

missing on the Upper Ulanga; a mechanic and a missionary's sister were aboard the boat.

The Captain thought. He assumed that his two prisoners had abandoned their boat on the Upper Ulanga and come down the river in a canoe which had probably been destroyed during the storm the night before.

"Please sit down," said the Captain to Rose. Her clothes were torn and she felt uneasy. The Captain seemed to notice that. He opened a locker and took out a white uniform jacket, which he gave to Rose. This made her feel better.

The Captain then started questioning Rose, and was most surprised to discover that she and Allnutt had brought the steamboat down the rapids of the Ulanga and through the Bora Delta.

"But, gracious lady," said the Captain, "that was a very dangerous thing to do. You could have both been killed."

Rose shrugged. "We had no choice," she said simply. She glanced at Allnutt and smiled. Though she was happy to see him again, Rose was extremely disappointed that she had lost her opportunity to destroy the Queen Louisa.

The Captain thought for a moment. It was clear that the prisoners were not spies and definitely not a threat for the Germans. Secretly, he admired them for their bravery; few people would have been able to bring a boat through such dangerous waters.

"But, madam," asked the Captain, "why did your friend here not explain to us what happened?"

Rose stood up, walked over to Allnutt and put a protective hand on his shoulder. "Because he is ill and tired," she replied and gently stroked Allnutt's face. "He should be in bed."

"You are ill too, madam," said the captain. Rose didn't bother to answer back.

The Captain didn't know what to do with his prisoners. Von Hanneken would want them to be sent to the mainland and imprisoned. But the Captain did not think that it would be right to imprison two such courageous people, especially since they were so ill.

The Captain sighed. Von Hanneken would be furious if he found out that the prisoners had been released, but he wasn't too worried

about that. The Captain considered himself to be the master of the lake and he could do what he liked on his own ship.

