



Smoke Signals

Profile of FRED

Mr. F. Taylor, known to successive generations of Engineer Officers as "Fred", is now Leading Hand/Storekeeper on the R.M.M.V. *Southampton Castle*. A Southampton man, and proud of it, he first saw service with the Company in 1937, as a greaser on the *Stirling Castle*.

From 1938-46 he served in the Royal Navy and was twice torpedoed in the North Atlantic on escort duties. During his time in the Royal Navy as Stoker P.O., his services merited various medals and he was twice Mentioned in Despatches.

In 1947 he returned to the Company and was soon promoted to Leading Hand on the *Winchester Castle*. He remained mainly on the *Winchester Castle* until 1960, but has also been employed on the *Durban Castle*, *Edinburgh Castle* and *Athlone Castle*, and was appointed to the new cargo-mail ship in 1965.

In his reminiscences he recalls having assisted in the first film show on mail vessels, and many years later he had the honour of representing the Company's crews at Sir Winston Churchill's funeral.

One point agreed upon by all engine-room personnel is that if a tool or spare part is required they will be sure that "Fred has it", usually under lock and key.

With over 20 years of mailship experience, it is most appropriate that he was appointed to the most powerful cargo vessel in the world.



Thank You, "Rustenburg"

When *Rustenburg Castle* was lying off Southend in September members of the Crew Club sent a donation of £5 7s. 8d. to King George's Fund for Sailors. Those concerned are now serving in various vessels throughout the Fleet so we pass on through these columns the sincere thanks of the Fund, conveyed in their letter of 25th October, to all who contributed.



[Photo: Wigan Observer]

Dressel-Lawton

Married at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Standish, near Wigan, Lancashire, on 22nd October—the bride's 21st Birthday—were Miss Kathleen Lawton and Mr. E. J. Dressel, Fourth Engineer. Best Man was Junior Second Engineer R. E. Western, Clain Maclay



Pursell-Driscoll

Mr. R. A. Pursell, former First Electrical Engineer, Good Hope Castle, married Miss Judith Ann Driscoll at St. John's Church, Old Bexley, Kent, on 23rd July

Popular Master

Commodore W. S. Byles celebrated his 62nd birthday on 24th September and was presented by the 1st Class passengers with an 8-bell chiming-clock, and perfume for his wife. The occasion was also marked by gifts from the Deck Officers, Engineers, Pursers and Catering Officers and Crew.

Congratulations . . .

. . . to Second Officer R. Flint on the birth of his daughter, Jeanette Elaine.

