

Flash-back

Messrs. Thompson, Watson & Co., Cape Town, received an enquiry recently from a Miss Church regarding the old *Clan Monroe*, wrecked on the South African coast in 1905:—

"I wonder if you could let me know the year the *Clan Monroe* was wrecked at Kommetje. The ship was wrecked near our cottage—if I remember rightly an Italian was drowned and buried near by.

Members of a church society used to hold services at the graveside. Their hymn books were kept at our cottage.

When the salvaged goods were sold, my father bought a crate of stoves. He kept one, a Smith & Wellstood Fortress No. 7, which I am still using. It has been in use almost daily and now is on its last legs.

We also have a panel of wood from the wreck which is still being used as a coat-rack."

Kommetje is the site of Slangkop Radio Station and about 30 miles south of Cape Town.



Bamlett—Ayers (above)

Miss Prudence Mary Ayers, Nursing Sister ex Reina del Mar, was married to Mr. Robert Bamlett, Chief Officer, Union-Castle, at St. Jude's Church, Hampstead Garden Suburb, on 25th September

Scott—Ransome (right)

Mr. A. C. Scott, 3rd Engineer, and Miss M. Ransome, Nursing Sister, both formerly serving in Kenya Castle, were married on 23rd October in Newark Parish Church



LEST WE FORGET

Second Officer G. R. Cooper and Third Officers C. A. Smith and D. J. C. Funnell brought up the rear of the Merchant Navy contingent as representatives of land, sea and air forces marched from Bird Cage Walk to Whitehall for the annual Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph.

Specially remembered in a Service at the Merchant Navy Memorial, Tower Hill, were members of the Merchant Fleet; wreaths were laid by Third Officer R. G. Ward on behalf of the "Seamark" Club, Third Officer S. F. Williams representing the M.N.A.O.A., and Chief Officer R. W. D. Kenyon for the British & Commonwealth Group.

The sun shone on this cold November morning and a light breeze ruffled the flags as Big Ben struck Eleven. Inside Westminster Abbey the congregation was silent—a congregation in which the Merchant Navy was represented by Captain R. A. D. Cambridge, D.S.C., Master of the *Pendennis Castle*.

The previous evening the Royal Albert Hall had resounded to the strains of the British Legion Memorial Service. Here again a member of *Pendennis Castle's* complement was present. Boatswain B. Jones led a contingent of 12 boys from the Sea School at Gravesend.



60 Years On

A mile stone in Southampton Docks recently was the 60th Anniversary of what is usually referred to as No. 6 Drydock, the port's second largest drydock. It was opened on 21st October, 1905, the centenary of the Battle of Trafalgar, and was therefore named Trafalgar Drydock by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, the Marquis of Winchester. At that time it was the largest drydock in the world. It was widened in 1912 and lengthened ten years later.

The first vessel to use the drydock was the *Dunluce Castle* and perhaps appropriately occupying the dock as a wet-berth on the 60th Anniversary was the *Stirling Castle*, preparing for her final voyage to South Africa.