



Fred Quilliam (3rd from left) with Captain Linsley and his friends on the Umgazi

Christmas Good Turn



[Photo: Southern Newspapers Ltd.]

Mr. J. J. Baker, Chief Steward of the Pretoria Castle, is now famous for his annual Christmas collections amongst his staff in aid of the Southampton Chest Hospital. With the collection this year, a TV set was bought for the men's surgical ward.

Mr. Baker first started his venture several years ago when he was on the Capetown Castle, and now every ward in the hospital has benefited from the generosity of his staff.

Christmas at Sea



Sixty-five Years Young

Homeward-bound from South Africa with a full cargo, the U.S.S. *Umgazi* (formerly *Lanarkshire*) called at Dakar, in French West Africa, to refuel. It was Sunday, 25th October. The ship's carpenter, Mr. George Frederick Quilliam, assisted by his mate, spent most of the day taking oil soundings as the oil was pumped aboard. Re-fuelling finished at about 3 p.m.

Captain R. B. Linsley invited all the ship's officers to drink to Fred's health on his 65th birthday and to his happy retirement at the end of the voyage. The Captain presented a cheque on behalf of the officers and spoke of Fred's 32 years with Clan Line. He remarked on his amazing ability to race around the deck, complete with tool-bag and a load of timber, with the speed of a very much younger man. Also that a high percentage of the Company's carpenters had undergone their first voyage learning the finer points of their job from Mr. Quilliam, with whom even the simplest job shows the touch of a "master craftsman."

Fred Quilliam joined the Company in 1927. He served 11 years in the *Clan Macdonald*, which covered the period of the second World War, and included training for invasion tactics off the Scottish coast and voyages to South America without escort.

Our thanks are due to Mr. T. M. Lee for forwarding photographs and an account of the proceedings.

"Stirling Castle" Festivities

At Christmas the *Stirling Castle* crossed the Equator homeward bound with 400 passengers, and on Christmas day the ship's staff entertained them with an Old-Time Music Hall. Capt. J. F. Oukley said it was the best ship show he had seen. Our photograph shows one of the acts in the programme.

Another function that night was a very successful dinner-dance, and earlier the children on board had enjoyed a tea party, complete with Christmas tree.

(Left to right): P. Cowles (2nd Parser); L. O'Dell (Main Barman); Sue Pienaar, C. Hunter and M. Peploe (Parrot's Clerks); and L. Peters (Assistant Parser)

[Photo: S. Loveland]