
Frigate's Fast Passage to Marion Island

THE S.A.N.F. frigate Transvaal, which docked in Table Bay early yesterday morning in a violent south-easter on her return from a relief trip to Marion Island, experienced nine days of almost continuous gales, with only one calm day while anchored off the island.

In spite of seas which hid her quarterdeck continually, the Transvaal made a record for the return trip.

She left Durban on October 12 with a relief party of six meteorological officers, and reached South Africa again yesterday with the six officers who had been relieved.

Some of the leave men suffered severely from sea-sickness. They were so anxious to land that they were ready to disembark when the ship docked at 6 a.m. They had grown heavy beards during their stay on the island.

The Transvaal, which is commanded by Lieut.-Commander J. Johnson, D.S.C., leaves Cape Town to-day for Simonstown for a refit.
