



The back cover photograph shows the scene as the Sirling Castle enters *Franklin Drydock* at Southampton. The buildings at the far end of the drydock are the offices and factory of Messrs. Harland and Wolff Ltd, and the white building at the extreme left is the H.Q. of the Select Division, K.N.R.—a three-hundred ft.M.S. Wharves. This is the second largest drydock in Southampton and before the building of the King George V drydock in 1933, took the largest liners in the world.

The V was cut into the end of the dock in 1922 when the *Berengaria* (an ex German vessel) was handed over to the Cunard White Star Line. This was the second time the dock had been enlarged owing to the increasing size of new liners but, even so, when the *Berengaria* drydocked there were only 10 inches between the dock and the sides of the ship and her counter-stern overhung the caisson.