

Liverpool on Christmas Eve. They heard that two R.A.F. corporals had chased the 'monster'—known to Africans as 'the black thing' (kita nyusi)—across Mombasa Harbour in a motor-launch.

"The 'Clan Macbrayne's' expert in photography, Cadet Ewan Ramsey, of Titwood Road, Glasgow, kept watch with a camera in the hope of 'snapping' the monster.

"HUGE BLACK HEAD."

"At 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve Third Engineer Leslie German, of Bridle Road, Crewe, heard

'a tremendous splash' alongside. He rushed on deck, but saw only a 'large swell on the surface of the water.'

"Four hours later the ship's carpenter, F. Connell, of Collingwood Road, Chorley, Lancashire, was on deck and saw 'a huge black head' appear slowly above the water between the ship and the shore.

"The head turned away from the ship and Connell could not see the details of it clearly.—REUTER."

We cannot imagine what made this Monster appear on such a festive occasion.



The Editor and staff wish to thank Captain Parfitt and all his Officers aboard the "Clan Urquhart," together with the

Torres Straits Pilot, for the unique Christmas Card which arrived by post from Australia, and which we reproduce below.

