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ROYAL RESEARCH SHIP.

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The Royal Research Ship "DISCOVERY II" sails--  
--to-day for the far South. She will be away for--  
--at least two years, investigating the whaling industry.  
Loading stores is most important. If somebody forgets to--  
--pack a few pipes of tobacco and a bottle or two, trouble--  
--will follow. They're not going short for their first  
Christmas dinner, anyway!

The Commander is Lieutenant-Nelson, R.N.R., and Dr.  
Maekintosh--

--is Research Scientist. Mr. J.H. Thomas inspects the  
equipment, showing special interest in a harpoon gun.  
The ship will visit the--

--loneliest island - Tristan Da Cunha, and drop--

99, mails. In the name of the Government and the British  
people, Mr. J.H. Thomas wishes--

--them God-speed, and a safe return from the hazardous  
task.