionately known as the 'Tipperary Skipper.'"

All sea-going personnel will no doubt have heard already of the revision of pension rates which the Board have now promulgated and included in a properly constituted new pension scheme. Apart from the new rates, the principal difference between the old scheme and the new, is in the income tax allowances for contributions made by the employee member, and everybody should make quite sure that they are getting the additional rebate they are now able to claim.

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Our good wishes for their rapid recovery and return to duty go to the following invalids:

Captain E. Coultas, O.B.E., who arrived home by air from Australia, and is now in hospital in Liverpool.

Captain E. Coulthart, who is now making steady progress.

Captain T. W. Ellis, M.B.E., is on passage home from Australia by the "Stratheden" for treatment.

Captain R. F. Buckley ashore for treatment.

Captain R. P. Galer, C.B.E., landed in hospital at Capetown.

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The sickness of Captain R. P. Galer, C.B.E. ("Clan Macdougall"), and Captain T. W. Ellis, M.B.E. ("Clan Macrae") has necessitated the following changes of commands:

Captain A. V. Gordon (*ex* "Clan Macfadyen") to "Clan Macdougall."

Mr. C. M. Powell (Chief Officer), Acting Master "Clan Macfadyen."

Mr. M. J. Lewis (Chief Officer), Acting Master "Clan Macrae."

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The many friends of Mr. R. H. "Dick" Stratford, retired Chief Steward and Purser, will be sorry to learn that he has been undergoing prolonged Hospital treatment. Unfortunately, Mrs. Stratford is also far from well. We wish them both a speedy recovery.