

ORDER OF PRINCE HENRY THE NAVIGATOR

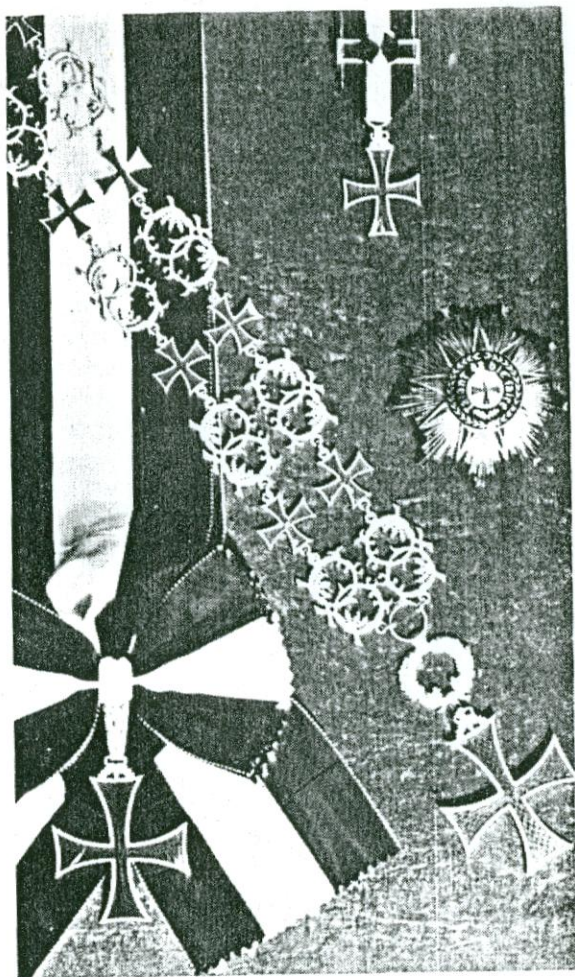
500th ANNIVERSARY

In 1960, Portugal invited a South African warship to the 500th anniversary of the birth of Prince Henry the Navigator. Captain John Fairbairn SM, SAN, accordingly took the frigate SAS VRYSTAAT to Lisbon for the celebrations. Whilst there, Captain Fairbairn was awarded the medal of Grand Officer of the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator.

The Order is a recent one, having been instituted in June 1960 as a tribute to Prince Henry the Navigator. The Order commemorates the Fifth Centenary of the Prince's death, and is awarded to Portuguese citizens and foreigners who have performed distinguished services of outstanding merit. The aim of the Order is to reward historical activities and studies dealing with the sea, or the knowledge and spreading of the expansion of Portugal in the World.



Captain J. Fairbairn, SM, SAN



Insignia of the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator

FIVE DEGREES

The Order of Prince Henry comprises five degrees, and two medals - of gold and of silver. These degrees, and the ranks of officer to whom they may be awarded, are as follows:

- Member - Ensigns and above,
- Officer - Lieutenant-Commanders and above,
- Commander - Commanders,
- Grand Officer - Captains and above,
- Grand Cross - Rear-Admirals and above,
- Grand Collar - Heads of State.