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## Vrystaat races to Island

Herald Reporter

**T**HE speedy South African frigate, Vrystaat, began a mercy dash to lonely Marion Island when it sailed from Port Elizabeth last night at midnight with extra medical resources for a man thought to have acute appendicitis.

As the Vrystaat left on the over-900-mile race to the outpost, another warship, the frigate Good Hope, was approaching Port Elizabeth from Mossel Bay to "stand by."

Two Ventura aircraft left Ysterplaat airfield at the Cape at 1.45 p.m. yesterday carrying two doctors and another sick-bay attendant to bolster the Vrystaat's resources.

### Radio treatment

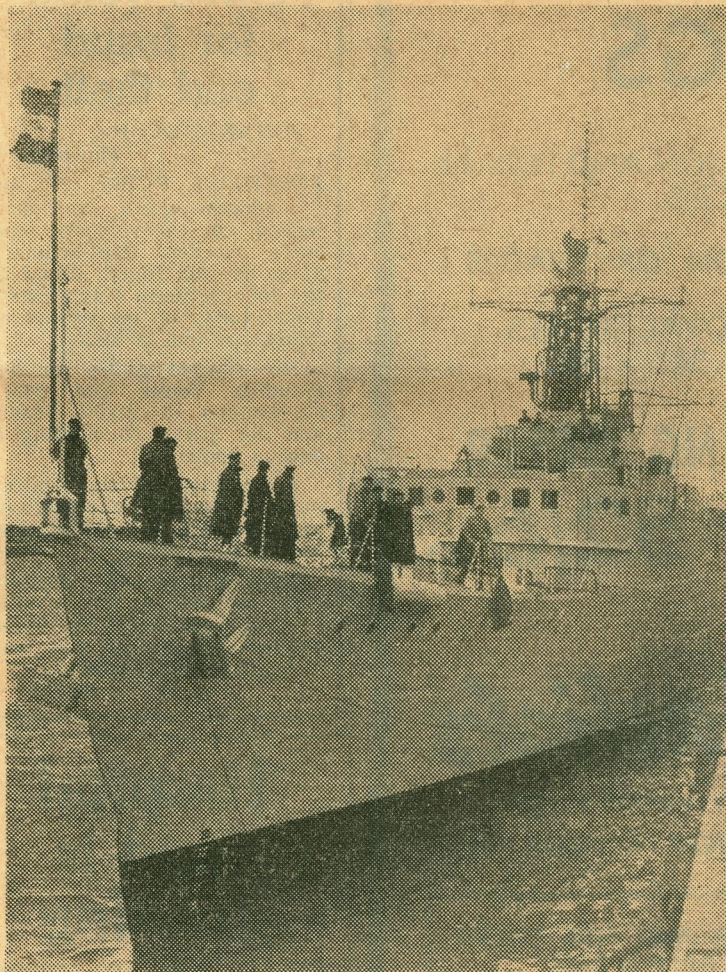
The name of the sick man was not known last night, but Capt. J. T. Rabie, of the South African Medical Corps, said information about the patient had come through with the weather reports. He had been under medical supervision by radio from Cape Town, but apparently was not improving.

Captain M. R. Terry-Lloyd, commander of the Vrystaat, said that when he reached Marion Island, he would send a motor launch ashore. Whether the doctors treated the sick man ashore, or whether he was brought on board by stretcher, would depend on his condition and the weather.

The Vrystaat will return to Port Elizabeth with or without him as soon as possible. Both the Vrystaat and the Good Hope, which is expected to berth at 6 a.m. today, were paying courtesy calls at Mossel Bay when they were instructed to come to Port

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**T**HE frigate, Vrystaat, pictured in the Port Elizabeth harbour yesterday as preparations went ahead for its 960-mile mercy mission to Marion Island, where a man is seriously ill. On board, when the Vrystaat sailed at midnight, were two Cape Town doctors who will attend to the sick man when the island is reached.