

"SHIP THAT WILL NEVER RETURN" - - News has reached England that the new Melanesian mission ship SOUTHERN CROSS VI has been wrecked on her way to the Solomon Islands.

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Picture.:-"The ship that will never return? - - With those words I started my commentary upon this Mission Ship four--

--months ago, when His Grace the--

--Lord Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated the vessel to perpetual service in the--

--South Pacific. Those words have now assumed--

--a deeper and greater significance than they were intended to convey. On a visit to the Solomon Islands, a port-of-call--

--in the world's largest and most lonely parish, the ship encountered a hurricane and was smashed, a total wreck, upon a coral reef of Aneityun Island. All on board--

--were able to get ashore in comparative safety. This--

--disaster may cause suffering to far-off mission stations which were expecting stores.