



ON THE OUTBREAK of the last war, the four-year-old *Athlone Castle* was on her way home from Cape Town under the command of Captain E. S. Vincent, commodore of the line, making his last voyage before retiring.

When he received the news of the outbreak he ordered his crew to camouflage the vessel and also fill sandbags

in order to protect vulnerable parts of the vessel. Our archive photograph this month shows some of the passengers who volunteered to assist the crew in making the *Athlone* "virtually unrecognisable".

*Richard Mellor*