

Roxburgh Castle, 7,996 g.r.t., became in June the largest merchant ship to call at Sheerness and, it is believed, the largest dry cargo ship to enter the River Medway since the second world war.

The vessel, carrying the first South African cargo to be shipped through Sheerness, used the new deepwater berth and unloading of the 43,093 cartons of grapefruit began within one hour of her docking at 6.30 a.m. The cargo represented a trial shipment by the South African Co-operative Citrus Exchanges.