



## Smoke Signals

**Mr. R. T. Buchanan**, Chief Engineer Officer, retired at his own request on 1st August, Forty years ago—on 29th April, 1925—Mr. Buchanan joined the Clan Line as Fifth Engineer, *Clan Malcolm*. He subsequently served on the *Buteshire* and in 1928 passed his Second Class Certificate.



*Mr. R. T. Buchanan*

After service in the *Clan Macbrayne*, *Clan Macphee* and *Halesius*, he obtained his First Class Certificate and was appointed Third Engineer of the *Argyllshire*; this was followed by a period in *Hesperides* before promotion to Second Engineer in 1935.

He was serving in this rank on the Maiden Voyage of the *Clan Lamont* when war was declared during the passage home from Cape Town. He was promoted Chief Engineer of the *Clan Skene* and two days out from New York, on 10th May, 1942, the vessel was sunk by enemy action. The survivors spent 36 hours in lifeboats

before being picked up by an American destroyer. Mr. Buchanan returned to America in January, 1943, and took over one of the new Liberty ships, the *Sambalt*. During his service on this ship he took part in the ferrying of troops and supplies after the Normandy Landing.

Following the cessation of hostilities, normal Company duties were resumed. He sailed on the *Clan Buchanan* and *Clan Davidson*, R.N., which were re-converted by the Company, the *Clan Davidson* being the first passenger ship of the Clan Line. Thereafter he was appointed to the *Clan Sinclair* and *Clan Robertson*, both newly built at Greenock. After eight years on the latter ship, his next appointment was to the *Clan Maclachlan*, following which he completed two trips in the *Sarah Bowater* prior to retirement.

### All Change

Captain and Mrs. Mitchell gave a Dinner Party on the *Clan Macintyre* in July to bid farewell to Mr. G. Lobo, Indian Seamen's Welfare Officer in London for the past eight years. He enjoyed a very happy association with Clan Line, who wish him well in his transfer to Glasgow.

Following Mr. Lobo's move, Mr. P. V. K. Christie has proceeded to Liverpool from Glasgow and Mr. S. Gandy, formerly in Liverpool, has come to London.



### Former Shipmate Marries

*Mr. and Mrs. George Young* who were married in Port Moresby, New Guinea, on 11th June. Mr. Young met his wife early in 1964 when she travelled on the Windsor Castle in which he was serving as Third Electrician. He subsequently left the Company and has been in Port Moresby since September, 1964.



### FOR SHIP SPOTTERS

Pretoria Castle and Edinburgh Castle have been given a "new look" during their recent refits. In addition to alterations to the passenger accommodation, each has had the forecast shortened to aid radar reflection, the mainmast has been completely removed and a new mast has been fitted abaft the Bridge, slightly forward of the funnel.

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