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Synopsis

In 1918, the Royal Colonial Institute, published in Volume 9, of its publication "United Empire", a 7-page article by Royal Naval Commander Geoffrey Basil Spicer-Simson giving an account of his adventures leading a naval expedition to Lake Tanganyika in 1915 where he fought The Battle for Lake Tanganyika. The two motorboats, which Spicer-Simson named Mimi and Toutou, were loaded aboard SS Llanstephen Castle in Great Britain on 15 June along with the expedition's equipment and supplies. Two special trailers and cradles were also brought along to allow them to be transported by rail or overland. The first leg of Mimi and Toutou's 10,000 mi journey was completed after 17 days at sea and their arrival at the Cape of Good Hope. Now all that had to be done was to transport the two steam powered boats overland to Lake Tanganyika in Central Africa where the enemy German boats were already waiting

Geoffrey Basil Spicer-Simson (1876 – 1947) was a Royal Navy officer. He served in the Mediterranean, Pacific and Home Fleets. He is most famous for his role as leader of a naval expedition to Lake Tanganyika in 1915, where he commanded a small flotilla which attacked a similar German force during the Battle for Lake Tanganyika.

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