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TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS

Three more poems have come in! One by Frances Young of Knysna and another by Beatrix Foakes are quoted below: The second one by Mrs Foakes appeared in the "Die Burger" of 19 February, (in English).

ALBATROS. By Frances Young.

Winged Albatros the second  
How gloriously you've won  
Not alone the Race to Rio  
But the hearts of everyone

Who saw you on the Knysna  
On that sparkling summer's day  
Through the Gateway of The Heads  
Tack your way to Table Bay

Where rigs of every nation  
Lay abobbing in the sun  
Aware of Cape Town's great ovation  
And, at last, the starting gun.

Soon the violent South Easter  
Blew a squiggle in your mast,  
Breached your sloop and snatched a crosstree  
While the cockpit filled up fast.

In the lee of Robben Island  
You splinted her tall crest,  
Then Caution was a passenger

As you sailed on with the rest.

At the Line you spliced the mainbrace  
To set the crown of Victory  
On The Heads and on the Thesens  
Who have reigned a Century

On Knysna's wooded slopes  
Where their forefathers came  
In Albatros, the Sister to  
The Sloop you've sailed to fame.

ALBATROS II By Mrs. BA. Foakes.

Like a bird she has skimmed the Atlantic's seas  
With billowing sails in a bracing breeze  
And has won the coveted, leading place  
In the Cape to Rio's exciting race.

Now hailed in triumph at Rio's shore  
She brings honour and glory as never before  
Was brought by a yacht to this country of ours  
With her azure skies and her wealth of wild flowers.

None fairer on earth there can ever be  
Than South Africa fair with her sun-drenched sea.  
Now Knysna' a yacht brings her worldwide fame  
And adds lustre to Albatros II's own name.

The other has been illustrated with a really rather pleasant watercolour of Albatros II going through The Heads. Both are by Don Ogilvie, a keen MOTH and friend of

Stanley's. The photostat of this is attached but unfortunately the colours of course do not show.

I do not see why you should not share in them - hence the circulars giving them.

I still have not got down to writing up my impressions of what happened here when the news came through, but will do so as soon as possible. It was most exciting!

Scores of telegrams and letters have come in, some from people like the Prime Minister and Mrs. Smith, Members of Parliament, Admiral Bierman, Cabinet Ministers, Mayors of Towns and members of the Provincial Council, and so on but those perhaps which touch one most are from friends in walks of life. I have the job of answering all of them!

Yours,

Ted Stent