

Tristan Volunteers Cheerful

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is the first time we have been parted from our families."

The islanders do not know what they will be paid for their work.

Mr. Crawford, who picked the half-dozen men from the volunteers among the island's 248 people and will be in charge of them at Marion Island, said yesterday:

"They are grand fellows. They are reliable anywhere.

"They do not understand money in the sense in which we understand it. They understand stores and form their judgment of values on the worth to them of different sorts of stores.

"They will be treated liberally, you can be sure."

While Mr. Crawford was on the island after May, 1946, he and his companions used coal left by the Navy during the war—quite a fair amount is still available—and cooked with paraffin.

The party had mostly tinned food, helped by milk, eggs, potatoes and occasional meat which they bartered with the islanders.

They worked out the barter on a money basis, although actual money did not pass, and reckoned an egg at 1d. and a pound of potatoes as 1d. They gave tinned and other stores in return for their food.

The Good Hope was away from Cape Town for only 13 days for her visit to Tristan and would have been back last week had it not been for heavy gales. A diesel engine for the meteorological station was sent ashore during her stay at Tristan.

Two surf boats from Tristan for Marion Island were carried back as deck cargo.

Many of the Good Hope's crew brought back Tristan curios, including model boats for which they bartered clothes and other articles.

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