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Mr. Lemass visited the "Irish Sycamore" when the vessel made its first call to Dublin in May, 1962.

# Sean Lemass steps ashore



Mr. and Mrs. Sean Lemass at the launching of the "Irish Hawthorn" in August 1957.



At the Irish Shipping Limited 21st Anniversary Maritime Exhibition, Mansion House, Dublin, March, 1962.



# FIRE-FIGHTING

*Mr. J. O'Mahony, in common with many of our seagoing personnel, attended the Liverpool firefighting course. He has very kindly described the course for us and has expressed some views about the application of the lessons learned to shipboard routine.*

During the first day of the course the Chemistry of fire is studied and the theory of extinguishing fire by removing a side from the "Fire Triangle". A lecture is given on fixed firefighting installations and the detection and prevention of fire on board ship. The class is taught how to deal with fire on board while the vessel is in port and how best to co-operate with the local fire services.

The second day is devoted to practical firefighting, each person on the course being given the opportunity of extinguishing various types of fires in the "ship unit" provided. Members are shown how the cooler atmosphere is at the lowest level when approaching the fire and how the smoke changes colour from black to light grey when the water has found the seat of the fire. The effectiveness of spray nozzles is demonstrated.

Each person is also given the opportunity of entering the smoke filled ship unit while wearing various types of breathing apparatus. Very valuable experience is gained during this exercise and one appreciates the difficulties of operating under such conditions.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

On the third and final day, theoretical and practical instructions are given on the various types of portable fire extinguishers, with emphasis being placed on their care and maintenance and on using the correct type for each particular class of fire.

A lecture is also given on the various types of hoses available and the proper care to be given to each. The best type of hose available at the moment has a rubber interior, cast to a plastic or rubber exterior with a layer of terylene between. The terylene provides the strength, while the rubber serves the purpose of reducing the friction of the water passing through. The exterior surface of rubber or plastic is to prevent abrasion.

During the course three films, namely, *Chemistry of Fire*, *Using Water Wisely* and

## CONGRATULATIONS

To: **Mr. J. Gilmartin** and **Mr. W. F. Fleming** on obtaining their Second Class Motor Certificates.

To **Mr. S. McGarry** on obtaining Part A of his Second Class Certificate.

To **Mr. Patrick Tyrell**, Deck Officer Cadet on obtaining his First Mate's Certificate.

To **Mr. M. Gillen** on his appointment as Chief Engineer m.v. "Irish Fir".

To **Mr. P. V. Buckley** on his appointment as Chief Officer m.v. "Irish Willow".

To **Mr. M. Coleman** on his appointment as Second Officer m.v. "Irish Fir".

To **Mr. T. O'Donovan** on his promotion to Third Engineer m.v. "Irish Cedar".

To **Mr. L. J. J. Wills** on his promotion to Fourth Engineer m.v. "Irish Cedar".

To **Mr. L. O'Toole** on his promotion to Fourth Engineer and we are happy to report that Mr. O'Toole has now recovered from his hand-injury.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

**Billy Russell**, "Irish Rowan". Loving wishes for a happy 21st Birthday from Mam, Dad and Myrna.

**Eddy Murphy**, "Irish Poplar". Birthday Greetings from Pat, Terry and Brendan, wishing you all the best.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

A special Mass was offered at 10 a.m., Sunday, November 27th, at City Quay Dublin for the repose of those men who lost their lives while serving on Irish ships during the period 1939-1946.

At 3.15 p.m. on the same day, a Commemorative Service was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Both services were arranged by the Maritime Institute of Ireland.

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*Fire Down Below* are shown, all of which leave a lasting impression, especially of what can result through the improper use of the equipment.

On concluding the course, one feels that the equipment provided on board ship, if used wisely, can prove very effective to fight any fire likely to occur on board.

Firefighting equipment is virtually useless however, unless all personnel are thoroughly conversant with its operation and the type of fire it was designed to deal with.



#### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

*I want to thank you all—our Deck, Engine, Catering and Shore staffs—for the work you have put into the Company's operations during the past 12 months. As you know, we have been trying very hard to improve and modernise every section of the organisation because, to run our ships successfully in the years ahead, we must be ready to cope with many new and challenging developments in the shipping industry. Our efforts were helped greatly by the spirit of co-operation displayed by all our personnel. We are approaching the end of 1966, our 25th anniversary year: I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who have seen long service with the Company and to welcome the people who have just begun their careers with us.*

*To all our staff—ashore and at sea—and to your relatives at home, I am sending my best wish for a very happy Christmas.*

*L. S. Furlong*

*This prayer was composed by Colm O'Lochlainn, Naval Depot, Haulbowline, and is reprinted here by kind permission of "An Cosantoir."*

#### DO LUCHT FAIRRGE

Guímís anois ar ár mbraithreacha agus ar ár gcomhaltaí atá a' saotnú ar Eadan na mara.

An té ghabhas síos chun fairrge i loingeas a' comhalladh a dhualgaís ar doimhne na tuinne; is léir dó fontaisi an Tiarna agus A mhíorúiltí ar tréan-mhuir.

Bhéara Sé teagla thar stoirm agus stiúra Sé i gcalaphort aoibhinn iad.

Moltar go deo an Tiarna Dia, a rialaíos tailte agus uisgí na Cruinne.

A losa an iúil tá an fhairrge doimhin,

A Rí na ndúl sín chugainn Do lámh;

Ar eagla na tuile bheith tréan,

A Mhuire féach is ná fág.

Amen.

The Company has been considering the introduction of a new Deck Rank — that of 4th Officer — on our larger vessels and decided to give the idea a try-out on the “Irish Larch” and the “Irish Alder”. One of the Cadets appointed was Mr. Brian O’Flynn and in this article he gives his impressions of a voyage he completed while holding the experimental rank.

I joined the *Irish Larch* on June 9th last as 4th Officer for a round voyage to South Africa via Continental Ports. We loaded a cargo at Glasgow, Swansea, Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam and Antwerp.

During the coastal run I stood 4 to 8 watch with the Chief Officer. I doubled up as lookout and put positions on the Chart, which he checked, and in various circumstances of crossing traffic I compared what he did against what I should have done.

Sailing between the loading ports I kept the Movement Book, looked after the boarding and disembarking of Pilots and took charge of signalling.

### CARGO WATCHES

If on day work only, two Officers were constantly on deck along with the Chief Officer. Nearing the completion of cargo it was arranged for the Officer with the first full sea-watch to have time off before sailing and be on standby, the other Officers on watch checking gear. When overtime was worked, the Chief Officer and 3rd Officer were on day duty and the 2nd and 4th Officers did the late duty, the Chief Officer being on call as needed. Of course, there were instances when all Officers and Cadets had to standby on cargo duty to prevent pilferage.

### AT SEA

After we sailed Antwerp for South Africa on July 9th, I went on 8 to 12 watch, the 3rd and 2nd Officers moving ahead one watch and the Chief Officer going on day work. The Work Study Team had come aboard at Antwerp so the Chief Officer was able to devote the full day to assisting them in their analysis.

### SOUTH AFRICAN COAST

We called at a total of ten ports for loading and discharging. At Mossel Bay, a surf port, the vessel loaded at anchor from Lighters.

From Capetown up the coast we changed our docking stations because of late and early arrivals and departures. Where the 3rd Officer

would have little sleep before his midnight to 4 a.m. watch, it was decided to leave him off stations for the 6 a.m. docking, and I handled the telegraphs and walkie-talkies as well as the movement book. The 3rd Officer would then come on cargo watch later in the day, leaving the 2nd Officer and I to divide the rest of the time off between us to catch a couple of hours sleep before sailing again that evening.

In Port Elizabeth the advantage of having a 4th Officer on board became very apparent when the *Irish Larch* was forced to shift after a full day’s work on cargo to allow the Union Castle Liner *Transval Castle* to leave the harbour. It meant that the heavy excess hours could be broken up and the work load on the normal complement of officers lessened, leaving everyone fresh for the following day’s work.

From what I experienced on the trip to South Africa, the rank of 4th Officer worked out very well. It took the excess work off the other officers and meant a more efficient working of the ship.

I think it is a very good idea to consider the permanent adoption of the rank of 4th Officer on some of our ships. It would give a Cadet an added incentive to work and to merit this promotion.



His Excellency, the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Raymond Guest seen here chatting with Capt. J. H. Onions of the “Irish Alder” and our Chairman, Mr. P. H. Greer.

## EDITORIAL

And so we come to the close of another eventful year. (Isn't that the correct opening note for a weighty leading article?) Readers will have observed that, in the last five issues of "Signal," following established policy, we did not state our opinions on the many serious topics exercising the minds of our people during 1966. As you may have guessed, we hold quite radical views on such things as teenage delinquency, rationalisation, ecumenism, productivity, bi-lingualism, aid to farmers, human relations, pills and mini-skirts. After deep reflection, we resolved to keep our thinking on these subjects a secret — at least not to share it with our readers — and we are consoled to learn from a recent survey among "Signal" customers that our decision was responsible for a general feeling of gratitude and relief.

We intrude on this issue of "Signal" to say a special "Thank-you" to the correspondents who so gamely sent us in articles for publication during the year. We know only too keenly how hard it goes to expose oneself in print. Also, we want to thank those readers, many of them relatives of our sea-going personnel, who wrote such complimentary letters to us.

We wish all our readers, ashore, at sea, in Ireland and abroad, a Very Happy Christmas and good fortune during 1967.



Cargo Dept., Christmas Eve.

# Newfoundland to Fiji on the "Irish Ash"

By P. J. BEHAN, *Radio Officer*

The end of June. It was a cold grey day as we nosed our way down the Mersey past the Bar lightvessel and into the north Irish Sea. Before us stretched a four month charter to King Line with our first stop Cornerbrook, Newfoundland. The British Seamen's strike was still on though it looked as if it would soon reach a settlement. As far as we knew, we were loading paper either for the U.K. or for Australia. No one seemed to know for sure and speculation was rife. The weather held fair enough—even for the North Atlantic and early in July we arrived safe and sound at Cornerbrook.

Irish ships have often traded in and out of Cornerbrook, but for some of us it was a first time. It is a fair-sized town, sprawling but with a very friendly and cheerful atmosphere. Strangely though, the female population far outnumbers the male and, most striking, nearly all of these are quite young. In fact, the place had the air of being a young town. The rig-of-the-day seemed to be slacks and sweaters or blouses, and some charmingly cheeky figures were to be seen.

Here we learnt that we were loading for Australia and soon carpenters were swarming all over us, laying the timber flooring that is a necessary part of a paper cargo. Here too the sun shone and it was pleasantly warm, giving us a foretaste of our voyage to the southern hemisphere and the land of "Down Under"!

Within a week of leaving Newfoundland we were in the thick tropical heat and humidity of the Caribbean. Once bunkered, we commenced our transit of the Panama Canal and as this was at night there was not really much to see. The locks of course are enormous, but the myriad vari-coloured lights and illuminations of the Canal were a sight in themselves. They made the tropical night glow with a fairyland of colour. The effortless speed and efficiency with which we were handled, especially in the locks, where we were controlled by the latest electric trains, or "mules" as they are called, would have to be experienced to be appreciated.

## ACROSS THE PACIFIC

At first, the weather wasn't too hot and as we were going into a winter climate it never got unbearably so. Day after day passed

with pleasant light winds and bright warm sun, with a sparkingly rippled deep blue sea.

In the middle of August we arrived in Australia, where we got a quick discharge. Chief memories would include Brisbane in the Sunshine State—it poured. In Sydney and Melbourne it was warm and cloudy, but mostly dry with some scattered showers in Sydney. Where to next? Finally we found out. Fiji—to load sugar for Europe.

## BULA FIJI

When Fiji is mentioned, one thinks of coral islands, swaying palm trees and thick rich green foliage, with slightly dusky maidens in sarongs peeping from between the leaves. Well, the coral islands are there—all 3,000 of them. Of course, some of these are really only coral reefs and atolls, but there are still an awful lot of small islands, all covered in luxuriant verdant growth with beautiful white sandy beaches set below the bluest of blue skies with a few white fleecy clouds, and all around the warm, sparkling Pacific Ocean. As one approaches the land, the colour of the water changes through various shades of sea blue until it becomes a beautiful sea green, with patches of white sand and multi-coloured coral showing in the depths. And darting in and out, multitudes of fish of all sizes and hues. There are sharks too—big, deadly ones.

The two main islands of Fiji are named Viti Levu and Vanua Levu; and Suva, the main port, is on the south eastern coast of Viti Levu. We put in here for a few hours to pick up Fijian shore labour and shore equipment. These workers would live on board until we had finished loading. The Fijian is really more Melanesian than Polynesian, though not as dark as a negro. In fact, within a very short time we were finding no difficulty in recognising their various features. We had received a warning about thievery, so that night and part of the next day the accommodation echoed to the unusually strange sound of cabin doors being locked and unlocked. But we needn't have bothered. Once clear of Suva, bound for Labasa on the north-west coast of Vanua Levu—about twelve hours' steaming—we discovered we had no need to fear any depredation from our guests.

Next day, after treading our way past reefs, atolls and small scattered islands, we came to anchor between two promontories of land in fairly shallow water. Hardly had the anchor rattled down than towing launches brought barges alongside laden with bags of sugar. Our lads' job was to slit open these bags over a break in the hatch-covers and empty them into the holds and they turned-to with a will.

Labasa itself is a small settlement close to the sugar mill, and is about ten miles up river from where we anchored. One way to go ashore was to take a launch to a landing stage about a mile and a half away and then take a taxi the seven or eight miles into Labasa. The taxi ride cost about fifteen shillings. Although this was the quick way, the slower, alternative route was to hop aboard one of the towing launches and return up river with it to the sugar mill. This was by far the best route, because it was over an hour's run of pure scenic beauty. Once out of sight of the ship the river narrowed, with thick verdant growth down to the water's edge, and great tall trees, some of them meeting overhead, creating patches of shade and light. And over all, a stillness broken only by the throb of the launch and the twitters and whistles of vari-hued birds as they flitted among the trees.

Our Fijians had constructed their own galley on the after deck with timber and drum stoves and they had their own cooks. In the late evening, a delicious aroma would waft into the still air as one of the cooks



banged on a piece of tubing to summon the gangs to their meal. In the heat of the sun the steel decks would be roasting hot, yet those fellows walked about in their bare feet with complete unconcern!

Although there was over a hundred of them on board, there was never any sign of ill-feeling amongst them and they were a happy lot. In the late evening, after the sun had gone down, those who had finished work for the day would congregate together on the hatch-tops and sharing a bucket of their non-alcoholic beverage—Kava Kava—would start to sing. Singing seemed to be their pride and joy and it was really wonderful to hear their native Fijian songs, all sung in parts and in beautiful harmony. Altogether, they appeared to be a very happy, carefree bunch.

While at Labasa a British frigate, H.M.S. *Ajax*, arrived on a courtesy call. Within a couple of days we departed for Lautoka to finish loading, leaving *Ajax* as the sole vessel at anchor at Labasa. I don't know what speed these frigates are capable of, but imagine our surprise next morning when we were arriving at Lautoka to find the *Ajax* already nice and snug alongside! However, she didn't stay long and on the following morning she departed and we then had Lautoka all to ourselves.

Lautoka is situated on the west coast of Vitu Levu and here we were to finish loading. This time we were across the end of a jetty and the bags of sugar came down to us on a very narrow gauge railway.

The town itself is about a mile from the berth and although a hot tropical sun blazed from a clear azure sky, the humidity was low enough not to make the walk there and back unpleasantly sticky. There were plenty of taxis and the fares were reasonable, but on the whole we still preferred to walk. A huge Indian population inhabits the town and all the businesses there are run by them. As Lautoka is a tourist port of call after Suva, there are many duty-free shops.

### FITZPATRICK AGAIN

However, all good things must come to an end and so, on Monday, the 19th September, after our all too brief visit, we landed our guests and their equipment and, with the lush green land on one hand and a dazzling white coral reef on the other, we said farewell to the hauntingly friendly islands of Fiji.



## FOLLOW THE FLEET



### IRISH SYCAMORE

It is ten o'clock in the morning at the Sandheads (Calcutta) Anchorage in the Indian Ocean where some sixty ships are awaiting berths to discharge their cargoes of "Famine Relief" grain. Many of these ships have been waiting for over a month due to congestion at the port. Suddenly, across the still waters ring out the melodious strains of "Mick McGilligan's Daughter, Mary Ann The music and song is provided by the "Irish Sycamore" group in their daily programme broadcast over the ship's loudspeaker system. The group consists of accordeonist and tin-whistle player Tommy Kennedy, and Bernard Sweetman on sax, with singers Cormac Louth, Edward Kelly and Richard Egan. Tommy Kennedy also figures prominently with a selection of ballads while Andrew Austin is the versatile disc-jockey. Even the breaks are utilised for commercials by specialist 'ad-man' Cormac Louth.



Mr. Thomas Kennedy,  
"Irish Sycamore".

The "Irish Sycamore" arrived at Calcutta on the 17th September and finally sailed from there on the 9th November, almost two months later. Captain Colman Raftery was highly appreciative of the work done by the members of the ships musical and variety group to while away the long hours spent at anchor. The programmes were all pre-recorded on tape and our broadcast to the ships personnel over the loudspeaker system, coming "on the air" at 10 a.m. each morning.

Of course, the vessel's stay in Calcutta was not entirely uneventful otherwise. Because fresh-water was running low the Sycamore had to make a sixty mile journey up the river Hoogly to Diamond Harbour to

take on fresh supplies. A cyclone also hit the area during the vessel's sojourn at Sandheads but fortunately no damage was suffered, although some of the ships anchored close by did sustain considerable damage.

A visit to the races in Calcutta was one of the highlights of the stay for Captain Raftery, his companions on that occasion being Mr. John Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell.

After discharging her grain cargo the "SYCAMORE" loaded generals at Calcutta where Captain J. A. Caird took over command from Captain Raftery. Subsequently the vessel called at Penang and took on bunkers at Singapore. While at Singapore, Mr. John Caffrey joined the vessel to replace Mr. Andrew Austin, Chief Cook, who was hospitalized at Calcutta. Mr. Austin has since returned home and we wish him a speedy recovery. Discharge ports for the ship are New Orleans, Mobile, Houston and Vera Cruz.

The "IRISH SYCAMORE" is on Time Charter to Nedlloyd Lijnen of Amsterdam until January next.

### IRISH SPRUCE

Two Aberdeen Angus Heifers were on board the "Irish Spruce" when she left Dublin for New York on 17th November. One of the animals gave birth to a calf while the ship was on passage, but unfortunately the calf was stillborn.

After New York the "Irish Spruce" will call to Wilmington, and Philadelphia before returning to New York to complete her Eastbound cargo for Dublin, Cork and Limerick. Present indications are that the ship will be in Cork for the Christmas period.

### IRISH ASH

The "Irish Ash" signed on her present crew at Rotterdam on 28th October, and sailed from that port on 2nd November for Antwerp to load steel which she discharged at Montreal. She is at present loading Newsprint at Three Rivers and Quebec for London. It is anticipated that the "Irish Ash" will be in London for Christmas Day.

On her voyage from Antwerp to Montreal



Some of the crew of the "Irish Spruce" pictured on board the vessel at Dublin.

the "Ash" was on Charter to Furness Shipping & Agency Co. S.A. of Antwerp, while her present charterers are Transatlantic Carriers. Master of the ship is Capt. J. S. Kerr, while her Chief Engineer is Mr. Peter Otter. Our congratulations are extended to Mr. Otter on his recent success in obtaining a motor endorsement to his Chief Engineer's Certificate.

#### IRISH FIR

On time Charter to Carribean Shipping Co., the "Irish Fir" loaded a cargo of steel at Bilbao for Vera Cruz, where she is due to arrive on 10th December.

The present crew of the vessel signed on at Ardrossan on 3rd October.

Mr. L. G. O'Duffy, Second Officer, underwent an operation for Appendicitis, while the vessel was at Bilbao, and he is now back home and we wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Michael Coleman was transferred from the "Rose" to replace Mr. O'Duffy.

#### IRISH HOLLY

Engineer Officer Cadets Anthony Byrne and James Brady joined the "Irish Holly" recently as part of their training programme. It is intended that such experience on the "Holly" will be given to other Cadets to

familiarise them with reciprocating machinery, and this experience will be of immense benefit to them in their future careers. This vessel continues to trade between various British and Irish ports with Capt. M. O'Connell as Master and Mr. T. Barry, Chief Engineer.

#### IRISH ROSE

The ship signed on a new crew at Rotterdam, where Captain M. R. McMahon, took over command, Mr. J. J. Reid, continuing as Chief Engineer. One of the particularly pleasant aspects of the sign-off and sign-on at Rotterdam was the fact that the honorary Irish Consul at Rotterdam, Mr. Veder, accompanied by his Chancellor, Mr. F. Steehouwer, attended to the consular formalities on the spot. Before Mr. Veder's official appointment, it was necessary to hire a coach and transport the ship's personnel to the Hague, some thirty miles from Rotterdam for the purpose of signing ship's Articles. As all the ship's complement obviously could not be taken at once, it was always necessary to make two trips to the Hague.

At present the "Irish Rose" is on her way to Marina di Carrara with a cargo of marble slabs from Lisbon.



Photographed during the "Irish Poplar's" visit to Waterford September last: Messrs. J. St. John, Chief Officer: (far right) Kevin Maher, Bosun: D. O'Brien, John Fleming, P. Proctor, Joe Bollord, D. Murphy, N. Mullally, E. Murphy, H. Johnston, T. Parks, O. McGrath, T. McCarthy, W. Stokes and C. Stockdale, Deck Officer Cadet (extreme left)

## IRISH POPLAR

Capt. E. C. G. Horne is back again on the "Irish Poplar" which carried a substantial export cargo on her last trip to the U.S. including large consignments of Chocolate Confectionery, Whiskey, Textiles, Stout and twelve Cattle. As in the case of the "Spruce", one of the Heifers gave birth to a calf on the voyage, but in this case, the calf died after birth. The "Poplar" will be due in New York about 18th December, according to present indications.

On the 14th November, after fourteen months trading on the Caribbean, the "**Irish Rose**" completed her Time Charter with Melville Shipping and Trading Company of Trinidad. Home and enjoying a well earned rest are Captain J. Flanagan and Mr. Richard Gaffney, Chief Steward, both of whom spent the full term with the "**Rose**".

## IRISH MAPLE

Drydocked at Barclay Curles of Glasgow on 27th September to undergo Loadline survey, L.S.A. survey and to have some other

repair jobs carried out. McGregor Hatch towing chains were fitted as well as new Panama fairleads which were fitted to comply with the new regulations for transit through the Panama Canal. Other jobs done included the fitting of a new opening system for hatch covers, a new system to aid the cleaning of holds, the scaling and painting of deep tanks, and the extension of air lines which will permit the scaling hammers to cover the entire length of the ship.

Damage sustained last May when the "Maple" was involved in collision with the "Eurydamus" at Marmagoa, was also repaired.

The vessel finally left the drydock on 12th October and loaded iron and steel products at Antwerp for discharge at Toronto. After unloading her cargo in Toronto the "Maple" loaded grain at Fort William for the West Coast of U.K.

The crew signed off the vessel at Glasgow on 27th September and most of the personnel re-joined again on 8th October after a welcome few days at home.

## IRISH ALDER

Having discharged her eastbound cargo which included the much published locomotives for C.I.E. the "Alder" continues on her scheduled service to Canada. She is expected back in Dublin about a week before Christmas. From her personnel we have received a number of seasonal greetings for publication. These messages have come to us through the good offices of Radio Officer, Mr. B. A. Fitzsimons.

To Mr. Sean Hennessy and Mr. Bertie Geaney on leave; best wishes from Mr. R. Broderick, Fourth Engineer. Mr. Broderick also sends greetings to Mr. Michael Kelly, Chief Officer, "Irish Larch"; Mr. Peter

Kavanagh, Second Engineer, "Irish Willow"; Mr. Donal Burke, Second Engineer "Irish Oak" and Mr. Brian O'Flynn, Fourth Officer, "Irish Larch".

To Mr. Ted O'Connell, Chief Steward and Mr. Harry Howard, Catering Department "Irish Plane" comes Christmas greetings from Mr. Peter Rossiter.

To Mr. Eddy Seberry, Catering Department, "Irish Fir" best wishes for the festive season from Mr. Charlie Cashin.

Mr. Jim Tallon, Bosun sends best wishes and Christmas greetings to Mrs. Tallon, John and Nora.

Finally, the men of the "Alder" send their good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch and baby.



"Irish Alder" crew members photographed at Waterford, left to right:  
Front row: Messrs. John Gaffney, John Doyle, J. McDonagh, Joe Nolan,  
George Kavanagh, Thomas Finnin.

Back Row: Dermot Driscoll, Bernard Byrne, Jack Harpur, Billy Burnett,  
Michael Boland.

## "IRISH WILLOW"

After their historic voyage up the Hudson Bay to the frozen waters of the North-Western Territories of Canada the men of the "Irish Willow" will no doubt be glad to drop anchor in the familiar waters of River Lee. The ship is due in Cork about 8th December with a cargo of timber from Parrsboro and Weymouth.

The "Willow" was on Time Charter to H. V. Druce & Company and was re-delivered at Weymouth on 12th November. Her present voyage is under charter to Minas Basin Pulp and Paper Company. We understand that the crew will be signed off in Cork at the end of this voyage.

Master of the "Willow" is Captain M. O'Dwyer and Chief Engineer is Mr. P. Walker.



The staff of our Waterford agents, Matthew Farrell & Son, left to right : Mr. Richard Cassin, Mr. Tony Ellickson, Mr. Matthew Cassin and Mr. Frank Cassin.

### IRISH OAK

Our Operations Department and Dock Staff were full of praise for the work of the men on the "Irish Oak" when she arrived in Dublin on 8th November with six locomotives. The fact that all was in readiness on board to commence discharge almost immediately contributed in no small way to the exceptionally fast turn round which this vessel achieved in Dublin.

As well as hitting the headlines on her inward trip the "Oak" has also made history on her present outward voyage by carrying the largest ever Canada-bound consignment of chocolate products exported by Urney Limited. Worth approximately £150,000, the 900 tons of chocolate carried by the vessel is for discharge at Montreal and Toronto.

### IRISH CEDAR

The "Irish Cedar" underwent her annual load-line survey in Liverpool prior to loading a cargo of steel at Newport for discharge at Detroit and Chicago. While in Liverpool some minor repairs were carried out and the vessel was partially fitted out to comply with the new Panama regulation. On her previous trip the "Cedar" had brought a cargo of sugar from the Fiji Islands to the U.K. When the vessel completes discharge at Chicago she will proceed to Duluth to load a full cargo of grain for discharge at Rotterdam. She is expected to arrive at Rotterdam about 11th December.

Captain B. Reilly, who joined the "Cedar" in Australia last August is Master and Chief Engineer is Mr. J. Johnson.

### "IRISH ROWAN"

The "Irish Rowan" which is on Time Charter to Companies Transporte Arroya, Panama, loaded a cargo of scrap at the Southern Scrap Company wharf, New Orleans, for discharge at Japan. To protect the pipework in the holds, special protective materials were fitted before the scrap was loaded. On her way to the loading berth she went through the Industrial Canal and passed the Bolands' Machine Corporation repair yard where the "Sycamore" underwent repairs in July 1965. The "Sycamore" also rode out the fury of Hurricane Betsy at this spot.

After loading her cargo the "Rowan" proceeded to the sea via the Tidewater Channel—the first of the Company's vessels to take this route on her way out of New Orleans. The usual route is to go back down the Mississippi.

After completing her present voyage the "Rowan" will return to the west coast of Mexico to load a cargo of grain for Japan.

Mr. James Madigan of the Deck Department joined the vessel at New Orleans.

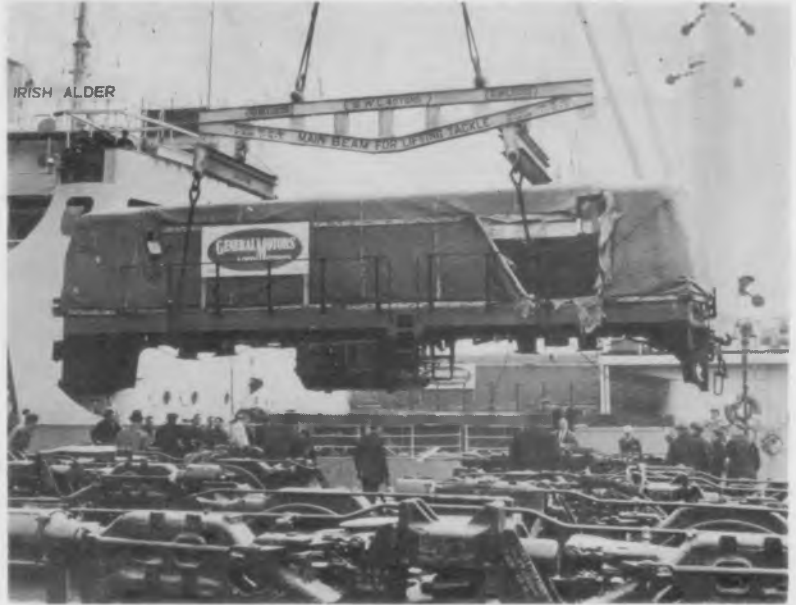
We have been asked by Mr. Charlie Cashin on the "Alder" to convey his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Mr. David Ahearne, Deck Department of the "Rowan". Also from the "Alder" come greetings to Mr. John Prior from Mr. Robbie Broderick.



Checking cargo aboard the "Irish Poplar" at Waterford: left to right : Mr. John Kinsella, Mr. John Power and Mr. Paddy Walsh.

# Locos for C.I.E.

A 60 Ton  
Locomotive  
is swung  
ashore from  
"Irish Alder"  
by the 100 Ton  
Crane at Dublin.



## "IRISH LARCH"

On arrival at Belfast on 23rd November the crew of the "Larch" were signed off and the new crew signed on articles on the same day. The vessel arrived in Belfast from Montreal with a full cargo of grain, part of which was for discharge at Glasgow.

She is on voyage charter to McCabe Grain Co. Limited and loaded at the Lakehead. Earlier in the year the "Larch" visited a number of South African ports while on charter to South African Marine Corporation. Master of the "Larch" is Captain F. J. Kirk and Mr. Whooley is Chief Engineer.

## IRISH PLANE

The "Irish Plane" is on Time Charter to Gordon-Shalley Corporation and loaded a cargo of scrap at Norfolk in mid-October for Japan. Discharge ports are Kinura and Nagoya. The expected date of redelivery is 16th December and the vessel will then go into drydock.

We welcome Captain C. Raftery who has joined the staff at Head Office as Deck Superintendent.

Captain Raftery returned from Calcutta last October when he handed over to Captain J. Caird as Master of the "Irish Sycamore".

## LOCOS FROM CHICAGO

For the third time in the past five years C.I.E. recently bought diesel electrical locomotives from General Motors of Chicago and on this occasion Irish Shipping was given the job of bringing the entire order, twelve locomotives, to Dublin. The "Irish Alder" and the "Irish Oak" each brought in six. Mr. Raymond Guest, the U.S. Ambassador, was present when the locomotives were formally handed over to Mr. T. P. Hogan, Chairman, C.I.E., at the 100 Ton Crane Berth, North Wall Extension, on November 7th by our Chairman, Mr. P. H. Greer, and General Manager Mr. L. S. Furlong.

Speaking at a brief reception on the "Irish Alder", Mr. Greer pointed out that Irish Shipping's earnings abroad helped to provide the foreign currency necessary to pay for this big order from Chicago.

Mr. T. P. Hogan pointed to the deal of hard work which was put into the operations of C.I.E. to provide the country with a good transport service and declared that much of the criticism levelled at C.I.E. was uninformed.

## OUR CORK REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Congratulations to Tony Boland who was recently appointed Assistant Manager of the Cork Office.

Bill Lilley of our Accounts Department resigned recently to return to England to take up a position in his native Lancashire. We wish him well in his new position.

Kay O'Regan of the Munster & Leinster Bank, Cork has announced her engagement to Alan Brooks of our Customs Department. Alan has shown the way to bachelors, Tony, Denis and Vincent from whom we hope to hear of something stirring shortly.

We extend a céad míle fáilte to Barry Rose who recently joined our Staff as Junior Clerk.

Denis O'Keeffe, Storeman, attached to our Dock Staff has been on sick leave since the 19th September. We are glad to hear that he is on the mend.

Pat O'Connor has been transferred from Dock Office to Accounts Department.

Pat Barry has been transferred to our Dock Office.



"Dear Santa,  
Please, where are we."

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Noel Edwards, Fourth Engineer, m.v. *Irish Sycamore*.—Birthday greetings with love and God's blessing from all at home.

Liam Kelly, Carpenter, m.v. *Irish Cedar*.—Best wishes for a happy birthday on 21st December.—From Mam, Dad and all at 474.

Michael Moody, Catering Department, m.v. *Irish Maple*.—Best wishes for your birthday on December 29th. — From Mam, Betty, Granny and Aunties.

Robert Nugent, Deck Department, m.v. *Irish Ash*.—Greetings on your 20th birthday.—From your fiancée, Catherine Ormond-McDonagh.

Thomas McCarthy, Deck Department, m.v. *Irish Poplar*. — Wishing you a very happy birthday on 8th December.—From Mother, Father and all the family.

James Rickhard, Chief Officer, m.v. *Irish Fir*.—Happy birthday, Jimmy, on December 15th.—Love, Mam.

Rory O'Connor, Catering Department, *Irish Maple*.—Birthday greetings from all at 84 Cameron Estate.

Noel P. Brady, Electrical Engineer, m.v. *Irish Alder*.—Birthday greeting to Noel on December 27th.—From Mother, Bill, Anna, Buddy, Edmond, Johnny, Berrie, Carmel, Paul and Brian.

Noel Fynes, Deck Department, m.v. *Irish Rowan*.—Love and best wishes for your birthday on December 9th.—From Mum, Dad, Louie and Kathleen.

Niall Murrels, Deck Department, m.v. *Irish Plane*. — Best wishes for your 16th birthday on January 11, 1967. Happy birthday, Niall.—From Mum, Dad, sisters Carolann, Cindy, and brother Jim.

Noel O'Dowd, Deck Officer Cadet, m.v. *Irish Ash*.—A very happy birthday to you.—From Mum, Dad and brothers and sisters and Gran., on January 9th, 1967.

Seamus L. Murphy, Deck Officer Apprentice, m.v. *Irish Rowan*.—Congratulations and best wishes on your 19th birthday on December 25th.—From Mum, Dad and the other six.

John Murphy, Deck Officer Cadet, m.v. *Irish Plane*. — Birthday greetings and best wishes. — From Mam, Dad, Mary, Martha, Jim and all at home.

John O'Driscoll, Deck Department, m.v. *Irish Plane*.—A very happy birthday, Jack.—With love from the twins and Peggy, also both Grannies and Grandad.

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## SHORT WAVE

Agent 004 on the line Sir.  
O.K. put him thru!—Come in 004, Ops here: over:

Hello Ops, 004 reporting:  
Ops here, go ahead 004, over:  
Mission completed Hong Kong Sir:  
Good work 004, any trouble? over:  
Not really Sir, I work too fast; they call me "turn 'em round": ran into 003:

Nonsense 004, it was 002 was trailing you: over:  
No Sir, 001 was my contact Sir:  
I thought 001 was out in Tokyo: over:  
He was Sir but he failed to locate that ship Sir, so he nipped over to Hong Kong Kong for briefing:

What went wrong in Tokyo 004: over:  
That ship Sir, it wasn't there Sir:  
Why? over:

It was in Manchester Sir:  
001 is an ass, 004: tell me how come you crossed paths with 003: over:

It appears Sir he was shanghaied at Acapulco — he was having coffee when the gangway went up.

I see: so he was aboard when you turned up: over:

Yes Sir: he said it would leave him handy for the mission to Singapore:

003 is resourceful, 004; that boy is a good boy: over:

He is Sir:  
What's your latest on 002, 004? over:

It's bad, I'm afraid Sir. Rumours are floating around the bars in Yokohama that 002 is in trouble. This is confirmed by our contact in Joe's place in Aden who got it from Seattle. It appears 002's wife is expecting a baby. He is now at home in Raheny:

002 won't do, 004: over:

I agree Sir:

Tell me 004, did you finish that job at Paramaribo? over:

Just about Sir, dashed awkward those double-bottoms Sir: took me 12 hours: had to come up for air twice: fouled prop too Sir: 008 had got tangled in it at San Francisco:

008 is a clot, 004: I warned him before to inform the Captain when he did night duty: over:

He was in bad shape Sir: nearly drowned: Serve him right, he's worse than 009. By the way 004 I need you for a job at Lumpa-Cola. Bad case of twisted jumbo:



"Tell the dear third mate the dear Chief is investigating."

### TO "IRISH OAK"

Happiest of Christmases to all  
aboard from Captain and Mrs. Poole  
and their son Michael.

Small submarine assignment too— bit of bottom scraping: got all your gear? Ready to nip across? over:

Ready Sir, but one snag Sir, there isn't any water at Lumpa Cola:

Why, 004 are you crazy? over.

Lumpa Cola is in the Himilayas Sir.

There'll be trouble about this 004: looks like our computer's acting up again: somebody's going to suffer: stand by and I'll raise you again: Where are you speaking from 004? over:

From the ground floor Sir, extension 17:

Sir:

Sir . . . ?

I'll do that Sir.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS—continued

Dermot Rogan, Bo'sun, m.v. *Irish Ash*.— Birthday greetings and best wishes for you on January 24th.—From Mother, Father and Noleen.

Ted Russell, Chief Cook, m.v. *Irish Rowan*.— Birthday greetings and best wishes on your 21st birthday, November 21st.—From all at No. 8 Glenview Road; also from Mam, Dad, Rena, James, Patricia and Grandad.

# ON HIGHER EDUCATION

By A Graduate

The wife was bent on sending our five-year-old to a superior class of school — one where the pupils paid fees, wore blazers and learned elocution. Our social standing, she insisted, demanded that our child be spared the vulgarities of a system designed for the education of ordinary people. At this stage of our evolution, you see, we had attained to semi-detached opulence, and displayed fitted carpet in the hall.

Myself, I voiced misgivings about the plan. Not that there was anything particularly wrong with the private school, and I conceded they would teach the kid all the right subjects. But what worried me was the child's *education*. It seemed a terrible injustice to deprive him of the real flavour of life awaiting him at the National school. Remembering my own young days in the rough and tumble of a city establishment where, if we learned little or nothing formal we gained a rich and wonderful experience, I thought it a great pity for the boy to miss a similar chance.

The matter was decided by the wife's uncle, the Canon. He was one of the fifteen priests (still the county record) at our Wedding. The Canon is one of the old Sagart — Aroon no nonsense school of clergy, and the wife has a great respect for his judgement. He was unequivocal. "You can't beat the National School training for youngsters", declared the Canon, and so the National School it was.

Don't mind Telefis Eireann. The school around our corner is not the same. It takes two Gardai to control the cars, mostly six-seaters, coming mornings and afternoons to deposit and collect the hordes of smug and overdressed little horrors. The teachers are actually nice to their charges — perhaps even a little deferential. The boys know not the meaning of "mitching" or "boxin the fox". It is all very sad, even if the wife is consoled.

Things were vastly different in my old school. It was war all the way, city versus agriculture, no quarter given or expected. Our teachers to a man came from some weird foreign place called "the country". They loathed and despised us jackeens, and we in

turn systematically drove them all insane. They sneered at our accents, and at our sounding of "skewel" for school, and "kyeow" for cow. We knew nothing about the wonders of nature, life on the farm, footing turf or threshing corn, and we would never know a word of Irish because we didn't have "the blas".

We didn't mind a bit because we knew that all teachers were crazy anyway and foisted on us as a consequence of original sin. In spite of continuous hammerings we laughed, lazed, did no homework and mitched frequently. Some lads even went "on gur", which, for the uneducated, means hiding out for days in a tent on the perimeter of the city in some field or quarry—strictly incommunicado. The stalwarts who resorted to going "on gur" were our real heroes.

Three teachers I remember with special affection, probably because they never attempted to teach, but concentrated on passing the time in a manner calculated to cause the minimum of damage to their mental residues. Anyway, it seems that by the time they got to us, they had abandoned all ambitions to be disseminators of knowledge. The first one I recall was a big red-headed Kerryman, known to us as "the Badger". A curious mixture, he was passionately devoted to the ideals of Cuchulain, Finn McCool, Brian Boru and all our ancient heroes, and one, and only one place on earth had any meaning for him, and that was Contae Ciarraighe. He preached the Spartan life, and practised it every bitter frosty morning by turning off the hot pipes while exhorting us to "do the hard thing", adding that Finn and the Fianna, St. Patrick and St. Columcille always did the hard thing; reminding us that self-denial was good for the soul. His next step, repeated unfailingly every day was to put us writing an essay on "Conta Ciarraighe". He always gave us a lead by writing on the blackboard "Ta me chun cunntas do scriobh ar Chontae Chiarraighe". We copied that much, never got any farther, and switched to reading comics while he went to the end of the room to grow peas in jam-pots. He was highly successful with us.

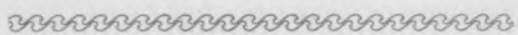
The next one that stands out in my

memory was a lumbering giant of a Cork man christened "two-ton-Tony" the day he arrived with us. We greatly enjoyed "two-ton" because not only did he ignore all lessons, but he constantly sought rows with and threatened the other teachers. A number of times he actually lifted one up and shook him, all the while promising to pitch the victim out the window, and on these occasions his rich Cork accent sounded sweet music to us. He spent the day cutting-out and fashioning hurley sticks, and he allowed us to take practice shots from one end of the room to the other. Nobody dared stop him.

Lastly, there was the unfortunate "Gammy" — the Head who arrived as we moved into the senior classes. Poor old "Gammy" had ideas of modernisation and reform. He began by trying to revive the defunct custom of pupils paying modest school fees. This was the biggest joke ever heard by teachers and pupils alike. At first, he sent messengers around the classes — "would all those who brought in their school fees please proceed etc." The request was always greeted by a spontaneous burst of loud and derisive laughter. He then tried coming around in person, polite at first, begging, beseeching, later firm, and finally frantic, but all to no avail. He got to the stage where he used to burst into the room, interrupt the teacher, and shout at us: "when I say 'one' I want everybody to say 'school fees'," and of course, we responded with acclamation.

As time went on he resorted to raffles for pet rabbits, turkeys, foot-ball boots, even for vegetables from his garden — all in a desperate effort to pay overheads. Fees became known as rabbit money, cabbage money and boot money.

Years afterwards I met "Gammy" and he asked me if I would care to buy a ticket.



#### FROM THE G.P.O.

Mr. R. Goff, Director of Savings Post Office Saving Bank which counts among its customers many men sailing on the Irish shipping vessels, wishes to take this opportunity to notify depositors that as and from 1st January, 1967, the interest payable on deposits is being raised from 2½% to 3½% per annum. Mr. Goff wishes all of them and their shipmates a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

#### THE FORKLIFT SAGA

By Yards na h-Asaleen

We've seen of late a terrible spate  
Of contests of every kind  
From Academy actors to mud spreading  
tractors  
The whole thing has preyed on my mind.

The publicity boys in varying guise  
Have ceaselessly flogged the gimmick  
Since those shapely cuties the bathing  
beauties  
Started the great epidemic.

Down the dock it came as a shock  
That the latest contest caters  
For those high flying boys with mechanical  
toys  
The fork-lift truck operators.

In my dreams one night to my great delight  
I found unexpectedly  
That in this event, the first prize went  
By some strange chance to me.

As Lord Big Noise presented the prize  
My machine started acting 'quare'  
It lifted him up with his silver cup  
And hoisted him into the air.

Then my fork lift truck simply ran amok  
And up the quays with a rattle  
Along North Wall past Liberty Hall  
Like a tank going into battle.

It would'nt stop for the traffic cop  
But on ever onward it sped  
Out the Long Mile in Fangio style  
I just had to give it its head.

It flew thro' Naas with incredible pace  
And soon we were facing Cork  
Amid anguished cries from Lord Big Noise  
Hanging upside down from the fork.

At last it got stuck did my fork lift truck  
At the base of a famous statue  
Which it tried to lift but couldn't shift  
The figure of Father Matthew.

With a horrible sound it collapsed on the  
ground  
Lord Big Noise and I had seen  
How the sin of pride can bring suicide  
To a poor fork-lifting machine.



**Mr. P. P. English, Secretary and Personnel Manager, recently visited the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, to discuss maritime studies for Irish cadets. He was greeted at Kings Point by Capt. Victor Tyson, Assistant Superintendent of The Academy, which is part of the Maritime Administration U.S. Dept. of Commerce. The Academy educates young Americans to become officers in the U.S. Merchant Marine.**

## DEATH OF MR. B. CULLEN

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mr. Bernard Cullen, Engine Department "Irish Holly", who died on the 23rd October, aboard the vessel. Mr. Cullen suffered a fatal heart attack while the vessel was on passage to Modewheel, Manchester from Milford Haven.

Barney Cullen, as he was best known to his many friends ashore and afloat, served with the Company for many years and his passing will be very much regretted by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

Our sympathy is extended to Capt. J. A. Caird on the recent death of his father : and to Mr. J. J. Whyte, Deck Officer Cadet, whose father also died recently.

The men of the "Irish Alder" express their sincere sympathy to Mr. J. Healy on the death of his father, and we add our own condolences.

# OFFICERS ASHORE

**Masters:** Captain A. R. Evans, J. Flanagan, T. Glanville, F. W. Kirk, J. Poole, C. Raftery, R. Woolfenden, J. J. Walsh.

**Chief Officers:** Messrs. C. J. Ball, H. B. Fidler, E. Greevy, F. B. Kelly, M. Kelly, P. Kelly.

**Second Officers:** Messrs. C. Morrissy, P. A. Murphy, L. McLaughlin, L. O'Duffy, F. Raftery.

**Third Officers:** Messrs. G. Anderson, D. Brunicardi, F. Henderson, R. Gordon, D. Kavanagh, D. Leonard, B. O'Flynn, J. Tallon, P. Tyrell.

**Deck Officer Cadets:** Messrs. T. P. Bell, M. J. Brophy, B. Coburn, A. E. Essien, A. Kehoe, P. B. Etim, J. McKenna, P. Nyong, C. O'Koro, J. Ryder, D. Collins, P. Cowman, P. Fennell, P. D. A. Kelly, D. Kirk, F. W. Kirk.

**Chief Engineers:** Messrs. G. Cunningham, H. Dowdall, E. W. Ivimey, J. Moynihan, N. Whitfield, E. Byrne, J. Ennis.

**Second Engineers:** Messrs. J. Corrigan, T. Flynn, T. Murphy, A. J. O'Mahony, M. O'Connell.

**Third Engineers:** Messrs. W. Cleary, B. Geaney, A. Hall, J. Hennessy, D. P. Hoey, W. Fleming, A. O'Toole.

**Fourth Engineers:** Messrs. K. Edwards, G. Dorgan, J. J. Gaul, S. McGarry, J. F. McConnell, T. O'Sullivan, L. O'Toole, W. F. O'Toole.

**Engine Officer Cadets:** Messrs. E. Burke, Bardon, D. O. Barry, D. Buckley, P. V. Carroll, E. Currian, M. Duggan, M. Kennedy, D. McLoughlin.

**Junior Engineers:** Messrs. J. Gilmartin, W. P. Quigley, T. Fitzgerald, J. Gallagher, J. Hamilton, D. Kellegher, J. P. Murphy, S. O'Sullivan.

**Electrical Engineer:** Messrs. J. O'Connor.

**Chief Stewards:** Messrs. N. Curran, B. Dorgan, E. Fricker, R. Gaffney.

## NEWS FLASH

Mr. T. Murphy, B.Sc., Principal Crawford Technical Institute, Cork, died December 4th.

# Sports News

## Soccer

In the European Nations' Cup, Ireland lead the table at present with three points out of a possible four. We beat Turkey 2-0 and drew, nil all, with Spain, at Dalymount Park. Our next match is the return game with Spain at Valencia on 7th December. The other team in the group is Czechoslovakia.

In the European Cup, Shamrock Rovers went out to Bayern Munich on a 4-3 aggregate. They drew 1-1 at Dalymount Park and were beaten 3-2 at Munich. This was an exceptionally good display by Rovers as Munich only got the winning score five minutes from time. If they had held on for a draw Rovers would have got through to the next round as their average away was better than that of Bayern.

## G.A.A.

Cork eventually captured the under 21 hurling title by beating Wexford at the third attempt. Wexford turned the tables by taking the minor title from the Leesiders.

In football Galway repeated their All-Ireland semi-final success with a good win over Cork in the Grounds Tournament at Croke Park.

## Racing

Narrowly beaten by a twenty five to one outsider, Arkle created a surprise in the Hennessy Gold Cup by going under to Stalbridge Colonist. The heavy penalty of two and a half stones proved just too much for the great Arkle in this exciting race.

## Rugby

In the Interprovincial series Munster and Ulster look like sharing the championship as both have beaten Leinster and drawn with each other. Ulster have already defeated Connaught while in the last remaining game Munster are expected to overcome the Westerners.

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## Legal Score

Congratulations to Dermot McNulty, Claims Executive, on making the score two each recently. Our best wishes to Mrs. McNulty and the new arrival.



Mr. N. J. Healy, Superintendent Engineer, Personnel Department, presenting cheques (July last) to Mr. Declan O'Brien, Second Year Student, and Mr. Anthony Barry, First Year Student, Crawford Municipal Technical Institute, Cork. The prizes are awarded annually to those students considered by the teachers to have shown the best all-round results. Also in the photograph are left to right: Mr. R. Murphy, Mr. M. O'Leary, Mr. P. Lane, Mr. S. P. Roche, head of Engineering Department, and Mr. T. Layton.

## BUSINESS DEFINITIONS

*In the process:* It's so tangled up in red tape, we don't know what to do.

*We will look into it:* By the time this gets to you we hope that you will have forgotten about it too.

*A Programme:* Any Job that can't be completed by one telephone call.

*Expedite:* To make the job more confusing than it is.

*Channels:* Inter-Office memos.

*To activate:* To make carbon copies and add more names to the memo.

*Consultant or Expert:* Anyone who lives more than fifty miles from home.

*To implement a programme:* To hire more people and make the office bigger.

*Under consideration:* Never heard of it.

*A Conference:* Anything to pass an hour.

*We are making a survey:* We need more time to think of an answer.

*Let's get together on this:* I'm assuming you're as confused as I am.

*Give us the benefit of your present thinking:* We would like to hear your views so long as they don't interfere with what we have already decided.

*We will advise you in due course:* If we figure it out we might let you know.

*I'll see to it right away:* I was afraid you would ask me that one.



New Deck Officer Cadets, left to right: Mr. Alan Coghlan, Malahide, Co. Dublin; Mr. David Hopkins, Bishopstown, Cork; Mr. James Reilly, Trim, Co. Meath

### PORT OF CORK

Mr. Pat Crowley, our local Manager, represented the Company at the first annual dinner of the Port of Cork Ship Agents Association held on November 8th. Among the attendance was Mr. E. Childers, Minister for Transport and Power who said in the course of a speech that Cork was the second most important port in the country, handling 40% of the total trade including Whitegate Oil traffic. Exports from the port had increased by 87% between 1956 and 1965. The Minister declared that congestion at the port would have to be eliminated and the port equipped to meet the requirements of uninitiated traffic. Improvement plans envisaged the development of the Tivoli Industrial Estate including the provision of new wharfage for general cargo, container traffic and livestock; for a car ferry service and a passenger terminal, and also for the reserving of part of the city Quays. The work would be phased over a period of eight years and was expected to cost in the region of £2 million.

The Minister said that if our exports were to go on increasing we would have to cut our costs by speeding up the movement of cargo through our Ports. His own Department, in conjunction with a representative from Coras Trachtala, was trying to devise a better scheme for the clearing of goods through Customs and examining ways and means of cutting down on documents. The Minister concluded by saying that any overall plan for the speeding up of cargo working at our Ports must include a provision to give dock workers security of employment.



Mr. George McCrum from Carlingford, Co. Louth, left, and Mr. Desmond Smith of Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, have taken up appointments as Deck Officer Cadets.

## HUMAN RELATIONS

I noticed some weeks ago that one of the Oil Companies based here in Dublin made suitable awards to a number of its staff who had completed 20 years service with the Company. I understand that further awards are made on completion of 25 years and 30 years service.

During the past year or so great emphasis has been placed on human relations within Irish Shipping but I think it is to be regretted that some of our staff who have been in the service of the Company for more than 20 years have yet to receive some form of recognition.

While I am speaking mainly for the office staff, my remarks apply equally to the seagoing staff. Captain Glanville is due to retire shortly and I hope the Management will avail of the opportunity to present him with a suitable memento in recognition of his service to the Company.

**"Tempus Fugit"**

Dear Mr. Fugit,

We understand that something is contemplated along the lines you suggest — Editor.

### FROM OUR READERS

We received a very nice letter from Mrs. S. Meredith whose son John is aboard the *Irish Rose*. She writes: "I wish to take this opportunity of thanking Irish Shipping and all the personnel for their kindness to my son and myself in our recent bereavement. He told me while he was home of the kindness of the captain and crew. Also I think that *Signal* is a great magazine and gives one a feeling of being near to our men and boys when they are far away. Keep up the good work as it is deeply appreciated."

# CHRISTMAS MESSAGES



There are two people missing from this delightful photograph of Mr. & Mrs. W. Hawkins of Irishtown, Dublin, and twelve of their fourteen children. One of those missing is the baby Bernadette and the other is Mr. Phil Hawkins who is on board the "Irish Plane."

A Christmas Greeting for Phil appears on page 26

## DUBLIN

### CITY

**John Prior, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Love and Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas to John; from Mam, Dad, brother Patrick and sisters Claire and Rosaleen.

**Patrick P. Walsh, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Larch"**—A very happy Christmas and a very happy New Year from his loving Mum and Dad, sister Sarah and husband Bernard. Hoping you will be home soon for a good get-together.

**Noel Edwards, Fourth Engineer m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year, and all our love; hoping to see you early in 1967. Mam and Dad. Best Wishes, also, from your sisters Nell, Mary Betty and brothers George and Bob, not forgetting little darling Sheila.

**James Fahy, Third Engineer s.s. "Irish Poplar"**—Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year, from Dad, Mum Billy, Kathleen and Jerry. Mary and Eddie.

**James Robinson, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year; also Best Wishes to all on board, from Da, Ma, Tom, Mary, little John and Christy, Sandra and little Kim.

**James Kennedy, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Best Wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas to yourself and all your shipmates from Dad, Mam, Sheila and Tony.

**Edward Kinney, Engine Department "Irish Plane"**—Happy Christmas, "Smoko", hope to see you soon—Paddy, Nan and children.

**Michael Maher, A.B. "Irish Holly"**—Christmas Greetings from Mick, Bridie and boys.

**Brian Byrne, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Happy Christmas, Brian, we'll be thinking of you at home—Love from Mam, Dad, Jimmy, Noel, Gerard, Sean.

**Michael Byrne m.v. "Irish Ash"**—Happy Christmas Michael and you will be in our thoughts on Christmas Day. Love from Mam, Dad, Jimmy, Noel, Gerard and Sean.

**F. B. Cronin, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Christmas Greetings from Father, Mother, brother and sister.

**Michael Duffy, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, brothers and sisters.

**Martin Doyle, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Best Wishes for Christmas, Martin, from Mam, Dad, brothers and sisters and girlfriend, Bridget.

**William Martin, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Merry Christmas Dad, I hope you have a great day but wish it was with us. Love from your son and daughter, Brian and Mona.

# DUBLIN Continued

**Alan Dooley, Catering Department "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas greetings and best wishes from Aunt Maureen and Larry, Bernaurette and Adrienne.

**Bernard Richardson, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Christmas greetings from Mum and Dad, also from brothers Eugene, Tony, James, Francis, Hubert, Freddy, Peter and Raoudy and sisters, Ann, Mary and Breda. Greetings also from sister-in-law Maureen and brother-in-law Jimmy.

**Alan Dooley, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas Greetings from Auntie Bernadette, Uncle Steve, Valerie, Derek and Lorraine, also a Very Happy Christmas from Mammy and Daddy and your only sister Sylvia, who is five years old, brother Christy, Ann and baby Karl.

**John Walsh, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Ash"**—Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. From your wife Maureen and six children, Michael, Johnny, Julie, Dolores, Carmel and Thomas.

## ARTANE

**Patrick Murphy, Chief Cook m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes from Dad and Mum, sisters and brothers.

**Tom Byrne, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Larch"**—A Happy Christmas, Tom, and love from Mam, Dad, Helen, Alma, Nora, Paddy and Mary.

## BALLYFERMOT

**Joseph Reddy, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Ash"**—Best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from your loving wife, also Peter and Frances, Anna, Joe, Anthony, Paddy and Sally. Love from all at 45, God Bless.

**James O'Grady, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas Greetings with all my Love and Best Wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas. Hope you are keeping well. God Bless, Mum and Teresa. Also Love and Best Wishes from Patricia, Pat and little Susan.

## BALLYMUN

**James Birmingham, Bosun m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—A Very Happy Christmas, James, with kind regards from Rev. Fr. Augustine and Carmel and from your sister Kathleen.

**Terence Frawley, Carpenter "Irish Ash"**—Happy Christmas, Terry, hope you like the sea, from Mam, Paddy, Gerard, John, Tom and Granny.

## BLACKPITTS

**Eddie Murphy, Catering Department "Irish Poplar"**—Christmas Greetings from Pat, Ann, Terry and Brendan.

## CABRA

**Brian Byrne, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas from Mam, Mary, sisters, brothers, Uncle John, in-laws and outlaws. We shall all be thinking of you at 80 Annamoe Drive.

## CHURCHTOWN

**Pat Dunne, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Oak"**—Christmas Greetings from Mam, Dad and "the gang."

**J. T. Doran, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Loving Greetings at Christmas, Jimmy, from Dad, Mother, Elizabeth, Joan, Catherine, Peter, Aunt Betty and Uncle David.

## CLONDALKIN

**Liam Kinsella, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—"Have a Very Happy Christmas Liam. We will all be thinking of you during this Holy Season. Love from Mammy, Daddy, Michael, Mary, Benny, Ann, Breda, Rosaleen, Kathleen, Eamon, Declan, Siobhan, Deirdre, Bridin, Grainne, Ted, Ann, Pearl, Frank, Orla, Emer, Iseult, Linda, Ciara and Maeve.

## CLONTARF

**Anthony Byrne, Engineer Officer Cadet**—Christmas Greetings and Love from Mother, Father, Geraldine, Mary, Brid and Uncle Jim.

**William Russell, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year to Billy, with all our Love and God Bless from Mam, Dad, Myrna and friends.

## COOLOCK

**Oliver Grace, Deck Department "Irish Rose"**—Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes from his loving wife Kathleen.



Bernard Richardson has just completed his first year at sea and is at present on the "Irish Sycamore".

Mr. Denis Barry is Cook on the "Irish Fir" and comes from Ballyfermot, Dublin.



## CRUMLIN

**Eamon Martin, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—All the blessings of Christmas and New Year to you Eamon, also belated greetings for your birthday which fell on the 13th November. Love from Mam, Dad, Mary, Kathy, Jim, Steve, Michael, Frances, Sheila and baby Brian.

**P. Leonard, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Wishing you a very Merry Christmas from your loving wife and family.

**Thomas Egan, Chief Cook "Irish Poplar"**—Christmas Greetings from Mum, Dad and all at home.

**Richard Egan, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Christmas Greetings from Mam, Dad and all at home.

**Erick Hensey, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Greetings and Very Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, from all at home. Love Mam, Dad, Noeleen, Liz, Marion and Grandparents in Dublin and Germany. God Bless.

**Michael O'Rourke, Deck Department s.s. "Irish Poplar"**—A Very Happy Christmas to Michael and all his mates on board, from Mother, Father, Jerry, Margaret, John Frances and Deirdre.

**Cormac Louth, Carpenter m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas from Mother, Father, sisters Una, Nora, Sheila and Breda and friends and neighbours.

**Bernard Flood, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes from Father, Mother and brother Liam. Also from Grandmother. Mr. Flood also sends Greetings to Bernard's shipmates.

**John Rourke and Hugh McSweeney, Catering Department "Irish Oak"**—Christmas Greetings from the Flood family.

**Tony O'Mahoney, Second Engineer**—Best Wishes for a speedy recovery from the Flood family.

## DALKEY

**John H. McConnell, Deck Officer Apprentice m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Have a good Christmas. We will all be thinking of you. Love from all in "Darwin".

**Hugh O'Farrell, Bosun m.v. "Irish Maple"**—Christmas Greetings, Love and Good Wishes from Mother, sister Sall, Maureen and Patsy, also Kitty.



Mr. David Ahearne from Cobh is on the "Irish Rowan".

## DONNYCARNEY

**John Ormond, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Ash"**—Christmas Greetings from Mother, Jimmy, Martha and Patricia. Also Greetings from your niece Catherine.

**Thomas McCarthy, Deck Department s.s. "Irish Poplar"**—Christmas Greetings and best Wishes from Mother, Father and all the family and friends.

**Patrick Bradshaw, Deck Department s.s. "Irish Poplar"**—Christmas Greetings and all our love to my husband Paddy. From his loving wife Margaret and son Declan.

**F. W. Perrin, Deck Officer Cadet, m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas. Dad, Mam, Albert, Anthony and Margaret. Best Wishes for a Very Happy Christmas from Uncle Albert and Auntie Bernie and family with best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and wishing you every success from Auntie Evelyn and Uncle Billy. Happy Christmas and very best wishes from Marie, Bill and Paul. A very happy Christmas from Auntie Chrissie and Evelyn.

**Austin Bolger, 2nd Engineer m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Wishing you a very happy Christmas. Austin, from Mammy, Mary Charles, Cecile, Eileen.

#### DRIMNAGH

**Liam Kelly, Carpenter m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year. Mam, Dad and all at 474.

**David Knott, Junior Engineer.** Wishing our dear son David a Very Happy Christmas and every Blessing in the New Year with Love from Mum, Dad, Terry and Angela.

**W. Cusack, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Wishing you a very happy Christmas from Teresa, Gerard, Jacqueline and all at home.

**Desmond Molloy, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Loving thoughts for you this Christmas Desie, we shall all miss you. We all wish you a very merry Christmas, lots of love from Mam, Dad, Harry, Lilly and Caroline, Elizabeth, Tommy, Jimmy, Kevin, Rita, Leslie, both Grans and all other relations and friends.

**John Edward Maher, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—happy Christmas Jacky, hope to see you in the New Year. Love from your Mam, Dad, Nora, Betty, Pat, Greg, Colm and all at home. Loving greetings and best wishes for a Happy Christmas from Ann and the Colbert family. Greetings and best wishes; hope to see you soon from Mr. & Mrs. Doyle, John, Phyllis, Marie and Paddy. We send greetings for Christmas and the New Year to our dear friend Johny Maher, from all his friends in the Don Bosco Boys Club, Drimnagh. To the "dream-boat of Drimnagh" and all aboard the Sycamore, from all his friends in an Oige.

#### DRUMCONRA

**Alan Dooley, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas greetings and best wishes from Jenny and Jack and family.

#### DUNDRUM

**John Masterson, Third Engineer m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a safe Journey, from your loving wife Mildred, John Jr., and baby daughter Joyce and all at 103 and 163. God Bless.



Jim Hanlon of Faithlegg, Co. Waterford, is in the Catering Dept., "Irish Cedar".

#### GLASNEVIN

**John Nangle, 3rd Engineer m.v. "Irish Plane"**—A happy Christmas from Mother, Dolores and Noel. A happy Christmas and a bright New Year to John from Michael, Olive and babies Declan and Paul.

**James T. Doyle, Second Engineer m.v. "Irish Maple"**—Happy Christmas and a bright New Year. Congratulations on your engagement. We're all looking forward to June, 1967. With love and God Bless from Mum, Noel, aunts and uncles and all your friends, lots of love from Dolores.

#### HAROLDS CROSS

**Arthur Stevens, Catering Department "Irish Larch"**—A happy Christmas to Arthur and all on board the "Irish Larch" from Dad, Mam, Gerry, Carrie, Vera, Sylvia, Catherine, Deirdre, Gregory. Hope to see you soon and get your hair cut.

#### HOWTH

**Frank Healy, Deck Officer Cadet, m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Christmas greetings and a happy New Year to you Frank. Hope you enjoy yourself from your ship-mate in the "Irish Ash", John McKenna.

**James Rickard, Chief Officer m.v. "Irish Fir"**—Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to yourself and wife Mary. Love from your little daughter Susan. Love from Mam.

**Tom Rickard, Third Officer m.v. "Irish Ash"**—Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, congratulations on obtaining your Third Mate Certificate recently. Love Mam.

**John Redmond, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, brothers and sisters, relations and friends in Howth.

#### INCHICORE

**Michael Price, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Greetings and best wishes from George, Mary and children and Gemma says don't forget the donkey.

**Edward Seberry, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Fir"**—Christmas greetings and best wishes from Mam, Dad, Anthony, Noel, Kevin.

**Colm Currvan, Junior Engineer, m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Merry Christmas Colm from Mam, Dad, Declan, Ann, Des and Barry. Sorry you can't be home with us, will be thinking of you and looking forward to seeing you in the New Year. Enjoy yourself anyway and God be with you.



Mr. Eamon Frampton from Waterford is on the "Irish Ash".

#### DUN LAOGHAIRE

**Liam Fanning, Chief Cook m.v. "Irish Ash"**—Christmas greetings and love from Daddy and Mammy.

**Kevin O'Neill, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Ash"**—Happy Christmas to Dad from Kevin, Barry, Eve, Ricky, Kelly-Ann and Shane and of course Mum.

**Michael Moody, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Maple"**—Merry Christmas Michael from Mam, Betty, Granny and Aunties.

**Patrick Duffy, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Wishing you a very happy Christmas and looking forward to seeing you in the New Year. Best love from your wife Teresa and family Pat and Sandra.

#### EAST WALL

**Eamonn Lynch, Fourth Engineer m.v. "Irish Fir"**—Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year from the Murphys.

**Martin Ansley, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year from Mum, Dad, sister, brothers and friends.

**James Nangle, Carpenter m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Wishing you and all the members of the crew a very Happy Christmas and a very happy New Year, Mam and Dad. Also best wishes from his brother and sisters in England and his brothers and sisters at home.

**John Corri, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—A very happy Christmas from Carmel and Walter, Joseph, Brenda, Kevin. Best wishes for a happy Christmas from Mother, brothers and sisters and their families.

**John Earley, s.s. "Irish Spruce"**—Christmas greetings and best wishes from your sister Ann and family.

#### FOXROCK

**Jack Rogan, Chief Steward m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Wishing you a happy Christmas and New Year. God Bless you. All our love from Carmel and Miriam.

#### ISLANDBRIDGE

**M. J. Curley, 2nd Engineer "Irish Ash"**—A very happy Christmas, Michael, from Mam, Dad, brothers and sister.

**Sean O'Neill 2nd Engineer m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Greetings and best wishes for Christmas Sean love from all the family in London etc. We will be looking forward to seeing you in April, D.V. God Bless you always, Dad, Nora and Pat.

#### KILLESTER

**Leslie J. Wills, 4th Engineer m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Leslie, wishing you God's blessing and every happiness at Christmas from all at 36 and 216.

**F. W. Perrin, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year from the Meehan family.

#### PALMERSTOWN

**James Masen, Chief Cook m.v. "Irish Plane"**—A very happy Christmas, expecting you home soon from all at home at 113

#### PORTRANE

**Frank J. Fenlon, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Christmas greetings from all the family in "Bayview" especially Mam and Dad. Looking forward to seeing you in March, till then love and best wishes. God Bless. Hope you enjoy the Christmas pudding.

#### RAHENY

**Gregory Murphy, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas greetings from all at home.

**Rory O'Connor, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Maple"**—Christmas greetings from Mother and Father, Marie, Gerard, Eileen and Dara and Brandy (the dog).

**John B. Sweetman, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Best wishes and lots of love for a happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, Brian, Eileen, Kay, Terence, Elizabeth and Martin. To the "Hi-diddle-three" greetings and best wishes for the future from the Sweetman family, Raheny.



A nice photograph, taken at a recent wedding, of Mr. Jack Rogan, left, "Irish Rowan" and his brother, Mr. Dermot Rogan, "Irish Ash". Dermot's mother sends him best wishes for a Happy Birthday, on January 24th next.

## Dublin—continued

### RANELAGH :

**Noel P. Brady, Electrical Engineer m.v. "Irish Alder"**—Christmas greetings from Mother, Bill, Anna, Buddy, Edmond, Johnny, Berrie, Carmel, Paul and Brian.  
**Capt. J. Devine, Master m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas greetings from Catherine, David and Hilary. Also from Hubert, Sheila and all the family.

### RATHFARNHAM :

**Liam Brennan, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Safe voyages from Mum, Pat, Paul and Jim.

### RATHGAR :

**Brian Cullen, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Wishing Brian and all aboard "Irish Sycamore" a happy and a Holy Christmas. God Bless from Mammy, Daddy and Brendan. Also Christmas Greetings from all in Arklow.

### RATHMINES :

**Dermot Murphy, 3rd Officer m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Greetings and best wishes for a happy Christmas from your sister and brother, sister-in-law, nephews and nieces.

### RIALTO :

**W. Brown, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Happy Christmas from your wife Rita, Liam, Chris and Colm. Also greetings from Mother-in-law, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Please hurry home we miss you very much.

### RINGSSEND :

**Kevin Curry, Carpenter m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Christmas greetings to Kevin from Mam, Dad and all the family and a very happy Christmas to all on board "Irish Plane".

**Leo Hitchcock, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the Dalys, Herbert Place.

**Brian Daly, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Maple"**—Merry Christmas to you and all your ship mates from Mam, Sheila and Pop.

**Christy Chamberlain, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Maple"**—Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the Dalys, Herbert Place.

**Seamus O'Neill, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Maple"**—Nollaigh Sona dhuit. Clann O'Dalaigh. Baile Gaolach, B.A.C.

**Philip Hawkins, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Christmas Greetings to Philip from baby sister Bernadette. A very happy Christmas and a bright New Year from Mother, Father, brothers and sisters and Bernie, friend Sally and Willy at 2 George Reynolds House.

**Ritchie Saunders, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Greetings and best wishes for Christmas from the Hensey family. Christmas greetings and a happy New Year from Mam, Dad, Maura, Gerard, Jane, Tom, Ann, Ali, Rose, Tom and all his nieces and nephews. Hope to see you in the New Year.

### RUSH :

**Robert Carrick, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Happy Christmas and a bright New Year to Bob from Mother, Father, Patrick, Eugene, Kitser and Michael. Also to Noel Fynes and Gerry Magee from all at South Shore, Rush.

**Robert Carrick, Noel Fynes and Gerard Magee, Deck Dept., m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas greetings from Andy, Maggie and family.

**Gerard Magee, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Love and best wishes for a very happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, brothers and sisters also Aunt Lilly and family.

**Noel Fynes, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas greetings and God Bless from Mum, Pop and all the gang. Also best wishes to Robert Carrick and Gerry Magee.

### SALLYNOGGIN :

**Niall Murrells, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—All our good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We will all be thinking of you so do enjoy yourself from your Mum, Dad, Carolann, Jim and Cindy. Merry Christmas Niall from Uncle Paddy and Auntie Letty and the six boys. Every good wish for Christmas, Aunt Netta. Happy Christmas dear Niall from Granny and Grandfather. Best wishes from Auntie Bo-bo and Uncle Jack.

### WHITEHALL :

**Alan Dooley, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Best wishes for a happy Christmas from Christie, Anne and baby Karl.

**Seamus O'Neill, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Larch"**—Wishing you a very happy Christmas wherever you may be from Daddy and all at 199 and 10 Glendun.

## Country Districts



Mr. Liam Kelly from Drimnagh, Dublin, is Carpenter on the "Irish Cedar".

### ABBEYFEALE

Patrick A. Casey, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Ash"—Happy Christmas Pat from Mam, Dad and Eileen.

### ARKLOW

James Ryder, Bosun m.v. "Irish Plane"—Wishing you a very happy and Holy Christmas from Kathleen, Mary and Jim, Betty, Suzanne and Karl.

Jimmy Ryder, Deck Officer Apprentice, m.v. "Irish Larch"—A happy Christmas from Dad, Mammy, Mary, Betty, Suzanne and Karl.

Patrick Redmond, Bosun m.v. "Irish Larch"—To my brother Pat wishing you a very happy Christmas and New Year from Ciss. Also to Uncle Pat wishing you all the best from the Bentleys, Loughlins, Jackmans, the Keenans and all in Roundwood.

John P. Shelton, Deck Officer Cadet s.s. "Irish Poplar"—Wishing you a very happy Christmas and best wishes, also for your Birthday on December 30th from all at home.

m.v. "Irish Ash"—To all aboard wishing you a very happy Christmas from Gerard White and family.

George J. Forde, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Fir"—Lots of love George and a very happy Christmas if you are not home but we are hoping, from your Father and Mother.

John Hall, Bosun m.v. "Irish Rowan"—Wishing you a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year from all at home. To daddy serving aboard the "Irish Rowan" a very happy Christmas and a merry New Year from Sally in London.

Patrick O'Neill, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Maple"—All our love and best wishes from Mother and Father and all the crowd at South Quay.

Brendan Coburn, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Larch"—A very happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, four brothers and three sisters.

Thomas J. Carroll, 2nd Engineer m.v. "Irish Rowan"—A very happy and Holy Christmas to you Tom from your loving wife Kay and daughter Alison. Christmas greetings and best wishes from Mother and all the families and children in Arklow and Dublin.



Brian Byrne of Annamoe Drive, Cabra, is Second Cook on the m.v. "Irish Rowan".

### BALLYDUFF, CO. WATERFORD

William Gahan, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Larch"—Wishing you a Holy and Happy Christmas wherever you may be, also the Captain and all aboard, from Mum and Dad.

### BELFAST

Noel Little, 3rd Engineer m.v. "Irish Oak"—Love and best wishes for a happy Christmas from all the family in Belfast and Gravesend.

### BORRISOKANE

Martin Cahalan, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Alder"—Wishing you a very happy Christmas from Mam, Pop and Bridie at Borrisokane. Also best wishes from Philip. A very happy Christmas from your sister Elsie at Newbridge, Kildare. To wish you Martin a very happy Christmas from your sister Nora and Derek and the twins at Greystones.

Mr. E. Seberry of "Irish Fir."



### BRAY, CO. WICKLOW

Gerry Waldron, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—Wishing you a very happy Christmas. Love from Mam, Dad, Gabrielle, Emer and Niall.

Andrew Austin, Chief Cook m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—Happy Christmas to my husband from your loving wife and baby daughter.

### CARLOW

William Gleeson, 4th Engineer "Irish Plane"—Wishing you a very happy Christmas, from Mammy, Dad, brothers and sisters and all your friends from Carlow. Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year. God Bless lots of love from all at home.

Patrick Dunne, Junior Engineer "Irish Spruce"—Our love and best wishes for a Holy and happy Christmas from Mam, Aunts, Nano and Sarah and his four brothers and five sisters at home and abroad. Sorry you won't be with us for Christmas, Paddy, but you will be in our prayers and also looking forward to having you with us some time in the New Year please God.

### CASHEL

Thomas A. Ryan, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—Greetings and all good wishes and blessings for Christmas and the New Year from your Daddy, Mammy, brother Sean and Sister Marian. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

### CHESHIRE

J. Hoey, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—All our love and best wishes for a happy Christmas from Peggy and Sarah.

### CLOGHANE, CO. KERRY

Nevil R. Mullally, Deck Department s.s. "Irish Poplar"—We send you our love and hope you are happy on this your first Christmas away from home, from Cara, Macdara and Mam.

### CLONAKILTY

Michael Price, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Plane"—Greetings to you and all your friends from all at home. We all hope you will be home with us soon after Christmas from your Mam, Dad, Judy and also Mary-Ellen.

### COBH

Brian Carr, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—We wish you a happy and a Holy Christmas and a bright prosperous New Year with best wishes from all the Carrs.

Eddie Griffin, Electrical Engineer m.v. "Irish Plane"—Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1967 from Kay.

David Aherne, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"—Seasonal greetings and blessings to David and all on board the Rowan from Mam, Dad, Marie, Kay and Alice.

Donald Menzies, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Cedar"—Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Mam and all at "Domus".



Photo taken at the Seamen's Club in Canada. Mr. William Martin of Oriel St., Dublin, is on the "Irish Cedar".



A fine shot of Mr. Kevin O'Neill of Dun Laoghaire, who is on the "Irish Ash". Mr. O'Neill is a sailing enthusiast and also, we are told, does some fine camera work.

#### CORK

Michael O'Sullivan, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Cedar"—Love and best wishes for a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year, hope you will be home for Christmas, from Mam, Dad, brothers and sisters.

Patrick Kirby Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Oak"—On this your first Christmas away from home we are sending you the best wishes of everybody here. A very Holy and happy Christmas, hoping you are keeping well and that we will see you soon again. D.V. From all at home and Pauline.

To all students and ex students of the Crawford Technical Institute and those ashore or afloat a very happy Christmas and a merry New Year, not forgetting all other members of the I.S.L. staff with whom I have become acquainted from Emmett Urell and all other members of the staff of Crawford Municipal Technical Institute.

Robert Broderick, 4th Engineer m.v. "Irish Alder". —Wishing you a very happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, Jack and Marie.

Jeremiah Kelleher, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Larch" —Happy Christmas Diarmuid from Mam, Dad, brothers and sisters and all the young gang.

Ted O'Connell, Chief Steward m.v. "Irish Plane" —Greetings and best wishes Ted for a Holy and a happy Christmas. Although you are far away we miss you more than words can say. From your loving wife Maura, Mary, Deirdre and Mother.

David J. O'Keeffe, 3rd Engineer "Irish Sycamore" —Greetings from your parents, brother and sisters. We wish you a very happy and Holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year. We trust your health is good and you are enjoying yourself.

Finbarr Perrott, 3rd Officer m.v. "Irish Fir"—Wishing you dear Finbarr a very happy and Holy Christmas. Good health and prosperity and God's Blessings for 1967. Hope to see you see you early in the New Year D.V., and to the Captain and all on board the "Irish Fir" Season's greetings. All my love Mother.

Thomas J. Kennedy, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—Christmas greetings and a happy voyage to my son Tommy, E.D.H., also from Betty, Hugh and Marie, from your father.

J. M. Murphy, Chief Steward m.v. "Irish Sycamore" —Christmas greetings: from father and mother, John, Marie and Theresa. Hoping you spend an enjoyable Christmas.

Harry Crowley, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Ash"—Christmas greetings from Pat, Agnes, Gerard, Patricia, Cullie and Kip. Also from Seamus, Joan and children, Galway, and from Joan, Tony and Mary in Exeter.

#### COURTMACHERRY

Gerry O'Mahony, 4th Officer m.v. "Irish Alder"—Loving greetings for a very happy Christmas, Gerry, and all success 1967. God Bless you and all your friends on the "Irish Alder". Mam, Mary and Richard.

#### CROSSHAVEN

Michael Punch, Junior Engineer "Irish Maple" —Happy Christmas, Mike, all our love, Mam, Dad and Cam.

Tommy Hanrahan, Engineer Officer Cadet "Irish Sycamore"—Happy Christmas Tommy and good luck for 1967. The Punch family, Crosshaven.

Noel Hayes, Junior Engineer, "Irish Ash"—Cheers, Noel for Christmas and the New Year. Mary Punch, Crosshaven.



The familiar sky-line of New York forms the background for this fine shot of Mr. J. Reddy, who is at present Second Cook on the "Irish Ash".

#### DONERAILE

Con. Kavanagh, Engine Department "Irish Holly". Wishing, you and all abroad the "Irish Holly" a very happy Christmas and a bright New Year. From your wife Han and daughter Margaret.

#### DOWRA, CO. LEITRIM

Thomas Dolan, Messman m.v. "Irish Rowan"—Greetings and best wishes for Christmas from your Mother and Father.

#### DOUGLAS

Tommy Kennedy, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—Christmas Greetings to Tommy from Myra.

#### DROGHEDA

Thomas G. Duff, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Alder"—Greetings from Mammy and Daddy, Father Tom, Kevin Sheelagh. Also Nicky and Nancy, Patrick and Francis, Jim and Rose, John, Lulu and Thomas, Paddy and Nuala, Frank Rita and family, Billy and Maureen, Sean and Perce Bing and Jennie, Paddy and Louise and family, Auntie Maggie, Colm and all the ring players. Wishing you a Holy and Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Noel O'Dowd, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Ash"—Wishing you a Happy Christmas from your Mam, Dad, Gran, brother and sisters.

Patrick Byrne, Fourth Engineer, "Irish Oak"—Christmas Greetings from Mammy, Daddy and Mary and all the boys in 10 Mary Street, Drogheda.

#### DUNDALK

Turlough Connolly, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Alder"—Christmas Greetings from Dad, Mum, Nan, Reggie, Peter, Denise, Sam and James.

Seamus L. Murphy, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Rowan"—Christmas Greetings from Mum, Dad and the other six.

Gerard Faulkner, Fourth Engineer m.v. "Irish Rowan"—Wishing dear Gerard a Very Happy Christmas and the best of Good Luck for 1967. God Bless from your loving Mum and Dad. Also Christmas Greetings from Mary, Kevin and children, Ann, Caroline, godchild, Jacqueline and Brian. Good Luck in the New Year.

Liam Robinson, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Ash"—A Very Happy Christmas and Bright New Year from Mother, Father, sisters and all his friends

#### GALWAY

Frank Walsh, Chief Steward m.v. "Irish Rose"—Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year Frank. We both miss you very much and we will be thinking of you at Christmas. Your loving wife Ann and baby daughter Susan. Also greetings from your Dad and sister Eileen. From Mum, Pop, Gay, Mary, Teresa, Peter and baby Jimmy. Greetings also from Auntie Kitty, John and your favourite sister-in-law Bridie.

#### GOREY

John Murphy, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Plane"—Best Wishes and all our Love at Christmas from Dad, Mam, Martha, Mary and Jim and all in Seamount.

## KILRUSH

**Kenneth Humphries, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Happy Christmas Kenneth and to all on board the "Irish Sycamore". Love from Mum, Dad and all at the "Holy Ground".

**W. R. Twomey, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes with love from Mum, Dad, Michael, Annie and John.

**James Madigan, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Sincerely hoping you are well. Your loving Mother, Father brothers and sisters.

## KINSALE

**Michael Hurley, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Ash"**—With Love and Best Wishes for a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Form Mum, Dad and all at home. Also from all your pals at the Bullman.

**John O'Driscoll, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—A Happy Christmas and New Year, Jack, with love from the twins and Peggy, also both Grannies and Grandad.

## LIMERICK

**Edward, Hannan, Engine Department s.s. "Irish Poplar"**—Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas from all the family. Sorry you cannot be with us this time, maybe next year. Please God. Love from all and a Happy New Year. Your loving wife and family.

**K. M. Geoghegan, Third Officer m.v. "Irish Sycamore"**—Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes to Kevin and all our friends in Irish Shipping. The Geoghegan family. Limerick.

**Enda Connelan, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Ash"**—Christmas Greetings from Dad, Mum, Jude, Jarflaith, Hilda, Mary, John, Susan, Padraig, Auntie Nancy, Mary and Bobby.

**Patrick O'Brien, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Plane"**—Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes from your wife and all at home.

## LIVERPOOL

**James O'Grady, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—Love and Best Wishes James for a Happy Christmas. Thinking of you always. Mary and Jimmy.

## MALLOW

**Michael Kearney, Junior Engineer s.s. "Irish Poplar"**—Christmas Greetings to my son and all his friends on the "Irish Poplar". Have a nice time boys but be good. God Bless you all. Mam. Christmas Greetings to our nephew Michael and his friend Desmond Corrigan. Merry Christmas boys don't raise your elbows too high. Christmas Greetings also to all the boys at sea during Christmas period. God send them home safely to their parents. Lots of Love from Uncle Mick and Auntie Moll. Christmas Greetings to the best brother in all the world and also to his friend Des Corrigan from Botsie.

**Desmond Corrigan, Junior Engineer s.s. "Irish Poplar"**—Wishing you a very happy Christmas and all the best wishes from Mam, Dad and Clare. Also to wish you a very enjoyable Christmas from your sister Mary. Very best love and a Happy and Holy Christmas from Jim, Zena and Sam.

## MAUDLINTOWN, CO. WEXFORD

**John Daly, Junior Engineer m.v. "Irish Rowan"**—We send our best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and a bright New Year. We will be all thinking of you on Christmas Day. Also best love and good wishes from sister Breda, Margaret, little niece Mary and nephews Patrick and Sean also his old friend Mrs. Noctor, Margaret and Jim. From Mum and Dad. God Bless all. Also from his sister Masie and brother in law and Mrs. P. Gaul. Also his sister Ann and brother in law and brothers Patrick, Thomas and Seamus. Best wishes for a very Happy and enjoyable Christmas and also a very bright and prosperous New Year.

## MAYNOOTH

**Thomas Redmond, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Oak"**—Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from Daddy Mary and all the family in Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

**Engineer Cadets William Lettis and Mark Byrne**—Wishing them a Very Happy Christmas from the Redmond Family, Maynooth.

**William Lettis, Engineer Officer Cadet s.s. "Irish Poplar"**—Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from Mam, Dad and Anne.

## MELKSHAM

**Arthur Stephens, "Irish Larch", Catering Department**—Granda and I wish you a Very Happy Christmas away on the high seas, we hope you won't be too homesick on this lovely day. Your Dad has made this message possible through the help of "Signal", so with all our love we say God Bless you and all the joys of Christmas be with you. Your fond Na-Na and Granda.

## MIDLETON

**Owen Prunty, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Cedar"**—Happy Christmas Owen, we will all miss you very much in the drawing room this year. God Bless and love from Mary Millie, Eileen, Pat and Mammie. SIGNAL Greetings — Gal. Three

Mr. and Mrs. C. Fox, who live at Raheny, Co. Dublin. Mr. Fox at present is on the "Irish Ash".



Mr. Erick Hensley from Crumlin is on the "Irish Rowan".



Mr. Liam Farrell is on the "Irish Sycamore".



Mr. Frank Jameson, "Irish Ash".



Mr. Kenneth Humphreys, "Irish Sycamore" comes from Kilrush.



Mr. T. Dolan of Cashel Doura, Co. Leitrim, is on the "Irish Rowan".



#### PASSAGE EAST

John Joe Hearne and Patrick Hearne, "Irish Holly" — Best Wishes for Christmas from Mrs. Hearne and family and grandchildren.

Michael Larkin, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Oak" — Christmas Greetings and best wishes, Hoping to see you soon. From Mam, Pop and the boys. Also from Mary, Pat and family, Freshford.

#### PORTLARLINGTON

Vincent Murphy, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Fir" — A Very Happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, Anne, Sean, Dolores and Carmel. Also from Pat, Jack, Susan and Patricia.

#### ROSCOMMON

Liam Sherringham, Engineer Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Plane" — Christmas Greetings and best wishes from his family and friends in Roscommon.

#### ROUNDWOOD

Peter Doyle, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Cedar" — A Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year from his Grandmother and brother and all his friends and relatives in Roundwood.

#### SHERCOCK, CO. CAVAN

Peter Farrelly, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Plane" — Christmas Greetings and hoping to see you soon. Best Love from Mam, Dad, sisters, brothers and also Bridie McKeown.

#### SLIGO

Michael E. McLaughlin, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Larch" — Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas and Good Luck for 1967. God Bless from Mother and sisters and from father at Bull Rock Lighthouse.

#### SUTHERLAND

D. Murphy, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Cedar" — Happy Christmas, God Bless and may you have a happy and Prosperous New Year. Love Mother.

#### STRADBALLY, PORTLAOISE

Tom O'Donovan, Third Engineer m.v. "Irish Cedar" — Season Greetings and lots of love from Mammy, Daddy and Michael, Gus Laura and Family, Tommy, Rita and family, Seamus, Paul and family. Everyone wishes you a very happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. God Bless you.

#### TALLOW, CO. WATERFORD

John Cotter, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Cedar" — Christmas and New Year Greetings to you and all on board the "Irish Cedar". From Dad, Mam, Dick, Una and Terry.

#### TINNAKILLY, CO. WICKLOW

Tim Byrne, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Larch" — We send our best wishes for a very happy and Holy Christmas and New Year. From Mum, Dad, Betty and friend Christy Ellis.

#### SUTHERLAND

D. Murphy, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Cedar" — Happy Christmas, God Bless and may you have a happy and Prosperous New Year. Love Mother.

#### WATERFORD

Edward Griffin, Electrical Engineer m.v. "Irish Plane" — Best wishes for a happy Christmas from Dad, Mum and sisters.

A. Richards, Electrical Engineer m.v. "Irish Sycamore" — Christmas Greetings from Mum, brothers Albert, Jack, Bernard, David, nieces and nephews Jacqueline, John, Ann Carol.

John Fenton and Richard Kinsella, Deck Department "Irish Sycamore" Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes. From Maura and Donal and all in Co. Cork. Also from all at 15 and 16 Upper Ferrybank and McDonagh Road.

Jack Grace, Engine Department s.s. "Irish Poplar" — Greetings and Best Wishes for Christmas. From Mum, Dad and all the family.

Edward Fowler, Catering Department s.s. "Irish Poplar" — All the best of good wishes for Christmas and New Year. Hope you and Jack Grace are keeping well, looking forward to seeing you soon D.V. All the best from Mother, Arthur and Robin Fowler. Greetings and all good wishes for Christmas and New Year, looking forward to seeing you soon D.V. Glad you and Jackie Grace are well and enjoying the trip. All the best and God Bless from Anthony and Katty Fowler.

A. O'Keeffe, Third Engineer m.v. "Irish Sycamore" — Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas, hoping you are in the best of health. From your Mother; also best wishes to all on board the "Irish Sycamore".

Patrick Walsh, Second Engineer m.v. "Irish Plane" — All our love and best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and all the best in the New Year. God Bless and keep you always. From Mammy, Sheila, Mary and all the family.

Edward Kelly, Engine Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore" — Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas Edward from Mother, Dad brothers and sisters and also your pals in Waterford.

Eamonn Frampton, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Ash" — Greetings and good wishes for a Holy and Happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, sister Una and Neville and nieces Ruti and Yvonne, Colbert, sister-in-law Mary and Maria Frampton also Aunts, Uncles, all his friends in A.C.E.C. and Waterford Boat Club.

#### LECARROW, CO. ROSCOMMON

Brian Larkin, 4th Engineer m.v. "Irish Rose" — Christmas greetings and good wishes from Mother, Father, brother Paddy and Anthony, sister Kitty and her husband Pat with love from all.

#### FAITHLEGG

James Hanlon, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Cedar" — Hope you have a very happy Christmas, with love from Mammy, Daddy, Noelle, Alex, Marian, Frank and Tony, also Granny and Granddaddy.

#### MANCHESTER

John Johnson, Chief Engineer, m.v. "Irish Cedar" — Christmas Greetings and best of good wishes for 1967 from Betty, Susan, Arthur and all at home.

#### WEXFORD

Raymond Whelan, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Cedar" — Christmas Greetings from all the family, Mam, Dad Patricia, Jimmy, Lorna, Des and Sean. We all wish you a Very Happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

Kevin Maher, Bosun s.s. "Irish Poplar" — Christmas Greetings and a Bright and Happy New Year to Kevin and all abroad the "Irish Poplar". From Mam, Dad, brothers and sisters.

Captain J. A. Gleeson, m.v. "Irish Fir" — Greetings for Christmas and New Year and may God Bless you Sean. From your loving wife Sta. A Happy Christmas also from Mam, Dad, Mary, Toddy, Marie, Larry, Ann and Philomena. Seasons Greetings to all abroad and to all Wexfordians on Irish ships. Love to Daddie on Christmas Day from Francis who misses him so much. Greetings also to Captain J. Caird "Irish Sycamore" and Christmas Greetings from "Laragh" Wexford, to Dave Warner, Chief Officer.

Jack Rogan, Chief Steward m.v. "Irish Rowan" — A Happy Christmas from Mother, Father and Noeleen.

Dermot Rogan, Bosun m.v. "Irish Ash", Christmas Greetings from Mother, Father and Noeleen.

Anthony B. Keane, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Rowan" — Christmas Greetings and best love on your first Christmas away from home. From Mammy, Daddy, Marie, Irene, Ann John and Bridie.

Nicholas Murphy, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Fir" — Wishing you a Happy Christmas from Mum, Dad, Patricia, Leo, Ann and Mary, Phil and Kitty, Gertie and Angela.

Thomas Nolan, Junior Engineer "Irish Cedar" — Best Wishes for a Very Happy Christmas from Mam, Dad, Brendan and David and also from Gran and "Pun".

George Molloy, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Ash" — Wishing you George and all the crew on the "Irish Ash" a very happy Christmas and best wishes for a happy New Year. Love from Mum, Dad, brothers and sisters.

Brendan Hearne, Second Officer m.v. "Irish Sycamore" — Merry Christmas Brendan from Mum and Dad. Also Christmas Greetings comes from Patrick and Kieran. All the best for Christmas and New Year Brendan, from Eddie, Josephine and baby Patsy.

Jerry Desmond, Deck Officer Cadet m.v. "Irish Plane" — Wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas from your loving Mam, Dad, brothers and sister.

Jack Johnson, Catering Department "Irish Willow" — Best Wishes to Jack from Mam, Dad, Richard, Harold, Katherine, Olive and Joe and the ten in Parnell Street.

H. T. Johnson, Deck Department s.s. "Irish Poplar" — Greetings to Harold, from Mam, Dad, Richard, Jack Katherine, Olive and Joe and the ten in Parnell Street.



This is Francis, son of Captain John Gleeson.



This is Vincent Murphy from Portarlinton, who is serving on the "Irish Fir".

## WICKLOW

Ted Russell, Chief Cook, m.v. "Irish Rowan"—Wishing you a very happy Christmas and looking forward to seeing you soon. P.G. Also best wishes on your 21st Birthday which takes place the 25th November, from Rena and Nuala.

T. Russell, Chief Cook m.v. "Irish Rowan"—Greetings for a Very Happy Christmas Ted and looking forward to seeing you early in the New Year P.G. from all at number 8 Glenview Road. Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas and looking forward to seeing you soon, from Mam, Dad, Rena, James, Patricia and Grandpa. Best Wishes for a Very Happy Christmas from the Byrnes.

T. J. Byrne, Third Officer m.v. "Irish Rowan"—God's Blessing and all best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas Thomas. From the Malone Family, 8 Castle Park. Love and best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year from John, Cha, Fran, Kevin, Anita and Chrissie, Granny and Grandpa.

Michael Byrne, Fourth Officer s.s. "Irish Spruce"—With love and best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas from Mam, and Dad. Also Greetings from Annette and Michael.

M. Byrne, Chief Engineer m.v. "Irish Spruce"—Greetings and best wishes from all at 21 Castle St., Wicklow.

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# Greetings received late

## CROSSHAVEN

Michael Brophy, 4th Officer, m.v. "Irish Larch"—Best Wishes for a super Christmas from Mam, Dad, Tom, Shelagh, Ann, Cathryn, Helena and Mary.

## RATHFARNHAM

Richard Egan, Catering Department, m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—Best Wishes for Christmas from your girl friend Patricia.

## COBH

Brendan Stockdale, Deck Officer Cadet, m.v. "Irish Rowan"; Colm Stockdale, Deck Officer Cadet, s.s. "Irish Poplar"—Wishing you both a Happy and a Holy Christmas and A Bright New Year from Mam and Dad, all your brothers and sisters.

## WATERFORD

Edward Griffin, Electrical Engineer, m.v. "Irish Plane"—Christmas greetings and Best Wishes from Mam, Dad and sisters.

Eamonn Frampton, Deck Department m.v. "Irish Ash"—Christmas Greetings from all at 46 Rockenham.

## WEXFORD

John Waters, Third Engineer, m.v. "Irish Larch"—Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year from your wife and Mother.

## RUSH

Joseph Bellard, Deck Department, m.v. "Irish Larch"—Christmas and Birthday Greetings from Mother and Uncle Joe.

## CORK

Nicholas Blake, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Oak"—Best Wishes for a Very Happy Christmas from your wife and children, Joseph, Angela, Nicholas and Catherine.

## CLONTARF

Greeting and Blessing for Happy Christmas to Michael Dillon, 2nd Engineer, "Irish Cedar", wherever you are from Mammy and all the family at home and abroad. Hoping you will be spending it this year in your home, 26 Conquer Hill Rd., Clontarf.

Mr. W. Fleming Second Engineer—Best wishes for Christmas and congratulations on your engagement and examination success from Michael Dillon and family.

## BALLYFERMOT

Raymond Gilligan, Deck Department s.s. "Irish Poplar"—Best wishes for a happy Christmas from Dad, Mam and all the family.

## ARKLOW

Jackie Byrne, Second Officer, s.s. "Irish Poplar"—With love and best wishes for a very happy Christmas, from Mammy and Jimmy. Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year, from Una, Tom, Michael and Patricia.

## DROGHEDA

Liam Farrell, Deck Department, m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—A happy Christmas and merry New Year from Daddy and Mammy and all your brothers who are at sea; also your sisters who are in England and Paul and Ann.

James Kirwan, Deck Department, m.v. "Irish Ash"—Best wishes for a happy Christmas from Mother and Father and also many happy returns for your birthday on Christmas Day.

## BALLINA

Edward Sweeney, Engineer Officer Cadet, s.s. "Irish Spruce"—Happy Christmas to Ted from Dad, Mam, Gerard, Vincent, Emer and Rex.

## DUBLIN

Patrick Proctor, Engine Department, s.s. "Irish Poplar",—Christmas greetings and best wishes from Charlotte, Pat and Lisa.

## RAHENY

William Haddock, Engine Department, "Irish Fir"—Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year from your Wife, Billy, Phyllis, Robert, Maurice, Patty, Lily, Babs, Al and Marie.

Joseph Keogan, Catering Department m.v. "Irish Sycamore"—Wishing you a very happy Christmas, from Daddy, Mammy and family, also Oliver and the Boys.

## HOLYCROSS, THURLES

Patrick Kelly, m.v. "Irish Oak"—Christmas greetings and best wishes, hoping to see you on Christmas Eve, please God, from Mammy, Daddy, Anne Marie, Fr. Tony and Angela and Children.

## CASTLELYONS, FERMOY

Thomas J. Kenny, Engineer Officer Cadet, s.s. "Irish Poplar"—Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Mam, Paddy and Beedy, also from Dicko and Leamo.



Mr. Desmond Molloy, Junior Engineer in the "Irish Plane" photographed with his only sister, Rita.

# FLEET PERSONNEL

Deck and Engineer Officers in order of Rank

**"IRISH ALDER"**: Captain J. Onions. Deck Officers: D. P. Byrne, B. Kehoe, N. Foley, J. O'Mahony. Cadets: T. A. Connolly, D. Smith. Engineer Officers: T. Loughran, T. O'Driscoll, J. Long, R. Broderick, T. G. Duff, J. Healy. Engineer Cadets: M. Byrne, M. J. Cahalan. Elect. Engineers: N. Brady, M. J. Wogan. Chief Steward: C. O'Donovan. Deck Department: E. Swan, J. Tallon, H. Kent, J. O'Driscoll, L. Vermeulen, T. Finnin, J. Reilly, J. Kealy, A. Pluck, A. O'Leary, D. O'Rourke. Engine Department: S. McCarthy, J. Harford, M. Coogan, T. Kinsella, P. Rossiter, J. Cullen. Catering Department: E. Byrne, J. Chaney, C. Cashin, M. Boland, W. Burnet, J. Gaffney.

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