Sieke van Marion vandag in Kaap

DIT gaan beter met die siek leier en mediese ordonnans van die Suid-Afrikaanse weerspan op Marion-eiland, mnr. Graham Clarke (25), wat vandag in Simonstad terugverwag word.

Volgens 'n woordvoerder van die Departement van Vervoerswese was daar in die laaste paar dae 'n geringe verbetering in sy toestand. Onder die omstandighede is die dokters wat hom behandel tevrede met sy vordering.

Mnr. Clarke, wat net langer as 'n week gelede siek geword het, is Vrydagmiddag per helikopter aan boord van die Vloot se opmetingskip, die SAS Protea, gebring.

Die skip was aanvanklik vandag omstreeks 5 nm. aangekom het, maar 'n woordvoerder van die Vloot het gistermiddag gese die Protea word nou omstreeks 2 nm in die Simonstadse havwe verwag.

Mnr. Clarke sal ná sy aankoms na 'n hospitaal waarskynlik die Tygerberg-Hositaal in Parowvallei gebring word.
MNR GRAHAM CLARKE, leier en mediese ordonnans van die Suid-Afrikaanse weerspan op Marion-eiland, wat steeds ernstig siek is. Hy het gisteraand laat aan boord van die Vloot se hydrografiese opleidingskip die SAS Protea in Simonstad aangekom en is dadelik met 'n ambulance na die Tygerberg-Hospital gebring vir verdere behandeling. Dié foto is met mnr Clarke se aankoms geneem (Berg op bl. 15.)

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Marion man ‘stable’

The condition of Mr Graham Clarke, leader of the Marion Island research team, was yesterday described by a Tygerberg Hospital spokesperson as “unsatisfactory but stable”.

The spokesman said a final diagnosis of Mr Clark’s illness had yet to be made although tests were being carried out. Reports that he was suffering from meningitis, complicated by pneumonia, could not yet be confirmed, she said.

Yesterday he remained semi-conscious in the intensive-care unit where he had been taken after arriving in Simon’s Town on Tuesday on board the navy hydrographic survey ship SAS Protea.

Mr Clark, the only member of the Marion Island team with any medical training, fell ill with suspected meningitis about 11 days ago and was in a deteriorating condition until a SAAF C-130 transport aircraft parachuted emergency medication to his fellow researchers on the island.

He was picked up on Friday afternoon last week and cared for by a medical team on the Protea while the ship made a 1 141 sea-mile dash back.

Medical Reporter
A SAAF C130 Hercules aircraft yesterday dropped life-saving medicine on the remote Indian Ocean weather station on Marion Island where a 25-year-old member of the research team has fallen into a coma with suspected meningitis.

Meanwhile the SA Naval hydrographic survey ship SAS Protea is steaming full ahead in deteriorating weather to land Defence Force doctors on the island to treat Mr Graham Clarke, of Pinetown, Durban.

Mr Clarke, medical orderly for the 41st relief team, who has been on the island since April, developed a severe migraine headache last Saturday and when his condition deteriorated the SAS Protea, carrying Defence Force doctors, left Simon's Town for the island on Monday.

As the vessel is not due to reach Marion till 8am today, a SAAF C130 Hercules aircraft was sent from Waterkloof via Port Elizabeth to fly special life-saving medicines to the island yesterday.

Engine trouble

The aircraft, however, developed engine trouble and had to return to PE for repairs.

According to a spokesman for the Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Silvermine, a second C130 Hercules successfully dropped the medicine on the island.

As there is no harbour on the island, the doctors will have to be airlifted from SAS Protea by a 88 Squadron Wasp helicopter, providing the weather does not get worse.
Copter picks up ill team leader in bad weather

Mail Correspondent

CAPE TOWN – Mr Graham Childe of Pinetown, the surveying officer of the research team to Marion Island, has at last been picked up by a helicopter and is on his way back to South Africa on board a naval vessel.

It is likely he will be flown to hospital either in Cape Town or in East London as soon as the ship is within a reasonable distance of the nearest point.

The Navy hydrographic survey vessel, SAS Protea, passed through the area about 8pm on Thursday last, but high winds prevented attempts to launch the helicopter by the ship.

Another attempt had to be made yesterday morning when thick fog hampered the operation, a Department of Transport Antarctic Expedition spokesman said.

"But at 8pm the weather, which is still very bad, opened for a few minutes. The helicopter went in and Mr Childe is now aboard SAS Protea," he said.

Mr Childe, 32, is suspected of having meningitis, which can be fatal. He first began feeling severe migraine headaches last Saturday, but when his condition worsened, SAS Protea, with two Navy doctors on board, was dispatched to Marion Island.

Medical supplies were dropped off the ship from a SAAP C-130 Hercules on Wednesday afternoon after another bid to land the previous day because of engine trouble.

The SAS Protea is expected back in Simonstown on Tuesday or Wednesday.
Plane for Marion forced to return

Defence Reporter

THE SAAF transport Navy which joined the SA Navy’s emergency operation to take medical supplies to a critically ill member of the Marion Island research and meteorological group has turned back to Port Elizabeth with engine trouble.

The C-130 Hercules took off from Waterkloof air base at midnight when doctors aboard the naval hydrographic survey ship Protea, in radio contact with the island, said Mr Clarke's condition had deteriorated.

Mr Clarke, 52, the medical orderly and leader of the group which has been on the island since April, developed severe migraine headaches on Saturday.

The Defence Force doctors aboard the Protea suspect that Mr Clarke has meningitis.

CANNISTOR

The transport plane was to have refueled at Port Elizabeth and reach the isolated island at dawn today, but has been forced to return to Port Elizabeth with engine trouble.

On board is a canister of medical supplies which will be parachuted on to the island when the aircraft arrives at midday after repairs.

The SAS Protea is expected to reach the island — more than 2,000 km from Simon’s Town — only tonight.

Argus Correspondent in Durban reports that the parents of Mr Clarke, who comes from Pinetown, plan to be waiting in Cape Town when Protea returns with the mercy dash to fetch him — probably in four days’ time.

 HIS THIRD

From her Pinetown home, Mr Clarke’s mother, Mrs Jane Clarke, said that the family, although deeply concerned, had nothing but admiration for the way help was being rendered.

She said they had always backed their son’s participation in such expeditions — this was his third to the island in about three years.

“Any young man should go if he has the opportunity,” she said. “It’s the spirit of adventure.”
Doctors radio advice on treating Marion leader

DOCTORS on board SAS Protea are advising members of the Marion Island expeditionary group by radio how to treat their critically ill leader, Mr Graham Clarke.

An SA Air Force transport aircraft parachuted medicine to the island yesterday.

Mr Clarke, 25, the expedition's leader, and medical orderly, became ill at the weekend with suspected meningitis.

An SAAP spokesman said that the second C-130 Hercules sent on the mercy mission had parachuted emergency medical supplies on to the island at 3.45pm. The first aircraft sent to the island had turned back with engine trouble.

Doctors on board Protea, Navy's hydrographic survey ship, which sailed for the island on Monday, are advising the island team by radio.

South African Transport Services officials today declined to comment on Mr Clarke's condition.

A Navy spokesman said that the Protea was expected to anchor off Marion at 8 o'clock tonight.

"Weather permitting, Mr Clarke will be airlifted to the ship-tomorrow and Protea will head back to Cape Town," he said.

Protea is expected in Cape Town in four days' time.
Fog hampers medical team from reaching Marion Island

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — A thick fog today prevented a helicopter from airlifting military doctors from the Navy's survey ship, SA3 Protea, on to Marion Island to examine suspected meningitis sufferer, Mr Graham Clarke.

The two national service doctors from the South African Medical Service were hoping the bad weather would lift and allow them to get to the seriously ill patient.

A storm front which was building in the southern seas slowed down when it hit the Cape yesterday but strong winds still prevented the helicopter from taking off from the ship when it arrived at the island last night. Fog settled in when the winds died.

GOOD CONDITION

A spokesman for South African Transport Services said in Pretoria today that Mr Clarke, the Marion Island expedition team's medical orderly, was in good condition and that he had had a good night's sleep.

Mr Clarke, 21, on his third expedition to the island, became sick last weekend, suffering from appendicitis, which is thought to have developed into meningitis.

During the past week, the Air Force and Navy have launched a combined operation to drop emergency medical supplies on Marion Island and at the same time rush doctors by sea to treat Mr Clarke.

Mr Clarke was the only person on the island with any medical knowledge.

A normal service medical orderly on board SA3 Protea is expected to take over from Mr Clarke for the remaining two months of the six-month expedition on the island.
Staff Reporter

THE SA Navy hydrographical survey ship SAS Protea is expected to arrive in Simon's Town tomorrow with the ill Marion Island expeditionary team leader, Mr Graham Clarke, aboard.

The Navy and SA Air Force joined in a rescue operation first to drop medicine and then to airlift Mr Clarke from the isolated island when he became critically ill with meningitis.

An Air Force transport plane parachuted medicine to the island on Wednesday and the Protea anchored off the island on Friday after a four-day dash from Simon's Town through heavy seas.

Two abortive attempts were made to airlift Mr Clarke. Protea is heavy mist before a helicopter successfully ferried him to the ship on Saturday morning.

Doctors aboard the Protea said Mr Clarke's condition had "stabilised".

The Protea is expected to arrive in Simon's Town in the early evening tomorrow.
Mercy flight to Marion Island

By ROBIN PARKER

THE South African Air Force has mounted a mercy mission to isolated Marion Island in a bid to save the life of the seriously-ill leader of the expedition team on the island.

A C-130 Hercules transport aircraft loaded with a life-saving canister of medicines which was to be parachuted onto the island at daybreak, left Waterkloof Air Base outside Pretoria at midnight, refuelled at Port Elizabeth early this morning and then set off for the island.

The mercy flight was mounted after the condition of the leader of the team, Mr Graham Clarke, 25, of Durban, had wors-

ened markedly; and with little prospect of the SA Navy hydrographic survey vessel SAS Protea, with doctors on board, reaching him before 8 tonight. The vessel left Simon's Town on Monday after Mr Clarke, the 41st relief team's medical orderly, had become "very ill" at the weekend with severe sinusitis headaches.

A further message said that this had developed into an infectious condition.

Unconfirmed reports last night said Mr Clarke's illness had been diagnosed as a form of meningitis.

The decision to use the giant transporter was taken yesterday.
Medicine drop for Marion researcher

As the vessel is not due to reach Marion till 8pm today, a SAAF C130 Hercules aircraft was sent from Waterkloof via Port Elizabeth to fly special life-saving medicines to the island on Monday.

The aircraft, however, developed engine trouble and had to return to PE for repairs.

According to a spokesman for the Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Silvermine, a second C130 Hercules successfully dropped the medicine on the island.

As there is no harbour on the island, the doctors will have to be airlifted from SAS Port Elizabeth by a 22 Squadron Wasp helicopter, providing the weather does not get worse.

The Hercules aircraft returned to DF Malan Airport late last night after having dropped a medipack on the island.
Hulp na eiland

'n HERCULES het gisteraand om middernag van die lugmagbasis Waterkloof na Marion-eiland vertrek met mediese voorraad vir mnr. G. Clarke, 'n lid van die Departement van Vervoerse meteorologiese ekspedisie. Hy het vermoedelik meningitis. (Sapa)
Siek Marion-man kry medisyne

PRETORIA. - 'n Vragvliegtuig van die Lugmag het gistermiddag in gure weer by Marion-eiland aangekom met mediese noodvoorraad vir 'n siek lid van die Suid-Afrikaanse ekspedisie op die eiland.

Die leier en mediese ordonnans van die aflosspan, mnr. Graham Clarke (25) van Pinetown, ly vermoedelik aan meningitis.

Die Hercules C-130, wat gistermiddag uit Port Elizabeth opgetrek het, het die mediese voorraad omstreeks halfvier met 'n vatskerm op die eiland afgegooi, het 'n voordvoerder van die Lugmag gesê. Die vliegtuig kon nie daar land nie, aangesien die eiland nie oor 'n vliegvlak beskik nie.

HELIKOPTER

Die Vloot se opmetingskip, die SAS Protea, met twee dokters van die Geneeskundige Dienste en 'n mediese ordonnans aan boord, is onderweg na die eiland om mnr. Clarke te gaan haal. Die skip het Maandagavond uit Simonstad vertrek en behoort die eiland aan land te bereik.

Die vaartuig het 'n helikopter aan boord om mnr. Clarke, wat in die na-week siek geword het, van die eiland op te pik.

'n Hercules C-130 wat gistermiddag van die lugmagbasis Waterkloof vertrek het om die mediese voorraad na Marion-eiland te bring, moet terugkeer en in Port Elizabeth land nadat een van sy motore onklaar geraak het ongeveer 'n uur voordat hy die eiland sou bereik het.

BRANDSTOF

Dit is nie moontlik vir een van hierdie vragvliegtuie om die lang afstand van hul basis by Pretoria tot by die eiland – meer as 2 000 km suid van Kaapstad – te beveel nie, daarom moet hulle Port Elizabeth aandoen vir brandstof.

In die stadium is dit nog nie duidelik presies wat mnr. Clarke make nie, aangesien hy die enigste van die veertiend Suider-Afrikaners op die eiland is wat so 'n diagnose kan maak.

Die ander lede van die span behandel hom tans volgens opdragte wat per radio deur die dokters aan boord van die Protea aan hulle gegee word.
Sieke van Marion aan boord van Protea

DIE ernstig siek leier en mediese ordonnans van die 41ste Suid-Afrikaanse weerkundige navorsingspan op Marion-eiland, mnr. Graham Clarke (25), is gister om 3 nm per helikopter aan boord van die Vloot se opmetingskip, die SAS Protea, gebring. Sy toestand is as "onveranderd" bestempel.

Die skip het Donderdagaand by die eiland aangekom. Hy het Maandag uit Simonstad vertrek om bystand te verleen nadat mnr. Clarke vermoedelik meningitis opgedoen het.

Verskeie vroeere pogings om Weermag-dokters per helikopter op die eiland neer te laat, moes weens gure weer laat word.

Volgens 'n woordvoerder van die Vloot behoort die Protea teen Dinsdag in Kaapstad terug te wees.
Marion-man

‘verbeter’

DIE toestand van mnr. Graham Clarke (25), die ernstig siek leier en mediese ordonnans van die 41ste Suid-Afrikaanse weerkundige navorsingspan op Marion-eiland, verbeter steeds.

Mnr. Clarke is aan boord van die Vloot se opmetsingskip, die SAS Protea, wat mòre om 5 nm. in Kaapstad sal aankom. Die Protea het verlede Maandag uit Simonstad vertrek om bystand te verleen nadat mnr. Clarke vermoedelik meningitis opgedoen het.

Die skip het Donderdag aand by die eiland aangekomen. Dieselfde aand het ‘n helikoptervlieëner van die Weermag twee mislukte landingspogings op die eiland uitgevoer.

Verskeie vroeëre pogings om Weermag-dokters per helikopter op die eiland neer te laat, moes ook weens gure weer laat vaar word. Mnr. Clarke is uiteindelik Vrydagmiddag per helikopter aan boord van die Protea oehrins.
صلحیان و وارنیونربرگ

Die leden en medische orondens van die Suid- Afrikaanse Landbou Unie, onder wie president Mr. Graham Clarke (25), het gestreeper kort voor aanvaarding van die Vlind so as hy sas punte het in Simonstad Aangak en is dat wil in ‘n wagende ambulans na die Tygerberg-hospital in Bellville.

Een van die landbougeois wat hom betrak het, kaptein Peter Whitefield, een van die bestuurders van die Tygerberg hospitaal, het gesê dat die Vlind soos hy sas punte het in Simonstad Aangak en is dat wil in ‘n wagende ambulans na die Tygerberg-hospital in Bellville.

Volgens die Tygerberg-hospital se sepraktyks, 2. Ram Sulola, is die Vlind soos hy sas punte het in Simonstad Aangak en is dat wil in ‘n wagende ambulans na die Tygerberg-hospital in Bellville.

Mnr. Clarke het vorige maand ook gestreeper in Bellville, waar hy die Vlind soos hy sas punte het in Simonstad Aangak en is dat wil in ‘n wagende ambulans na die Tygerberg-hospital in Bellville.

Hulle van sy spannie ongelooft

Typisch van Mnr. Clarke is om feitselmatig die pergament van die Vlind soos hy sas punte het in Simonstad Aangak en is dat wil in ‘n wagende ambulans na die Tygerberg-hospital in Bellville.