

FLASHES!

The Queen Mother, with Princess Margaret, made her usual pre) Remembrance Day visit to the Exhibition and Sale of goods made by War Disabled Ex-Servicemen. A First War blinded veteran William Lacey was presented to Her Majesty. He showed her a piece of music he composed to celebrate Coronation Year. An ex-Naval man, Henry Smith, very skillfully paints on spectacle cases. Among purchases made there by the Royal visitors were one or two likely to find their way into guess who's nursery?

Excellent value for money is given by ex-soldiers to whom we are all indebted.

The Shaw Savill Liner Gothic will carry three Wrens on the Royal Tour; 2nd Officer Joan Bevan, 3rd Officers Diana Wilson and Susan Rigby. The Royal apartments have retained the decoration supplied when S.S. Gothic was prepared for the Royal Tour before the late King's death. <sup>Naval personnel & command</sup> Vice-Admiral Abel Smith, <sup>the ship's log</sup> ~~left~~ Captain Aitchison, ~~...~~

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A cliff-face minefield 4-miles long at Trimmingham on the Norfolk Coast was given a special treatment by the Bomb Disposal <sup>Group</sup> Troops. By washing away the sand of the under-cliff many mines were brought to light.

Laid in wartime to repel invaders they remain now as a danger to holiday-makers. The general service pattern detectors can spot mines not deeper than two-feet. Special types can detect anything as deep as five-feet. The most effective method of all was to blow up large parts of the cliff-face. When that was done all was safe for native and visitor.

## "GOTHIC" READY FOR ROYAL TOUR

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The Shaw Savill liner Gothic has had her funnel raised seven feet, for smoke to clear the saluting base. Royal and staff barges are stowed in the after well. Princess Eliz's day cabin and the rest of the royal suites are air conditioned to give all possible comfort on the tour to Australia and New Zealand. The radio-phone will provide for long-distance. Refitting the liner - this is the ante-room - was carried out by Cammell Lairds at Birkenhead, and a very fine job has been done. Part of what used to be the dining saloon is now the Princess's dining room. So, fully prepared for occupation by the Mr R.R., ~~and~~ the Duke and staff the Gothic sails for Mombassa, Kenya, to which the royal travellers will go by air.