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## Notes of the Quarter

IN 1958, for the third year in succession, life-boats were launched on service more than 700 times. The total number of launches was 714, or two fewer than the figure for 1957. Before 1956 there were only two years in which life-boats were called out on service more than 700 times. These were the war-time years of 1940 and 1941. In the period of peace between the two world wars of this century life-boats were never called out as many as 500 times in any single year. These facts are the indisputable proof of the huge increase in demands made on the life-boat service in modern times.

The category of vessels which gave rise to most calls for life-boats in 1958 was that of fishing boats of all types. Launches to the help of these boats accounted for 22.7% of the total number of launches. Vessels serving in the main the commerce of the country, the category defined as that of motor vessels, steamers, barges, motor boats, etc., gave rise to 148 calls (or 20.7% of the total). Yachts of different kinds formed the category making the third largest demand on life-boats, with 133 launches to their help (or 18.6% of the total).

### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

An important anniversary in the history of the mechanisation of the life-boat service occurs in 1959, for it was on the 15th of April, 1909, that a flotilla of a kind which had never been seen before left from the London docks. It consisted of three life-boats all bound for Scotland: one was a conventional sailing boat of the Watson type, but the other two were fitted with petrol engines and were the first life-boats designed and built from the outset as motor life-boats to go to their stations anywhere in Britain. For several years before 1909 the Institution had been experimenting with the fitting of petrol

engines into existing life-boats. These experiments were exhaustive and thorough, for it was necessary to have engines which would be reliable enough to overcome the hazards and difficulties of life-boat service, and not until 1909 was a motor life-boat completed which satisfied the demands which the Institution made. The flotilla of three boats was received enthusiastically at its various ports of call, which included Harwich, Gorleston, Grimsby, Scarborough, Hartlepool, Tynemouth, Dundee, Aberdeen and Wick. The two motor life-boats were stationed at Stromness and Stronsay in the Orkneys.

The 1959 edition of *The Story of the Life-boat* consists of an account of the past fifty years in the life-boat service and the development of the mechanisation of the fleet. It also includes a number of stories of outstanding services by motor life-boats during the present century. There will be English, Scottish and Welsh editions, which will be available from branches or from Life-boat House, 42, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1. (1/6d. plus 9d. postage).

### INTERNATIONAL LIFE-BOAT CONFERENCE

The Institution has accepted an invitation to take part in the eighth international life-boat conference, which is being held in Bremen in June 1959. There have been three other international life-boat conferences since the end of the last war. They were held in Norway, Belgium and Portugal. The first of these conferences took place in London in 1924, the year in which the Institution celebrated the hundredth anniversary of its foundation.

### VISIT BY FRENCH CHIEF INSPECTOR

Captain Y. Durand-Gasselin, Chief Inspector of the French life-boat service, Société Centrale de Sauvetage des Naufragés, spent a week in England in

January 1959. He had discussions with all the senior officials of the Institution in London and visited the life-boat stations at Scarborough, where he went afloat in the life-boat, and Clacton. He

expressed particular interest in the new Oakley life-boat and the new types of tractor and carriage in use, and commented favourably on them all in a broadcast in the B.B.C.'s French service.

### Three Russian Seamen Rescued off Rocks

ON the 16th of October, 1958, the Soviet trawler *Urbe*, which was believed to have a crew of about twenty-five, sank near the Holm of Skaw, an uninhabited rocky islet off the north-eastern corner of the Shetland island of Unst. The trawler was one of a fleet of some thirty which had been fishing off the Shetlands.

A distress message had been received by Wick radio from the Soviet parent ship *Tomsk*, and at 9.3 in the evening the honorary secretary of the Lerwick life-boat station, Mr. P. Bruce Laurenson, learnt of the distress message from the coastguard.

It was a very dark overcast night, with frequent rain squalls which reduced visibility. A fresh northerly gale was blowing; there was a rough sea, and the tide was half flood.

#### Gruelling Passage

The Lerwick life-boat *Claude Cecil Staniforth*, a new 52-foot Barnett boat, was launched at 9.32. The Holm of Skaw is some fifty-three miles north of Lerwick, and in the teeth of a northerly gale the passage was a gruelling one. During much of the passage the life-boat was shipping water overall.

On the outward journey a message was received by radio-telephone that some survivors had been seen on the Holm of Skaw, and it was learnt that a man living in Baltasound, Mr. Duncan Mouat, who had an intimate knowledge of the waters around Unst, had volunteered to act as pilot. Coxswain John Sales decided to take advantage of this offer, and about three o'clock on the morning of the 17th of October the life-boat embarked Mr. Mouat at Baltasound.

About an hour later the starboard propeller was fouled by a net. At this stage the life-boat was some three miles south of the Holm of Skaw, and half

an hour later she approached the rock. Coxswain Sales closed the southern shore of the Holm on one engine and anchored in ten fathoms of water about forty yards from the beach.

#### Confused Sea and Heavy Swell

The weather at this time was squally. There were frequent rain showers, with a confused sea and a heavy swell, and the wind was gusting between north-north-west and north-north-east. The ebb tide was setting north.

Ashore on Unst several groups of people had been trying to locate survivors. Members of the Baltasound life-saving apparatus team had turned out and had been joined by some twenty airmen from the Royal Air Force station at Saxa Vord, as well as a number of crofters and villagers. Three trawlers, the *Ben Heilem*, the *Scottish Queen* and the *Robert Hastie*, had been searching the waters in conjunction with a Shackleton aircraft.

In the beam of searchlights set up on Unst the life-boat's crew were able to see three survivors from the Soviet trawler sheltering behind a high boulder. Coxswain Sales moved the beam of the life-boat's searchlight to indicate the point to which a line would be fired, and Second Coxswain William Sales fired the rocket line exactly to the position aimed at. There was no suitable position on the Holm to which the tail of the block could be secured, but the first two men were hauled off while the third man paid out the bight of the veering line by hand. The third man was the skipper of the trawler, and he himself was rescued lying on the breeches buoy and kicking out with his legs. The rescue was effected less than twenty minutes after the life-boat had anchored, and members of the life-boat's crew managed to clear the starboard propeller of the net.

#### Search for Survivors

This task was finished at 5.20, and Coxswain Sales then decided to make for Norwick, some two miles to the southward, to pick up a small boat in order to land on the Holm to search for further survivors. The Russian skipper spoke a few words of English and he seemed to indicate that one man had been left on the rocks, although it was not clear whether this man was alive or dead.

In Norwick Bay the life-boat took on board a 10-foot boat of local design, together with the crew of three who had brought her out. This boat was later launched, with a crew consisting of Mr. Duncan Mouat and three members of the life-boat's crew. A search was carried out for survivors without success; the small boat was recovered, and the life-boat began to carry out a wider search.

At 7.25 the trawler *Urbe* was sighted half a mile north of the Holm of Skaw, but only part of the bow and masts were then visible. At eleven o'clock an aircraft joined the search, and shortly afterwards the life-boat left the area for Baltasound.

#### Request from Parent Ship

During the search the Soviet parent ship *Tomsk* had made repeated requests by radio-telephone that any survivors should be returned to her, but Mr. Bruce Laurenson had informed the coxswain that he was not to transfer survivors at sea because of the likelihood that the life-boat would suffer damage.

The three survivors on board the life-boat were suffering from cold and exposure, but were cared for by Frederick Mulla, a member of the crew, who was qualified in first-aid. They were rubbed down to allow their circulation to be restored, wrapped in blankets and given stimulants. Two dead bodies which had been picked up were also taken aboard the life-boat.

#### Three Survivors Landed

The life-boat reached Baltasound at 12.45. The three Russian survivors and the two bodies were landed, and the

Russian seamen were taken to the Springfield Hotel, where the proprietress, Mrs. Charlotte Mouat, had prepared hot baths, meals and refreshments for them. She refused any payment and stated that her help could be regarded as her contribution to the life-boat service. Clothing was supplied to the three men by the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society.

#### Transferred to Launch

After the survivors had been suitably cared for the life-boat left Baltasound for Lerwick at 2.40 in the afternoon. At 3.10 the coxswain received a message by radio-telephone from the honorary secretary informing him that at the request of the Immigration Officer he should return to Baltasound and land the survivors and bodies. This was done and the three men and the bodies were transferred to a Soviet launch which had previously approached the life-boat with the object of recovering the survivors. The life-boat then set out once more at 4.45 and reached Lerwick at 9.20 in the evening. By that time the coxswain had been without sleep for forty-one hours.

Among the many tributes paid to the part played by the Lerwick life-boat crew was one broadcast by Moscow radio, in which reference was made to the crew's "brilliant skill, vast courage and selfless heroism in fighting a treacherous sea."

For this service the silver medal for gallantry was awarded to Coxswain John Sales;

The bronze medal for gallantry was awarded to Mr. Andrew Duncan Mouat of Baltasound;

The thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum were accorded to the other seven members of the crew:

William Sales.  
George Leith.  
Robert Laurenson.  
John Johnston.  
John Sinclair.  
Frederick Mulla.  
Raymond Leask.

Rewards to the crew, etc., £58.

## Award for Senior Aircraftman

ABOUT 8.45 on the morning of the 29th of September, 1958, a Royal Air Force 60-foot pinnacle left Falmouth harbour for a trial run in rough seas. She had a crew of five and Corporal N. L. Dyer was in command.

A strong, south-south-easterly wind was blowing straight into the harbour, causing a rough sea. The weather was fine and the tide was ebbing.

### Man Jumped Overboard

A quarter of an hour after leaving harbour, when the pinnacle was about half-a-mile south of Pendennis Point, Corporal Dyer saw a yacht with a dinghy in tow heading seawards. He thought the yacht might be in difficulties because of the rough seas and decided to approach her. As the pinnacle began to close the yacht the man on board the yacht suddenly let go of the tiller and jumped overboard. He made no attempt to swim.

Corporal Dyer brought the pinnacle as close to the man as he could and a lifebuoy was dropped within six inches

of him, but he lay face downwards and made no attempt to grab it.

### Dived into the Sea

Senior Aircraftman Robert Keddie, a member of the crew, who is aged nineteen, dived into the sea and held the man up until a second life buoy was thrown to them with a line attached. Both men were then hauled on board the pinnacle.

The man who had been rescued was unconscious, but he was given artificial respiration. His breathing was restored after about five minutes and the pinnacle landed the man at 9.55 at Falmouth, where he was taken to hospital. The yacht was recovered by another member of the pinnacle's crew and escorted into harbour by a second Royal Air Force pinnacle.

The rescued man was later charged with attempting to commit suicide and placed on probation.

For this service the thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum have been accorded to Senior Aircraftman Robert Keddie.

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## Portrait on the Cover

THE portrait on the cover is of Coxswain Alexander Nelson of Donaghadee. He has been a member of the Donaghadee life-boat crew since 1912. He was appointed bowman in 1929, second coxswain in 1949, and coxswain in

1954. During the period of a little over four years in which he has been coxswain the Donaghadee life-boat has been launched 16 times on service and has rescued 18 lives.

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## THE LIFE-BOAT FLEET

154 Life-boats

LIVES RESCUED

from the foundation of the Life-boat Service

in 1824 to 31st December, 1958 - - 81,857

## Book Reviews

Mr. John Fisher has had the interesting idea of assembling in *Storms* (Adlard Coles, 15/-) accounts of some of the greatest storms in history. They include the great gales of 1703, when 8,000 men and women were reported to have been drowned at sea round the coasts of Britain; the storm which destroyed many of the prize ships after the battle of Trafalgar; a hurricane which Robert Louis Stevenson witnessed in Samoa; and the typhoon which struck the United States Third Fleet near the Philippine Islands in 1944. Among the accounts of the parts played by life-boats are descriptions of the famous journey of the Lynmouth life-boat over Exmoor in 1899 and the rescue by the Ballycotton life-boat of the crew of the Daunt Rock lightvessel in 1936. The stories of the happenings in these great storms are admirably told in every case.

### ACCOUNTS OF RECENT RESCUES

Mr. Robert Rodrigo in *Search and Rescue* (William Kimberley, 21/-) confines himself to accounts of comparatively recent rescues, most of them by aircraft. Three of the rescues recorded occurred in 1956, by helicopter from the tug *Rumania*, by the Torbay life-boat in the case of two children who drifted out in a dinghy from Dawlish, and by helicopter again from the Norwegian ship *Dovreffjell*.

As one reads Mr. Rodrigo's accounts one begins to fear that sooner or later every mission of rescue will be described as "one hell of a job," and it is perhaps a pity that at one point he states: "This book sets out to portray Search and Rescue in all its forms and to demonstrate the parts played by the various organisations which have become integrated with it." This gives a misleading impression of a book which does in fact consist of a series of colourful accounts of a few individual exploits.

*Ship Salvage* by Captain G. Wheeler (George Phillip, 15/-) gives a thorough account of many of the problems of salvage work at sea and describes methods commonly in use. Much of the book is based on the author's personal experiences both in peace and war, and from these a picture emerges

of the wide range of knowledge and experience which the successful salvage officer needs.

### PRACTICAL HANDBOOKS

The Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation has issued Part III (*Distress and Rescue at Sea—Ships and Aircraft*) of its book on merchant shipping notices. This gives in only twenty-seven pages an admirable résumé of what various organisations concerned with rescue at sea—coast radio stations, H.M. Coastguard, the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, air traffic control centres, and Lloyds, as well as the Royal National Life-boat Institution,—are called upon to do when a vessel is in distress. As a practical handbook this could hardly be improved. Copies of the booklet are available to masters of all classes of ships from Mercantile Marine offices and Customs Houses. They have been issued by the Institution to district inspectors. P.H.

In his third edition of *Life-boats and Their Conversion* (H. F. and G. Witherby, 30/-) Mr. C. E. Tyrrell Lewis has carried out a certain amount of revision necessitated by changing conditions and post-war experience. The result is a severely practical hand-book which offers no short cuts or cheap methods of acquiring a beautiful vessel.

The author states quite bluntly that those who have the money to buy a yacht hull in the first place should do so and not waste time and money on a conversion which will never have a second-hand value comparable with the energy and money put into it. But for the man who is determined to be master of his own vessel at the minimum cost, even if it involves the maximum effort, this is the book. It is clear, concise and except in one or two minor instances, hard to fault.

The chapter on shore-based life-boats, which makes clear the wide divergence in design and construction between these sturdy vessels and ship's boats, has entailed considerable research, though some of the conclusions drawn, particularly with reference to surf boats, may not obtain the support of all those who go out in life-boats.

E.W.M.

## New Year Honours

The list of honours bestowed on those associated with the life-boat service in the New Year Honours for 1959 included :—

K.B. Mr. J. A. MILNE, C.B.E., Chairman and Managing Director, J. Samuel White & Co.

C.B. Rear-Admiral K. ST. B. COLLINS, O.B.E., D.S.C., a member of the Committee of Management.

C.B.E. Alderman A. R. BURTON, Chairman of the Flamborough station branch.

C.B.E. Lieut. - Commander G. J. MACKNESS, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N., Vice - President of the Nottingham district branch and holder of the Institution's gold badge.

M.B.E. MRS. WILLIAM DICKSON, President, Dromore branch.

M.B.E. Captain R. T. DUTHIE, D.S.C., Joint honorary secretary, Fraserburgh station branch.

M.B.E. Miss MARJORIE KNOWLING, Vice-Chairman, Tenby Ladies' Life-boat guild.

## New Organising Secretary for Scotland

Miss E. M. Lloyd-Jones, whose home is in Auchterarder, Perthshire, has been appointed as the Institution's organising secretary for Scotland. She succeeds Mrs. Jan D. Paton, who has retired after thirteen years of distinguished service with the Institution during which she worked tirelessly to evoke the wonderful response of the people of

Scotland to the claims of the life-boat service.

Miss Lloyd-Jones served as a personnel selection officer in the Women's Royal Army Corps from 1954 to 1958. She had previously been assistant labour officer at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Aycliffe, and personnel manager of Turnbells Limited, of Hawick.

## Vellum for Fowey Mechanic

THE thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum have been accorded to Assistant Mechanic James Turpin of Fowey, Cornwall, who swam a hundred yards through broken water from the Fowey life-boat to the help of a young woman

and an auxiliary coastguard, who had been cut off by the tide on the 12th of September, 1958. He also received an additional monetary reward. An account of this service appeared in the December 1958 number of the *Life-boat* on page 172.

## Royal Humane Society Award

THE Royal Humane Society has awarded its testimonial on vellum to Mr. Harry Davis of Camborne, who swam out from a cave near St. Ives on the 9th of August, 1958, in order to summon help for a party stranded in the cave. As a result the St. Ives' life-boat was called out and effected the

rescue which was described in the December 1958 number of the *Life-boat* on page 130.

Mr. Davis tried to scale a cliff, but when he was twenty-five feet up slipped and dropped back into the sea. He then swam another hundred yards and managed to climb the cliff at another point.

## Services of the Life-boats in October, November and December 69 Lives Rescued

### OCTOBER

DURING October life - boats were launched on service 50 times and rescued 41 lives.

#### ESCORT FOR KETCH IN TOW OF TRAWLER

**Walmer, Kent.** At 1.42 early on the morning of the 1st of October, 1958, the coastguard told the honorary secretary that red flares had been seen four to five miles south-east of the look-out. At two o'clock the life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched. An east-south-easterly gale was blowing, with a rough sea, and it was high water. At 2.48 a message was intercepted from the trawler *Saleta* stating that she had taken the auxiliary ketch *Terminist* of Plymouth, which had fifteen people on board, in tow, as the ketch was making water and her steering gear was broken. The life-boat met the two vessels and escorted them to Dover harbour. She then returned to her station, arriving at eight o'clock. Rewards to the crew, £16 5s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £9 17s.

#### POLISH FISHING VESSEL AGROUND ON ROCK

**North Sunderland, Northumberland.** At 9.45 on the evening of the 1st of October, 1958, the coastguard told the honorary secretary that the Longstone lighthouse-keeper had reported that a vessel had hove to on or near Knave-stone Rock. At ten o'clock the life-boat *Grace Darling* was launched in a slight sea. There was a moderate south-easterly wind, and the tide was ebbing. The life-boat found the Polish fishing vessel *Szpak* aground on the rock. The crew of eighteen were in a state of some distress, and the life-boat stood by until the fishing vessel refloated on the tide. The *Szpak* was badly damaged and had lost her rudder, and she was taken in tow by a sister vessel. The life-boat reached her station at 6.30. Rewards to the crew, £20 15s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £9 15s.

#### TWO FISHING VESSELS TAKEN IN TOW

**Dunbar, East Lothian.** At 10.15 on the morning of the 3rd of October, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary secretary that the motor fishing vessel *Snowdrop* of Inverness was disabled off the Bass Rock, six miles east of Dunbar. The life-boat *George and Sarah Strachan* put out at 10.30 in a rough sea, with a fresh south-easterly wind blowing and a flood tide. While she was on her way to the position given, the motor fishing vessel *Yvonne Risager* was seen to be also in difficulties. The coxswain decided to go to the assistance of the *Snowdrop* first. The life-boat took her in tow and later took the *Yvonne Risager* in tow also. The tow ropes parted three times, and as the life-boat approached the harbour, to which the entrance is somewhat narrow, the coxswain decided to cast off the *Snowdrop*. The life-boat towed the *Yvonne Risager* into the harbour, and the *Snowdrop* was taken in tow by another fishing vessel. The life-boat reached her station at four o'clock. Rewards to the crew, £16 5s.

#### ESCORT FOR FRENCH FISHING BOAT

**Plymouth, Devon.** At 11.27 on the morning of the 3rd of October, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary secretary that a fishing boat appeared to have engine trouble two miles west-north-west of Queener Point. At 11.47 the life-boat *Thomas Forehead and Mary Rowse* put out in a rough sea, with a southerly gale blowing and an ebb tide. She found the fishing boat *Eutarte*, of Cherbourg, off Rame Head, proceeding under her own power. She escorted her into the Sound, and after the crew of the French boat had thanked the life-boat crew she returned to her moorings, arriving at 1.35. Rewards to the crew, £7 10s.

#### MAN RESCUED FROM YACHT AGROUND

**Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.** At 11.47 on the morning of the 3rd of October, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary

secretary that the yacht *Stella* of Whitstable was in difficulties three miles south of Clacton pier. One of her crew had been rescued by a helicopter, but a second man had refused to leave. The life-boat *Sir Godfrey Baring* was launched in a rough sea, with a fresh southerly wind blowing and an ebb tide. She found the yacht aground on the Gunfleet Bank, with the man clinging to the rigging, and although the water was extremely shallow managed to come alongside. The man fell overboard from the yacht but was quickly recovered by the life-boat crew, who landed him at Clacton. The *Stella* later sank. Because of the bad weather the life-boat went to moorings at Brightlingsea, and her crew arrived home at six o'clock in the evening. Rewards to the crew, £16 5s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £2 9s.

#### TOW FOR YACHT SAILING TO NEW ZEALAND

**St. Mary's, Scilly Isles.** At ten o'clock on the morning of the 4th of October, 1958, the coastguard told the honorary secretary that a yacht was in difficulties seven miles east of St. Agnes lighthouse. At 10.42 the life-boat *Guy and Clare Hunter* was launched in a rough sea. There was a moderate south-westerly wind and the tide was ebbing. The life-boat found the yacht *Mary Ann* of Aberystwyth with two people on board. She had been on passage to New Zealand, but her rudder had broken. The life-boat took her in tow to St. Mary's, arriving at two o'clock. Rewards to the crew, £12 5s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £2 8s.

#### TOW FOR YACHT AGROUND IN ESTUARY

**Lytham-St Anne's, Lancashire.** At 9.55 on the evening of the 4th of October, 1958, the mechanic told the honorary secretary that the owner of the motor yacht *Le Cateau* of Glasson Dock had rowed ashore to report that his vessel was aground on the south side of the Ribble estuary, half a mile north of Lytham pier. The life-boat *White Star*, on temporary duty at the station, put out at 10.40 with the yacht's owner on board in a moderate

sea. There was a moderate south-westerly wind and a flood tide. The life-boat towed the yacht into deep water, where she was anchored inshore of the navigation barge. The life-boat reached her station at 1.15 in the morning. Rewards to the crew, £12 5s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £3 15s.

#### CREW OF FISHING VESSEL RESCUED FROM ROCKS

**Stronsay, Orkneys.** At 1.15 early on the morning of the 5th of October, 1958, the coastguard at Kirkwall told the honorary secretary that a distress message had been sent from a vessel in the Westray Firth. While the life-boat crew were being assembled further enquiries were made, and the coastguard reported that flares had been seen on the west side of the Island of Westray. At 2.35 the life-boat *The John Gellatly Hyndman* put out in a moderate sea, with a moderate south-westerly wind blowing and an ebb tide. She made for the position in heavy rain squalls and found the fishing vessel *Tanana* of Grimsby stranded on Wart Holm. Her crew of six were ashore on the rocks close by. The coxswain, with the aid of the searchlight, brought the life-boat alongside the rocks, and the six men scrambled aboard her. They were transferred to the fishing vessel *Capella*, which was close at hand, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 7.5. The *Tanana* became a total wreck. Rewards to the crew, £16 5s.; reward to the helper on shore, 12s.

#### TOW FOR FISHING VESSEL WITH DAMAGED PROPELLER

**Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, Norfolk.** At 12.15 on the afternoon of the 5th of October, 1958, the coastguard informed the coxswain that a message had been intercepted from the collier *Brent Knoll* that the fishing vessel *Cossack* was in difficulty seven miles east-south-east of Haisborough lighthouse. At 12.40 the life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched in a rough sea, with a strong south-south-westerly wind blowing and a flood tide. She reached the position and took the *Cossack*,



which had a broken propeller-shaft coupling, in tow, reaching her station at 5.20. Rewards to the crew, £23 5s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £3.

#### TOW FOR FISHING BOAT WITH FOULED PROPELLERS

**Lowestoft, Suffolk.** At 1.3 on the afternoon of the 5th of October, 1958, the coastguard told the honorary secretary that a small fishing boat was in difficulties off Hopton Bank. At 1.10 the life-boat *Cunard*, on temporary duty at the station, put out in a choppy sea. There was a strong southerly wind and it was high water. The life-boat found the fishing boat *Harnser* of Yarmouth with her trawl foul of her propellers, and took her in tow to Yarmouth harbour, reaching her station at 4.30. Rewards to the crew, £14 ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £1 4s.

#### CREW OF THIRTEEN RESCUED FROM TRAWLER

**Wick, Caithness-shire, and Longhope, Orkneys.** At 11.26 on the night of the 7th of October, 1958, the coastguard at Kirkwall informed the honorary secretary at Longhope that the trawler *Ben Meidie* of North Shields was ashore on the Pentland Skerries. Four minutes later the message was passed to the honorary secretary at Wick. The Longhope life-boat *Thomas McCunn* was launched at 11.52, and the Wick life-boat *City of Edinburgh* put out at 11.45. The life-boats found the trawler ashore on Critlay Rock with a forty-five degree list to port. It was decided that the Wick life-boat should first go alongside the port side of the trawler. She did so and rescued the crew of thirteen. During the rescue operations the second coxswain's foot was injured. The two life-boats then returned to their stations, the Longhope boat arriving at 3.45 and the Wick boat at 3.50. The trawler became a total wreck. Wick : rewards to the crew, £10 5s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £4 4s. Longhope : rewards to the crew, £15 ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £4 5s.

#### CABINET MINISTER BROUGHT TO MAINLAND

**Galway Bay.** On the 8th of October, 1958, the Minister of State for Gaelic Affairs arrived at Kilronan with other officials in the island mail steamer with the intention of visiting the neighbouring islands by motor boat the next day and returning to the mainland to attend an important Cabinet meeting on the 10th of October. Weather deteriorated overnight, and not only was he unable to visit the islands, but there was no boat at Kilronan which could bring him back to the mainland. The life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* therefore put out at five o'clock in a very rough sea, with a strong westerly wind blowing and an ebb tide. She landed the Minister on the nearest point of the mainland, returning to her station at 8.10 p.m. The Minister made a donation to the Institution's funds. Rewards to the crew, £12 5s. ; reward to the helper on shore, 15s.

#### MOTOR CRUISER TOWED TO JERSEY

**St. Helier, Jersey.** At 6.30 on the evening of the 9th of October, 1958, the honorary secretary received a message from the harbour office that red flares had been seen in St. Ouen Bay. The life-boat *Elizabeth Rippon* put out at 6.49 in a heavy swell. There were light southerly airs and an ebb tide. The life-boat found the motor cruiser *Tanheti II*, with two men aboard, a mile and a half north-north-west of Corbière lighthouse. The coxswain put a man on board, and the motor cruiser, which had broken down with engine trouble, was taken in tow to St. Helier, arriving at 9.25. Rewards to the crew, £10 10s. ; reward to the helper on shore, 12s.

#### SICK CHILD TAKEN TO ORKNEY HOSPITAL

**Stronsay, Orkneys.** At 3.30 on the afternoon of the 11th of October, 1958, the local doctor asked the honorary secretary if the life-boat could be used to convey a child who was seriously ill to Kirkwall hospital. As there was no other boat available, the life-boat *The John Gellatly Hyndman* put out at four

o'clock with the sick child, the child's mother and a nurse on board. There was a moderate sea, a fresh west-south-westerly wind was blowing, and it was low water. The life-boat reached Kirkwall at 6.10, and an ambulance took the child to hospital, where unfortunately the child died within half an hour. The life-boat left Kirkwall at 8.15, bringing back the mother and nurse, and arrived at her station at 10.15. For this service the crew and the helpers would accept no rewards.

#### CABIN CRUISER TOWED TO IRISH HARBOUR

**Cloughy, Co. Down.** At 4.40 on the afternoon of the 12th of October, 1958, the bowman told the coxswain that a small boat was burning flares near the North Rock. The life-boat *Helen Sutton*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched in a slight sea. There was a light westerly wind, and it was low water. The life-boat found the cabin cruiser *Elmar* of Portaferry with her propeller-shaft broken. The *Elmar's* crew of two had set fire to some old sails soaked in petrol to attract attention. The life-boat took her in tow to Portavogie harbour and reached her station at 7.50. Rewards to the crew, £12; rewards to the helpers on shore, £9 15s.

#### FISHING VESSEL ESCORTED TO HASTINGS

**Hastings, Sussex.** At ten o'clock on the morning of the 13th of October, 1958, the honorary secretary asked the coastguard for information about three fishing vessels which had gone to the fishing grounds the previous evening, for the weather was deteriorating. He learnt that two of the vessels had returned safely, but that the third, the fishing vessel *Breadwinner*, was about to leave the fishing grounds for Hastings. There was a rough sea with a strong south-westerly wind blowing, and at 11.20 the life-boat *M.T.C.* was launched at high water. She found the *Breadwinner* and escorted her safely to Hastings, arriving at 1.4. Rewards to the crew, £8 15s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £19 12s.

#### FISHING BOAT TOWED TO PORTRUSH

**Portrush, Co. Antrim.** At 6.43 on the evening of the 14th of October, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary secretary that a local fishing boat was overdue and the relations of the crew were becoming anxious. At 8.2 the life-boat *Lady Scott* (Civil Service No. 4) was launched in a rough sea. There was a west-south-westerly wind of nearly gale force, with rain squalls, and it was high water. The life-boat met the fishing boat *Confide*, which had a crew of two, a mile and half west of Portrush and escorted her safely to harbour, arriving at 8.55. Rewards to the crew, £8 15s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £1 16s.

#### LIFE-BOAT STANDS BY NORWEGIAN STEAMER IN GALE

**Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, Norfolk.** At 6.45 on the morning of the 16th of October, 1958, the coastguard told the honorary secretary that a message had been intercepted from the S.S. *Gudrun* of Norway stating that her deck cargo of timber had shifted and she had a heavy list to port. She needed immediate assistance, and her position was given as six miles east of the Smith's Knoll light. At 6.58 the life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched in a very heavy sea. A strong north-westerly gale was blowing, and the tide was flooding. The life-boat found the *Gudrun* eleven miles east of the Smith's Knoll light. Fifteen of her crew had been taken off by the Lowestoft drifter *Thrifty*, leaving the master and two men on board. The life-boat stood by until the Dutch tug *Scheldt* arrived to take the *Gudrun* in tow. She then returned to her station, arriving at 11.59. Because of weather conditions she could not be rehoused until two days later. Rewards to the crew, £44; rewards to the helpers on shore, £9 15s.

#### ESCORT FOR BARGE IN NEAR GALE

**Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.** At 11.59 on the morning of the 16th of October, 1958, the coastguard told the honorary secretary that a barge close to the pier was sending morse signals indicating the need of a life-boat. At 12.15 the life-boat *Sir Godfrey Baring* was laun-

ched in a rough sea. There was a north-westerly wind of near gale force and a flood tide. The coxswain spoke the barge *Dingle* of London and learnt that another barge, *Allan* of London, was making heavy weather in the Spitway. She made for the *Allan* and escorted her to calmer water and then returned to her station, arriving at 1.50. Rewards to the crew, £8 15s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £4 18s.

#### MEDALS FOR RESCUE FROM SOVIET TRAWLER

In the early hours of the 17th of October, 1958, the Lerwick, Shetland Islands, life-boat rescued the only three survivors of the Soviet trawler *Urbe*. A full account of this service, for which Coxswain John Sales was awarded the silver medal for gallantry, Mr. Duncan Mouat the bronze medal and the other members of the crew the thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum, appears on page 182.

#### DUTCH MOTOR VESSEL AGROUND ON ROCKS

**Donaghadee, Co. Down.** At 5.45 on the morning of the 18th of October, 1958, the coastguard at Orlock informed the honorary secretary that the motor vessel *Clipper* of Rotterdam was aground on the Maidens off Larne. At 6.10 the life-boat *Sir Samuel Kelly* put out in fine weather, with a light westerly wind blowing, a choppy sea and an ebb tide. She found the motor vessel on Straddle Rock, stood by until she refloated and then escorted her to Larne, where a member of her crew, suffering from a head injury, was landed. The life-boat returned to her station at 5.30 in the evening. Rewards to the crew, £32.

#### SICK MAN TAKEN OFF TRAWLER

**Barra Island, Hebrides.** At 10.40 on the night of the 20th of October, 1958, a message was received from the local trawlers' agent that there was a sick man on board the steam trawler *Boston Gannet* of Fleetwood. The skipper had asked that the man should be landed and given medical attention. At eleven o'clock the life-boat *R. A. Colby Cubbin No. 3* put out in a calm

sea with a gentle south-easterly wind blowing and an ebb tide. She embarked the sick man and landed him at 12.30. After receiving immediate treatment he was sent to hospital at Oban. Rewards to the crew, £8 15s.

#### DOCTOR TAKEN OUT TO TRAWLER

**Stornoway, Hebrides.** At 11.15 on the night of the 21st of October, 1958, the coastguard told the honorary secretary that a trawler bound for Stornoway from the Little Minch had a badly injured man on board who needed immediate medical attention. At 11.45 the life-boat *The James and Margaret Boyd* put out with the honorary medical adviser on board. There was a choppy sea, with a moderate south-westerly wind blowing and a flood tide. The life-boat met the trawler *Tervani* of Fleetwood, and the doctor went aboard. but the man was found to be dead. The life-boat and the trawler then made for Stornoway, arriving at 4.15. Rewards to the crew, £14 5s.

#### WRECKAGE OF AIRCRAFT FOUND AT SEA

**Dungeness, Kent.** At 12.30 on the afternoon of the 24th of October, 1958, the coastguard at Lade informed the honorary secretary that wreckage of an aircraft had been seen four miles south of Varne lightvessel. At 12.50 the life-boat *Charles Cooper Henderson*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched in a calm sea. There was a light easterly wind and an ebb tide. An aircraft dropped a smoke flare to indicate the position and the wreckage was recovered and handed over to a Royal Air Force air-sea rescue launch. A search was carried out for the pilot of the aircraft without success, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at six o'clock. Rewards to the crew, £14 ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £21 5s.

#### ESCORT FOR TRAWLER IN TOW OF RESCUE LAUNCH

**Plymouth, Devon.** At 9.54 on the morning of the 28th of October, 1958, the coastguard at Rame Head informed the honorary secretary that the French

trawler *Petite Marie-Claude* had an engine failure off Looe Bay three and a half miles west-north-west of Plymouth Point. At 10.8 the life-boat *Thomas Forehead and Mary Rowse* put out in a moderate swell. There was a moderate south-easterly wind and a flood tide. A Royal Air Force air-sea rescue launch from Mount Batten found the trawler south-south-west of Polperro and took her in tow. The life-boat escorted both vessels until they were in Plymouth Sound and returned to her moorings at two o'clock. Rewards to the crew, £10 10s.

#### TOW FOR DRIFTING FISHING BOAT

**Flamborough, Yorkshire.** At 3.45 on the afternoon of the 29th of October, 1958, a message was received from a local fisherman that the fishing boat *Our Confidence* of Bridlington needed help six miles north-east of Flamborough Head. The fisherman had been returning to harbour in his small coble when he had seen the fishing boat drifting, apparently with engine trouble. At four o'clock the life-boat *Friendly Forester* was launched in a slight sea with a moderate south-westerly wind blowing and a flood tide. Visibility was poor. The life-boat made for the position, found the fishing boat, which had a crew of four, and towed her to Bridlington, arriving at seven o'clock. She reached her own station at 8.10. Rewards to the crew, £12 5s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £12.

#### MOTOR YACHT TOWED TO HARBOUR

**Weymouth, Dorset.** At 8.40 on the morning of the 31st of October, 1958, the coastguard at Wyke Regis told the honorary secretary that a motor yacht had broken down three miles south-west of Portland and that H.M. frigate *Murray* had left Portland to give assistance. At 9.5 the life-boat *Frank Spiller Locke* put out in a slight sea, with a light north-westerly wind blowing and a flood tide. When the life-boat reached the position she found the frigate standing by the motor yacht *Sevona*, which had a crew of three. The life-boat towed the yacht to Weymouth, which was reached at 12.45. Rewards to the crew, £10 10s.

The following life-boats went out on service, but could find no ships in distress, were not needed, or could do nothing:

**Salcombe, Devon.**—October 1st.—Rewards, £15 9s.

**St. Mary's, Scilly Isles.**—October 1st.—Rewards, £11 3s.

**Margate, Kent.**—October 4th.—Rewards, £26 9s.

**Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.**—October 4th.—Rewards, £28 12s.

**Walton and Frinton, Essex.**—October 5th.—£14 17s.

**Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford.**—October 5th.—Rewards, £9 16s.

#### FOUR LIFE-BOATS IN SEARCH FOR AIRMAN

**Blackpool and Lytham-St. Anne's, Lancashire; Llandudno, Caernarvonshire; and Rhyl, Flintshire.** Between three o'clock and 3.15 on the afternoon of the 9th of October, 1958, the honorary secretaries and coxswains of the life-boat stations at Blackpool, Lytham-St.-Anne's, Llandudno and Rhyl were informed that a Canberra aircraft had crashed into the sea six to eight miles west of Squires Gate airport. The aircraft had been on a test flight with a crew of two. The pilot was picked up by the Fleetwood fishing boat *Northlands* and was later transferred to H.M. frigate *Oakley*. Life-boats from the four stations were launched simultaneously and carried out a search for the other member of the crew in a moderate sea and a moderate south-westerly wind. A Shackleton aircraft, a helicopter and a rescue launch from Holyhead also took part in the search, but nothing was found. The Llandudno life-boat reached her station at 7.10, the Rhyl boat at 7.40, the Blackpool boat at 9.30 and Lytham-St. Anne's boat at ten o'clock. Rewards to the crew: Blackpool, £15 15s.; Rhyl, £12 5s.; Lytham-St. Anne's, £18 15s.; Llandudno, £7. Rewards to the helpers on shore: Blackpool, £5 15s.; Rhyl, £6 8s.; Lytham-St. Anne's, £3 12s.; Llandudno, £8 5s.

**Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.**—October 9th.—Rewards, £10 11s.

**Hartlepool, Co. Durham.**—October 9th.—Rewards, £15 16s.

**Workington, Cumberland.**—October 13th.—Rewards, £6 5s.

**Fenit, Co. Kerry.**—October 15th.—Rewards, £8 4s.

**Dungeness, Kent.**—October 17th.—Rewards, £26 5s.

**Kilmore, Co. Wexford.**—October 18th.—Rewards, £16 15s.

**Bembridge, Isle of Wight.**—October 19th.—Rewards, £12 5s.

**New Brighton, Cheshire.**—October 21st.—Rewards, £11 18s.

**Humber, Yorkshire.**—October 24th.—Paid Permanent Crew.

**Portrush, Co. Antrim.**—October 28th.—Rewards, £9 6s.

**New Brighton, Cheshire.**—October 29th.—Rewards, £11 18s.

#### NOVEMBER

DURING November life-boats were launched on service 42 times and rescued 12 lives.

#### TOW FOR RESERVE LIFE-BOAT

**Cloughey, Co. Down.** At 10.56 on the morning of the 3rd of November, 1958, the life-boat *Constance Calverley*, which was at sea undergoing machinery trials, received a message by radio-telephone from the reserve life-boat *Helen Sutton*, which was on passage from Portavogie harbour to Beaumaris. The reserve life-boat had developed engine trouble seven miles south-south-east of South Rock lightvessel. There was a calm sea, a gentle north-west wind was blowing, and it was low water. The Cloughey life-boat made for the position of the reserve life-boat and towed her back to Portavogie harbour, arriving at 2.30. Rewards to the crew, £19 5s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £17.

#### FISHING BOAT ESCORTED OVER HARBOUR BAR

**North Sunderland, Northumberland.** At 12.40 on the afternoon of the 10th of November, 1958, a fishing boat was seen approaching the harbour in a rough sea with a fresh to strong northerly wind blowing and a flood tide. On the bar there was a confused sea and swell, and it was decided to launch the life-boat *Grace Darling* to

escort the local fishing boat into harbour. When this was done the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 1.5. Rewards to the crew £7 10s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £6 13s.

#### A DOZEN LAUNCHES TO SAME VESSEL

**St. Abbs, Berwickshire.** At 7.57 on the evening of the 15th of November, 1958, the coxswain received a message that the motor vessel *Nyon* of Basle was ashore three and a half miles north-west of St. Abbs Head. At 8.15 the life-boat *W. Ross Macarthur of Glasgow* was launched in calm weather and dense fog. The tide was ebbing. The life-boat went alongside the vessel, and the coxswain was asked to stand by until high water and to await the arrival of a tug. The life-boat stood by throughout the night, and at five o'clock in the morning the tug *George V* sent a wireless message that she was two miles off St. Abbs Head and wanted to be given a course to the casualty. The life-boat went to meet the tug. The second coxswain went aboard her and piloted the tug to the position of the *Nyon*. The life-boat stood by for a time and then returned to her station, which she reached at 9.30. During the next eleven days the life-boat was launched more than a dozen times and stood by while attempts were made to refloat the *Nyon*. She also conveyed the vessel's crew and their personal belongings to St. Abbs. The *Nyon* was eventually cut in two by the salvage team, and the stern portion of the vessel was refloated by four tugs and towed to the Tyne. The bow portion was abandoned on the rocks. Rewards to the crew, £211 5s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £45 10s.

#### MAN BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL IN ORKNEYS

**Stronsay, Orkneys.** At 4.15 on the afternoon of the 16th of November, 1958, the local doctor told the honorary secretary that a man was seriously ill and needed immediate treatment in hospital. As there was no other suitable boat available, the life-boat *The John*

*Gellatly Hyndman* put out at 5.15 with the patient on board and took him to Kirkwall, arriving at 7.15. The man was taken to hospital, and after the crew had had some food they left at 8.30, arriving back at Stronsay at 10.30. The crew and helpers did not wish for any rewards to be paid.

#### TOW FOR BRIXHAM TRAWLER AGROUND

**Selsey, Sussex.** At 9.36 on the morning of the 18th of November, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary secretary that the converted Brixham trawler *Forseti* of Newhaven was ashore off Selsey Bill. At 10.4 it was confirmed that the position where she was ashore was Borough Head, four miles south-east of Selsey Bill. At 10.15 the life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched in a choppy sea, with a moderate east-south-easterly wind blowing and a flood tide. A helicopter from the Royal Air Force station at Thorney Island located the *Forseti*, which had a crew of four. Her engine had broken down, and the life-boat took her in tow to Littlehampton, reaching her moorings at 7.45. Rewards to the crew, £24 10s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £7 5s.

#### SINKING LAUNCH TAKEN IN TOW

**St. Ives, Cornwall.** At 10.30 on the morning of the 18th of November, 1958, the coastguard told the coxswain that a motor launch was sinking to the east of St. Ives Bay. Five minutes later the life-boat *Edgar, George, Orlando and Eva Child* was launched in a heavy ground swell with a moderate easterly wind blowing and poor visibility. It was high water. The life-boat found the motor launch *Shaiba* full of water and with her engines broken down. She had a crew of four. The life-boat towed her to St. Ives, arriving at two o'clock to find the fire brigade waiting to pump the water out. Property salvage case.

#### TWO RESCUED AFTER FISHING VESSEL SINKS

**Kirkcudbright.** At 4.45 on the morning of the 19th of November, 1958, a message was received from a resident in Kirkcudbright that cries for help had been heard coming from the bay.

At 5.12 the life-boat *J. B. Couper of Glasgow* was launched in a heavy ground sea. There was a moderate southerly wind with thick fog, and it was high water. The life-boat found the motor fishing vessel *Bluebell* of Belfast with a crew of two. She had lost her rudder, was leaking badly and had her decks awash. At the skipper's request the life-boat took the fishing vessel in tow, but she sank soon afterwards. Her crew of two were picked up and taken to Kirkcudbright, which was reached at 9.30. At low water the *Bluebell* dried out and her crew attempted to carry out repairs. The life-boat launched again at two o'clock to stand by when the vessel refloated and give any help she could. Finally the life-boat towed the *Bluebell* to Kirkcudbright harbour, where she was beached. 1st service : rewards to the crew, £12 ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £3 7s. 2nd service : rewards to the crew, £15 15s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £4 11s.

#### EXPECTANT MOTHER TAKEN TO MAINLAND

**Galway Bay.** At 10.45 on the night of the 19th of November, 1958, the coxswain received a request from the local doctor for the life-boat to take an expectant mother to the mainland. At eleven o'clock the life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* put out with the woman on board in a calm sea. A light south-easterly wind was blowing, and there were fog patches. As it was low water at Rossaveal pier, the life-boat went on to Galway and landed the woman. The life-boat arrived back at her station at eight o'clock in the morning. Rewards to the crew, £22 5s. ; reward to the helper on shore, £1.

#### SICK LAMPLIGHTER TAKEN FROM LIGHTVESSEL

**Margate, Kent.** At 4.9 on the afternoon of the 21st of November, 1958, a request was received from the Chief Superintendent, Trinity House, for the life-boat to land a sick lamplighter from the Tongue lightvessel. The life-boat *North Foreland (Civil Service No. 11)* was launched at 4.20 in a very rough sea, with a fresh to strong easterly wind blowing and a flood tide. The lightvessel, which was

windrode, afforded no lee, and because of the sea conditions as the life-boat came alongside, it was extremely difficult to take the man safely aboard. Nevertheless, it was done without either damaging the life-boat or injuring the man, and he was safely landed at Margate. Owing to the weather conditions, the life-boat remained secured alongside the quay at Margate overnight and returned to her station the following day, when she was rehoused at 11.40 in the morning. Rewards to the crew, £14; rewards to the helpers on shore, £5 19s. Refunded to the Institution by Trinity House.

#### INJURED MASTER OF LIGHTVESSEL TAKEN OFF

**Humber, Yorkshire.** At 9.10 on the morning of the 24th of November, 1958, the coastguard informed the coxswain superintendent of a request from the Superintendent of Trinity House, Great Yarmouth, for the life-boat to land the master of the Humber lightvessel, who had been injured. At 9.37 the life-boat *City of Bradford III* was launched at low water in a slight sea with a gentle north-westerly breeze blowing. The weather was overcast with poor visibility. The master, who had damaged his ribs in a fall, was landed at Grimsby, and the life-boat reached her station at three o'clock. Paid permanent crew. Additional rewards to the crew, £4. Refunded to the Institution by Trinity House.

#### TWO BOYS FOUND CUT OFF BY TIDE

**Dover, Kent.** At 11.40 on the morning of the 29th of November, 1958, the coastguard at Sandgate reported that two boys were cut off by the tide near St. Margarets. At 11.50 the life-boat *Southern Africa* put out in a moderate sea, towing a small boat. There was a moderate south-easterly wind and a flood tide. The life-boat searched close inshore and found the two boys on the east side of the South Foreland lighthouse. Members of the crew manned the boat which had been towed, and the two boys were picked up and transferred to the

life-boat, which then returned to harbour, arriving at one o'clock. Rewards to the crew, £9.

#### ESCORT FOR FISHING BOAT TO HARBOUR

**Flamborough, Yorkshire.** At 2.50 on the afternoon of the 30th of November, 1958, the coxswain received a message from the honorary secretary of the Bridlington life-boat station that the fishing boat *Seafarer II* of Bridlington had broken down twelve miles east of Flamborough Head. At 3.5 the life-boat *Friendly Forester* was launched in a heavy swell, with a fresh north-easterly wind blowing and a flood tide. She found the fishing boat with a crew of four. The skipper asked for the life-boat to escort his boat into harbour, as an emergency repair had been carried out to her engine. Both boats reached Bridlington at 7.30. Rewards to the crew, £15 15s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £16 4s.

#### SEARCH THROUGH NIGHT FOR MISSING PUNT

**St. Peter Port, Guernsey.** At 6.35 on the evening of the 30th of November, 1958, the honorary secretary was informed by the signal station of a police report. This was that two men, who had left Lihou Island at four o'clock in a flat-bottomed punt fitted with an outboard engine, were known to have been intending to land in Perelle Bay about a mile and a half away, but that they had not yet arrived. At 7.5 the life-boat *Euphrosyne Kendal* put out. The weather was cloudy, the tide was flooding, and there was a moderate north-easterly breeze. The life-boat carried out a search of the area north of Lihou Island with the help of parachute flares. As the island itself was to be searched by the police about low water, the coxswain decided to anchor and to wait until this search had been completed. There was no trace of the missing men or the boat on the island, but at seven o'clock, soon after it was light, the upturned punt was seen just awash a hundred yards from the life-boat. There was no sign of the two

men. The life-boat took the punt in tow to St. Peter Port. Rewards to the crew, £32 5s. ; reward to the helper on shore, £1 5s.

The following life-boats went out on service, but could find no ships in distress, were not needed, or could do nothing :

**Dover, Kent.**—November 1st—Rewards, £10 5s.

**Dungeness, Kent.**—November 2nd.—Rewards, £31.

**Newhaven, Sussex.**—November 3rd.—Rewards, £12 8s.

**Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, Norfolk.**—November 5th.—Rewards, £15 15s.

**Southend-on-Sea, Essex.**—November 8th.—Rewards, £14 5s.

**Moelfre, Anglesey.**—November 10th.—Rewards, £8 17s.

**Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.**—November 13th.—Rewards, £17 8s.

**Stornoway, Hebrides.**—November 15th.—Rewards, £26 5s.

**Stronsay, Orkneys.**—November 18th.—Rewards, £14 17s.

**Campbeltown, Argyllshire.**—November 20th.—Rewards, £9 7s.

**Lerwick, Shetlands.**—November 23rd.—Rewards, £14 5s.

**Donaghadee, Co. Down.**—November 30th.—Rewards, £10 10s.

**Amble, Northumberland.**—November 30th.—Rewards, £8 15s.

#### DECEMBER

DURING December life-boats were launched on service 50 times and rescued 16 lives.

#### EIGHTEEN MEN LANDED AFTER COLLISION

**Dungeness, Kent.** At 1.15 on the afternoon of the 3rd of December, 1958, the coastguard at Lade informed the honorary secretary that two vessels had been in collision twelve miles south-south-west of Dungeness. At 1.30 the life-boat *Mabel E. Holland* was launched in a calm sea. There were light offshore airs and a flood tide, and there was dense fog. The life-boat found the Greek motor vessel *King Minos* down by the head four miles south-

south-west of Dungeness. Her master informed the coxswain that his vessel was in no immediate danger. The life-boat searched for the other vessel which had been in the collision, but was unable to find her, and the coxswain decided to return to the *King Minos* for a radar bearing. As a result the life-boat found the S.S. *Prodromos* of Monrovia in tow of a tug. Her crew had been taken off by other vessels, and twelve of the survivors were transferred to the life-boat from the motor vessel *Montferland*. The life-boat then returned to her station, arriving at nine o'clock. At 4.30 on the afternoon of the 4th of December the life-boat was launched at the request of Lloyds' agent at Dover to land six of the crew of the S.S. *Prodromos*, which had grounded two miles south of Rye. They reached Dungeness at 8.30.

1st service : rewards to the crew, £23 ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £26. 2nd service : all expenses were paid by Lloyds' agent and a donation was made to the branch funds.

#### LIFE-BOAT BRINGS AN EXPECTANT MOTHER TO MAINLAND

**Galway Bay.** At 3.30 on the afternoon of 3rd of December, 1958, the honorary secretary received a request from the local doctor for the use of the life-boat to take an expectant mother from Inishere Island to the mainland. At 3.50 the life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* left in fine weather with light northerly airs blowing and a flood tide. She embarked the woman and took her to the mainland, arriving back at her station at 10.15. Rewards to the crew, £13 5s. ; reward to the helper on shore, 18s.

#### FIRST SERVICE BY OAKLEY TYPE LIFE-BOAT

**Scarborough, Yorkshire.** As the weather grew worse on the morning of the 5th of December, 1958, some anxiety was felt for the local fishing coble *Rosemary*, which was at sea, and at 10.30 it was decided to launch the life-boat *J. G. Graves of Sheffield*. There was a rough sea, a fresh north-easterly wind was blowing, and the tide was





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**NEW ABERDEEN LIFE-BOAT ARRIVES AT HER STATION**



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**RAMSGATE LIFE-BOAT LEAVING HARBOUR**



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**GORLESTON LIFE-BOAT STANDS BY NORWEGIAN STEAMER**

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**LIGHTVESSEL'S MASTER LANDED BY HUMBER LIFE-BOAT**

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**ST. MARY'S LIFE-BOAT TOWS IN YACHT**

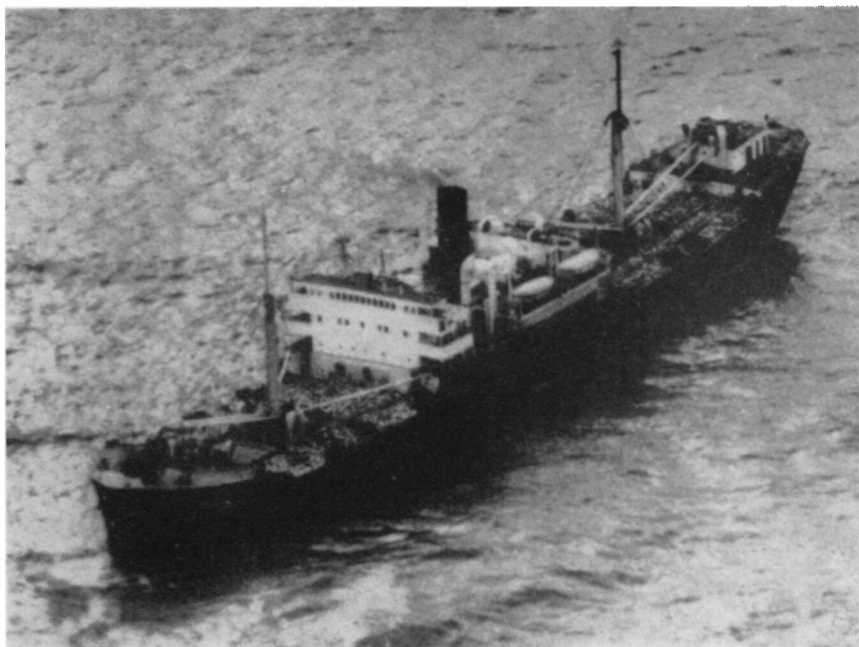
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**LERWICK LIFE-BOAT SEARCHING FOR RUSSIAN SEAMEN**  
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**SCARBOROUGH LIFE-BOAT RETURNS FROM HER FIRST SERVICE**  
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### LAUNCH OF BEMBRIDGE LIFE-BOAT



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### ST. IVES LIFE-BOAT ABOUT TO BE LAUNCHED



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**CREW OF THE "NYON" BEING BROUGHT TO ST. ABBS**

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flooding. The life-boat found the *Rosemary* five miles north-east of the castle and escorted her safely into harbour, arriving at 12.50. This was the first occasion on which a life-boat of the Oakley type had been called out on service. Rewards to the crew, £10 10s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £8 12s.

#### FISHING BOAT TOWED TO HARBOUR

**Whitby, Yorkshire.** At 12.29 on the afternoon of the 5th of December, 1958, the coastguard told the honorary secretary and coxswain that the propeller of the motor fishing vessel *Whitby Rose* had been fouled seven miles north-north-east of Whitby. At 12.54 the life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched in a moderate sea, with a fresh north-easterly wind blowing and an ebb tide. The life-boat found the *Whitby Rose* and took her in tow to harbour. She later stood by while another fishing boat crossed the harbour bar and then returned to her station, arriving at 4.5. Rewards to the crew, £12 5s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £1 16s.

#### TOW FOR BOAT WITH ENGINE BREAKDOWN

**Fleetwood, Lancashire.** At 4.55 on the afternoon of the 7th of December, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary secretary that an angler, while fishing from the beach at Rossall Point, had seen a light being flashed from an open motor boat. The life-boat *Ann Letitia Russell* was launched at 5.10 in a rough sea. There was a gentle, south-westerly wind and a flood tide. The life-boat found the motor boat, which had six men on board, in broken water three quarters of a mile south of King Scar buoy. She was in a dangerous position, her engines had broken down, and she was dragging her anchor. The life-boat succeeded with some difficulty in towing her through shallow water to Fleetwood, which was reached at 7.10. The rescued men sent a letter of appreciation and a donation to the Institution's funds. Rewards to the crew, £8 15s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £2 12s.

#### CREWS OF TWO FISHING BOATS LANDED

**Bridlington, and Flamborough, Yorkshire.** At 5.20 on the evening of the 7th of December, 1958, the coastguard at Flamborough passed on to the honorary secretaries of the life-boat stations at Bridlington and Flamborough a report from the Humber radio station. This was that the Dutch coaster *Diennal* had picked up the crew of four of a fishing boat which had broken down with engine trouble five miles south of Flamborough Head. The crew of the Bridlington life-boat were alerted while further information was sought from Humber radio station, and the Flamborough honorary secretary was told that this had been done. Half an hour later the coastguard told the Flamborough honorary secretary that the coaster *Pass of Ballater* had rescued the crew of four of another fishing boat four miles east of Flamborough Head. The engines of this boat had also broken down.

At 6.15 the Flamborough life-boat *Friendly Forester* was launched, and as Humber radio station was unable to make contact with the *Diennal*, the Bridlington life-boat *Tillie Morrison*, *Sheffield II* was also launched at seven o'clock to go to the position where the first fishing boat had been reported in trouble. There was a moderate swell with a moderate south-westerly wind blowing and poor visibility. The tide was ebbing. The Flamborough life-boat reached the Dutch coaster, which was towing the fishing boat *Edith*, and took the *Edith's* crew of four on board. The coxswain put two of his crew aboard the *Edith* and took her in tow. He then made for the last reported position of the *Pass of Ballater*.

The Bridlington life-boat also made for the *Pass of Ballater*, whose position was given as five miles north of Flamborough Head. Two rockets were fired from the *Pass of Ballater*, the second of which was seen by the crew of the Flamborough life-boat, which reached the coaster eight miles from Flamborough Head. The crew of the second fishing boat, the *Margaret Ann*, were on board the coaster, and they were transferred to the Flamborough life-boat.

The life-boat took the fishing boat in tow after two of the life-boat crew had been put aboard her. The eight fishermen from the two boats were landed at Flamborough, and after mooring the boats the Flamborough life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 1.45 early in the morning of 8th of December. The Bridlington life-boat reached her station at eleven o'clock on the night of the 7th of December. Rewards to the crew : Bridlington, £10 10s. ; Flamborough, £17 10s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore : Bridlington, £5 ; Flamborough, £15 8s.

#### TOW FOR BOAT FOUND NEAR ROCKS

**Valentia, Co. Kerry.** At 1.10 on the afternoon of the 9th of December, 1958, a message was received that a small motor boat was being driven ashore west of Portmagee. At 1.30 the life-boat *Rowland Watts* put out in a rough sea. There was a north-westerly wind of near gale force and a flood tide. The life-boat found the motor boat *Spray* of Tralee with a crew of two. Her anchor and trawl had been put out to keep her off the rocks. A line was passed to her, and the life-boat took her in tow to Valentia, arriving at 3.50. Rewards to the crew, £8 13s. ; reward to the helper on shore, 13s.

#### EMPTY BARGE FOUND DRIFTING

**Swanage, Dorset.** At 10.27 on the morning of the 10th of December, 1958, the coastguard passed on to the honorary secretary a report from a Dakota aircraft that a large barge had been seen adrift ten miles south-south-east of Anvil Point. At 10.34 the life-boat *R.L.P.* was launched with the second coxswain in command. There was a heavy swell, with a fresh westerly wind blowing and an ebb tide. The life-boat found the barge *No. C.679* fifteen miles south-south-east of Anvil Point. As there was nobody aboard her, the coxswain transferred two of his crew to the barge and took her in tow. The towing line soon parted, and H.M.S. *Squirrel*, a fishery protection vessel, sent a radio message asking if she could help the life-boat. The coxswain accepted the offer, and the life-

boat stood by until the *Squirrel* arrived to take the barge in tow. The captain of the *Squirrel* then informed the coxswain that the life-boat's services were no longer needed, and she returned to her station, arriving at 4.10. The barge was eventually taken to Poole harbour. Rewards to the crew, £16 5s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £2 8s.

#### LIFE-BOAT STANDS BY FISHING VESSEL

**Stromness, Orkneys.** At ten o'clock on the night of the 10th of December, 1958, the motor mechanic told the honorary secretary that there was a boat ashore in Hoy Sound. Ten minutes later the life-boat *Archibald and Alexander M. Paterson* was launched in a smooth sea, with a gentle easterly wind blowing and a flood tide. The life-boat reached the position and found the motor fishing vessel *Snowflake* near Point of Ness. She stood by until low water, and as the vessel was in no immediate danger, the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 11.25. At seven o'clock the next morning the life-boat returned to the fishing vessel and stood by until she refloated at high water. The life-boat finally reached her station at 9.30. Rewards to the crew, £14 5s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £2 11s.

#### TRAWLER TOWED TO HARBOUR AFTER TOW ROPE PARTS

**Dover, Kent.** At 2.15 on the afternoon of the 12th of December, 1958, a message was received from the eastern arm signal station that the trawler *Gratitude*, which was towing another trawler, the *Forseti*, to Ramsgate, had broken down with engine trouble off South Foreland. The life-boat *Southern Africa* put out at 2.35 in a very rough sea. There was a southerly gale with heavy rain squalls and an ebb tide. The life-boat found that the *Gratitude* had been taken in tow by the tug *Dominant* of Dover, but the *Forseti* had parted from her tow and was lying broadside to the seas which were breaking over her. The life-boat went alongside her to take off her crew, but they declined to leave, and the trawler was taken in tow to

Ramsgate harbour, at the entrance of which there was only seven feet of water. The tow line parted three times before the trawler was safely berthed. The life-boat reached her moorings at 8.15. Rewards to the crew, £20 15s.

#### TOW FOR COBLE WITH ENGINE TROUBLE

**Kirkcudbright.** At 4.20 on the afternoon of the 14th of December, 1958, the honorary secretary was informed that a local fisherman was in difficulties in a fishing coble off Borness Head. At five o'clock the life-boat *J. B. Couper of Glasgow* was launched in a calm sea, with a moderate north-easterly wind blowing and an ebb tide. The life-boat found the coble, which had engine trouble, and took her in tow to harbour. The life-boat reached her station at 7.30. Rewards to the crew, £10 10s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £3 7s.

#### YACHT'S CREW LANDED FROM LIGHTVESSEL

**New Brighton, Cheshire.** At 12.15 on the afternoon of the 15th of December, 1958, the marine surveyor of the Mersey Harbour and Docks Board told the honorary secretary that the crew of two of the yacht *Nomad* had spent the night on the Bar lightvessel. The yacht had left Conway in North Wales for Lytham at three o'clock the previous morning and had been adrift in fog when she was picked up by the Bar pilot boat and secured alongside the lightvessel. The yacht's crew consisted of a young man and a woman, and they now asked for a tow. At 12.30 the life-boat *Norman B. Corlett* put out in a moderate sea. There was a gentle easterly wind and a flood tide. Visibility was very poor. The young couple were taken on board the life-boat, and the yacht was towed to Alfred dock and later moored in Wallasey dock. The life-boat reached her moorings at 6.30. Rewards to the crew, £19 ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £1 14s.

#### CREW FORCED TO ABANDON A BELGIAN TRAWLER

**St. David's, Pembrokeshire.** At 11.45 on the night of the 16th of December,

1958, the coastguard passed on to the honorary secretary a message from Ilfracombe radio station that the trawler *Suzanne Adrienne* of Ostend was sinking near the Smalls lightvessel. The life-boat *Swn-y-Mor* (Civil Service No. 6) was launched at 12.10. There was a moderate sea, a moderate east-south-easterly wind was blowing, and the tide was ebbing. The distress message sent out by the trawler was also answered by the tanker *Silver Sand* and the British Railways steamer *Great Western*, both vessels making immediately for the position given. At one o'clock H.M. minesweeper *Mileon* left Pembroke dock to go to the help of the Belgian trawler. About half an hour later the trawler sent a radio message stating that a fire had been lit on her fore-deck to guide the rescue vessels, and at two o'clock a further message stated that the vessel could stay afloat for only about a quarter of an hour. By this time the life-boat and the *Silver Sand* were within sight of the trawler, and at 2.30 her skipper announced that he and his crew of five were abandoning ship as the decks were awash. With the aid of flares dropped by aircraft the *Silver Sand* found a small water-logged dinghy with the trawler's crew aboard. One by one the Belgian fishermen were hauled on board the tanker, and after being given food and drink they were transferred to the St. David's life-boat, which reached her station at 6.15. On her arrival the honorary medical adviser examined the knee of the trawler's skipper which he had injured when being taken aboard the tanker. The survivors were later transported to Haverfordwest, from where they were taken by rail to the Belgian Consulate at Swansea. The Belgian Ambassador sent a letter of thanks. Rewards to the crew, £16 10s. ; rewards to the helpers on shore, £3 12s.

#### EXPECTANT MOTHER BROUGHT FROM ISLAND IN GALE

**Galway Bay.** At three o'clock on the afternoon of the 18th of December, 1958, the local doctor asked the acting honorary secretary if the life-boat would take an expectant mother from Inishmaine Island to the mainland. There

was an easterly gale at the time with very rough sea conditions. The life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* left her moorings at 3.20. She embarked the woman at Inishmaine with great difficulty and brought her and the doctor to Rossaveal pier, where the patient was taken by car to Galway. The life-boat reached her moorings at 11.59. Rewards to the crew, £19 5s.; reward to the helper on shore, £1.

#### INJURED MAN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

**Bembridge, Isle of Wight.** At 11.5 on the night of the 18th of December, 1958, the port medical officer of Cowes informed the honorary secretary that an injured seaman on board the S.S. *Durban Castle* required hospital treatment and asked if the life-boat would meet the steamer and convey the man to Ryde pier. At 12.25 the life-boat *Jesse Lumb* was launched in a moderate sea, with a moderate south-south-westerly wind blowing and a flood tide. The life-boat met the steamer off Spithead, took the injured man on board and landed him at Ryde pier, where he was taken to hospital by ambulance. The life-boat reached her station at three o'clock. The master of the steamer expressed his thanks. Rewards to the crew, £9; rewards to the helpers on shore, £3 5s.

#### ESCORT FOR LEAKING FISHING VESSEL

**Buckie, Banffshire.** At 8.50 on the morning of the 19th of December, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary secretary that the motor fishing vessel *Spinaway* of Lossiemouth was asking for assistance as she was leaking. At 9.5 the life-boat *Glencoe, Glasgow* was launched in a heavy swell with a strong east-south-easterly wind blowing and an ebb tide. The life-boat found the *Spinaway* four miles north-west-by-west of Buckie with another fishing vessel standing by her. The life-boat escorted her to Buckie, arriving at 10.31. Rewards to the crew, £10 10s.; reward to the helper on shore, 17s.

#### ESCORT FOR TRAWLER WITH INJURED MEN ABOARD

**St. Ives, Cornwall.** At two o'clock on the morning of the 20th of December, 1958, the coastguard informed the coxswain that a trawler was in distress forty miles north-north-west of St. Ives Head. The life-boat *Edgar, George, Orlando and Eva Child* was launched at 2.35 in a very rough sea. There was a south-south-westerly wind of near gale force and an ebb tide. At 3.46 a message was received that the German vessel *Helga Schroeder* was standing by the trawler *Autumn Sun* of Yarmouth twenty-seven miles north-north-west of St. Ives Head. The life-boat arrived alongside the trawler, which had shipped a great deal of water, but the trawler's crew did not wish to abandon her. At the skipper's request the life-boat escorted the trawler to the shelter of St. Ives. Because more than one member of the trawler's crew was injured, the life-boat sent a radio message asking for a doctor and an ambulance to be in attendance at the quayside. The fire brigade also awaited the berthing of the trawler to pump out the water. The life-boat finally reached her station at 12.38. Rewards to the crew, £18 10s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £12 13s.

#### LIFE-BOAT TAKES OFF INJURED MAN IN HEAVY SWELL

**Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, Norfolk.** At 6.45 on the evening of the 20th of December, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary secretary that there was a badly injured man aboard the S.S. *Cardiff Brook* of London. A doctor had been taken out to her by a pilot boat, but the life-boat was urgently needed to bring the man ashore. At 6.55 the life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched in a heavy swell. There was a strong southerly wind and an ebb tide. The life-boat went alongside the steamer, and after great difficulty because of the swell the man was safely lowered into the life-boat on a stretcher. He was landed at 7.22 and taken to hospital. Rewards to the crew, £13; rewards to the helpers on shore, £5 12s. 6d.

### WOMAN WITH INJURED HIP TAKEN FROM ISLAND

**Aith, Shetlands.** At 1.35 on the afternoon of the 23rd of December, 1958, a doctor told the honorary secretary that a woman on the Island of Foula had fallen and broken her hip and needed hospital treatment immediately. As the weather was bad it was decided to send the life-boat to bring her to Aith. The doctor reached the life-boat station at 2.35, and five minutes later the life-boat *The Rankin* left her moorings with the doctor on board. There was a moderate southerly wind with a heavy swell and an ebb tide. The life-boat reached Foula at 6.5 and the doctor was put ashore by boat. It was then learnt that it would not be easy to take the woman aboard a small boat, and the life-boat came alongside the small pier, where the patient and doctor embarked. The life-boat reached Aith at 12.20, and the injured woman was transferred to a waiting ambulance and taken to hospital. Rewards to the crew, £24 5s.; reward to the helper on shore, 12s.

### LIFE-BOAT STANDS BY TILL VESSEL REFLOATS

**Redcar, Yorkshire.** At one o'clock early on the morning of the 27th of December, 1958, the coxswain told the honorary secretary that he had been informed at his home by a passer-by that a vessel was aground off Redcar. The honorary secretary asked the coastguard for further information and was told that the vessel was aground half a mile north of the look-out and that two small boats had left Redcar to give assistance. At 1.40 the life-boat *City of Leeds* was launched in a calm sea, with a light breeze blowing and a flood tide. She found the coaster *Ceresio* on the West Scar rocks. The coxswain asked her master if he needed any help, but as the two small boats had run out a kedge anchor no further help was required. The coxswain decided to stand by until the vessel refloated at 3.50 and then escorted her to the mouth of the Tees. The life-boat reached her station at 7.30. Rewards to the crew, £8 15s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £9 15s.

### SICK MAN TAKEN FROM NORWEGIAN TANKER

**Southend-on-Sea, Essex.** At 6.2 on the morning of the 28th of December, 1958, the coastguard informed the honorary secretary that a sick man on board the tanker *Lonn* of Bergen needed medical attention immediately. The life-boat *Greater London II* (Civil Service No. 30) was launched in calm weather at 7.10 with a doctor on board. The tide was ebbing. The life-boat met the tanker east of the pier and went alongside to put the doctor aboard. At the doctor's request the sick man was taken ashore. The life-boat reached her station at 8.15. Rewards to the crew, £7 10s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £3 5s.

### FISHING BOAT FOUND WITH ENGINE FLOODED

**Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford.** At seven o'clock on the evening of the 29th of December, 1958, the coxswain saw an object burning near the pier. The life-boat *Douglas Hyde* put out at 7.15 in a rough sea, with a strong westerly wind blowing and a flood tide. She found the fishing boat *Mary* of Rosslare Harbour half full of water and with her engine flooded. Her crew of three had burnt a coat to attract attention. The life-boat took her in tow to the harbour, arriving at 8.15. Partly paid permanent crew. Rewards to the crew, £5; reward to the helper on shore, 12s.

### DUTCH VESSEL FOUND WITH HER GUNWALE AWASH

**Margate, Kent.** At 12.57 on the afternoon of the 31st of December, 1958, the coastguard passed on to the honorary secretary a message received through the North Foreland radio station that the General Post Office cable ship *Ariel* had received a signal by morse lamp from the Dutch motor vessel *Janny* of Appingedam. This stated that the *Janny* needed the help of a life-boat immediately. The *Janny* was bound for London with a cargo of lead ingots, which had shifted, and her position when she sent her distress signal had been five miles east-north-east of Margate. When the life-boat

*North Foreland (Civil Service No. 11)* was launched at 1.15, there was a south-westerly wind of fresh to gale force. The sea was rough, the sky was overcast, and continuous heavy rain made visibility poor. The tide was flooding. The life-boat found the motor vessel with her port gunwale awash and seas breaking on her hatch covers. Her master informed the coxswain that he would try to make the shelter of Margate Roads, and the life-boat escorted her. When they were off Margate the wind veered to the north-west and moderated. The crew of the *Janny* immediately went below and shifted the cargo to reduce the list, and after about an hour the master told the coxswain that he no longer needed the life-boat to stand by. She returned to harbour, arriving at 3.50. Rewards to the crew, £23 5s.; rewards to the helpers on shore, £4 4s.

The following life-boats went out on service, but could find no ships in distress, were not needed, or could do nothing:

**Dover, Kent.**—December 2nd.—Rewards, £10 15s.

**Torbay, Devon.**—December 2nd.—Rewards, £7 9s.

**Dover, Kent.**—December 4th.—Rewards, £14 5s.

**Weymouth, Dorset.**—December 4th.—Rewards, £8 15s.

**Kilmore, Co. Wexford.**—December 9th.—Rewards, £19 6s.

**Ramsey, Isle of Man.**—December 10th.—Rewards, £20 6s.

**Buckie, Banffshire.**—December 14th.—Rewards, £9 7s.

#### LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER HELPS CREW TO SCRAMBLE ASHORE

**Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.** At 12.50 early on the morning of the 18th of December, 1958, the motor mechanic was informed by the owner of a local fishing boat that he had received a message that the trawler *Sparkling Wave* of Kilmore Quay had run aground half a mile north of Hook Tower lighthouse. The trawler was leaking badly and required help immediately. The life-

boat *Annie Blanche Smith* was launched at 1.10, towing the boarding boat. There was a heavy swell, a fresh north-westerly wind was blowing, and it was high water. The life-boat reached the position and anchored a quarter of a mile off shore. Three of her crew pulled into the shore with the boarding boat, but because of broken water they were unable to come close enough to rescue the trawler's crew of seven, who were also members of the crew of the Kilmore Quay life-boat. At 2.15 a radio message was received that the trawlermen had scrambled ashore with the help of the keeper of the lighthouse. A signal was flashed to recall the boarding boat to the life-boat, which then returned to Dunmore East, arriving at 3.10. The Institution sent a letter to the lighthouse keeper thanking him for his assistance. Rewards to the crew, £7 10s.; reward to the helper on shore, 13s.

**Walton and Frinton, Essex.**—December 19th.—Rewards, £28 3s.

**Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford.**—December 19th.—Rewards, £7 15s.

**Arklow, Co. Wicklow.**—December 20th.—Rewards, £20 7s.

**Bridlington, Yorkshire.**—December 21st.—Rewards, £17 10s.

**Baltimore, Co. Cork.**—December 21st.—Rewards, £14 13s.

**Newbiggin, Northumberland.**—December 22nd.—Rewards, £25 1s.

**Hartlepool, Co. Durham.**—December 22nd.—Rewards, £24 16s.

**Boulmer, Northumberland.**—December 22nd.—Rewards, £27 14s.

**Amble, Northumberland.**—December 22nd.—Rewards, £22 5s.

**Tynemouth, Northumberland.**—December 22nd.—Rewards, £24 11s.

**Sunderland, Co. Durham.**—December 22nd.—Rewards, £26 3s. 6d.

**Hartlepool, Co. Durham.**—December 23rd.—Rewards, £32 11s.

**Sunderland, Co. Durham.**—December 23rd.—Rewards, £28 3s. 6d.

**Baumaris, Anglesey.**—December 23rd.—Rewards, £19s. 3d.

**Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.**—December 28th.—Rewards, £12 5s.

**Wick, Caithness-shire.**—December 30th.—Rewards, £8 14s.

## Obituary

### LORD ROSSMORE.

William Westenra, 6th Baron Rossmore, died on the 17th of October, 1958, at the age of 62. After service during the last war with the directorate of the Air Sea Rescue, Lord Rossmore joined the Committee of Management of the Institution in December, 1943. In recent years he was active in promoting the interests of the Institution in Ireland.

### COXSWAIN PHILIP BOYLE.

Coxswain Philip Boyle of Arranmore died on the 23rd of November, 1958, at the age of 60. He was appointed coxswain of the Arranmore life-boat in 1949 after having served as a bowman from 1935 to 1944 and second coxswain from 1944 to 1949. He took part in one of the outstanding services by a life-boat during the last war, when the Arranmore life-boat rescued eighteen survivors of the S.S. *Stolwijk* of Rotterdam. On that occasion he was acting second coxswain and was awarded the bronze medal for gallantry. Coxswain John Boyle was awarded the gold medal.

### MR. BARRIE BENNETTS.

Mr. Barrie Bennetts, who had received the highest award the Institution can make to a voluntary worker, that of appointment as honorary life governor, died on the 26th of July, 1958, at the age of 75. He had been honorary secretary of the Penlee station branch from 1913 until 1957, when he retired. He was well known as a solicitor in Cornwall, was Registrar of the Penzance and Helston County Courts, and a coroner for many years. He was also a most distinguished athlete, having played rugby football for England and represented Cornwall at cricket, golf and hockey.

### COXSWAIN PATRICK FLAHERTY.

Coxswain Patrick Flaherty of Galway Bay, a holder of the bronze medal for gallantry, died on the 25th of October,

1957. He received his medal for an outstanding service in August 1938, when the crew of twelve of the steam trawler *Nogi*, which had gone aground on one of the islands in Galway Bay, were rescued. At that time he was bowman of the life-boat and was one of four men to approach the wrecked trawler in a small boat. He was appointed bowman of the Galway Bay life-boat in 1938, second coxswain in 1943 and coxswain in 1949. He retired in 1951, and from the time of his appointment as bowman to his retirement Galway Bay life-boats were launched on service 39 times and rescued 65 lives.

### COXSWAIN JAMES DUMBLE.

Coxswain James Dumble of Sheringham, who also held the bronze medal for gallantry, died on the 5th of June, 1958. The service for which he was awarded his medal was carried out during the last war. The Canadian steamer *Eaglescliffe Hall* had gone aground in a north-easterly gale in October, 1941. After an exceptionally difficult launch the Sheringham life-boat under the command of Coxswain Dumble succeeded in taking 15 men off her. James Dumble served as coxswain from 1924 to 1946. During this period Sheringham life-boats were launched on service 89 times and rescued 54 lives.

The Institution also announces with deep regret the deaths of the following coxswains :

COXSWAIN DAVID EVANS, of New Quay.

COXSWAIN MARTIN GARDNER, of Anstruther.

COXSWAIN WILLIAM GARNER, of The Mumbles.

COXSWAIN JOHN HEADON, of Clovelly.

COXSWAIN WILLIAM HUGHES, of Porthdinllaen.

COXSWAIN HUGH JONES, of Cemlyn.

COXSWAIN JAMES TAYLOR, of Cullercoats.

## Awards to Honorary Workers—1958 and 1959

### Honorary Life Governor

The following have been appointed honorary life-governors of the Institution and presented with a copy of the vote inscribed on vellum and signed by H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent as President of the Institution.

MR. BARRIE BENNETTS, M.B.E., in recognition of the valuable help he gave as honorary secretary of the Penlee life-boat station from 1913 until 1957. (Since deceased).

MR. JOHN S. DUNCAN, M.B.E., J.P., in recognition of the valuable help he gave as honorary secretary of the Wick life-boat station from 1927 until 1958.

### Thanks of the Institution on Vellum

The thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum have been accorded to the following honorary secretaries of life-boat stations on their retirement:

MR. J. F. MCCARTAN, Newcastle, Co. Down. (Since deceased).

COMMANDER A. C. ROBERTS, O.B.E., R.N., Salcombe.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS, B.A., Aberystwyth.

### Barometer

The barometer with an inscription has been awarded to:

MR. P. BRUCE LAURENSEN, Lerwick.  
MR. H. C. MACKINTOSH, Anstruther.  
MR. D. F. O'DONOVAN, Baltimore.  
MR. R. SCOTT, Fraserburgh.  
MR. R. WATT, Mallaig.

### Binoculars

The binocular glass with an inscription has been awarded to:

MR. J. Z. BRIDGEWATER, Workington.  
MR. P. H. C. BUTLER, Exmouth.  
MR. T. R. COLLIN, Kirkcudbright.  
MR. A. A. CRUICKSHANK, Newburgh.  
CAPTAIN R. T. DUTHIE, M.B.E., D.S.C., Fraserburgh.  
MR. H. H. EDMUNDS, Barry Dock.  
MR. G. FITZGIBBON, Howth.  
MR. C. M. CLIFFORD GIBBONS, Kilmore.  
MR. W. G. GOODRICK, Hartlepool.  
MR. A. S. HICKS, Plymouth.  
CAPTAIN W. F. KEAY, O.B.E., V.R.D., D.L., R.N.V.R., Broughty Ferry.  
CAPTAIN W. MACKENZIE, Thurso.  
MR. F. W. H. PARK, Torbay.  
MR. S. A. ROSKILLY, Coverack.  
CAPTAIN H. ROWE, Blyth.  
MR. T. TAYLOR, Llandudno.  
THE VERY REV. FATHER THOMAS VARLEY, P.P., Galway Bay.  
MR. A. WESTCOTT-PITT, Dunmore East.  
MR. A. R. YOUNG, W.S., Broughty Ferry.

### Bar to the Gold Badge

The bar to the gold badge has been awarded to:

VICE ADMIRAL A. KEMMIS BETTY, D.S.O., President and Chairman, Seaford Branch.

MISS D. F. CHANDLER, Seaford Branch (Since deceased).

MISS J. B. ELLIOT, Honorary Secretary, Colne Valley Branch.

MRS. T. J. ROWLAND, M.B.E., Chairman, Barry Guild.

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## Services of the Life-boats of the Institution during 1958

Date 1958	Time of Launching	Station	Casualty	Service
Jan. 3	17.00	Bridlington ..	Trawler R12210 ..	Took out a doctor.
" 4	12.05	Rosslare Harbour ..	Blackwater Lightvessel ..	Landed sick man.
" 5	10.50	Clovelly ..	M.V. <i>Drake Dene</i> ..	Landed sick man.
" 6	11.10	Filey ..	Fishing coble ..	Escorted 4 cobs.
" 6	11.35	Bridlington ..	F.V. <i>Nancy</i> ..	Escorted coble.
" 6	12.35	North Sunderland ..	F.V. <i>Kindly Light</i> ..	Escorted boat.
" 7	13.15	Kilmore ..	Coningbeg Lightvessel ..	Landed master.
" 8	14.35	Rosslare Harbour ..	F.V. <i>Vervine Blossom</i> ..	Escorted boat.
" 9	03.00	Troon ..	S.S. <i>Ballyhalbert</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 9	17.55	Troon ..	Tug <i>Cruiser</i> ..	Rescued 8.
" 10	08.55	Padstow No. 1 ..	Padstow life-boat <i>Basset Green</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 7.
" 13	10.35	Walmer ..	Motor boat <i>Gypsy King</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 13	22.05	Islay ..	H.M.S. <i>Barcombe</i> ..	Rescued 17.
" 16	18.28	Humber ..	R.A.F. aircraft ..	Recovered wreckage.
" 18	14.16	Bembridge ..	Yacht <i>J.R.N.</i> ..	Landed injured man, saving his life.
" 18	18.20	Dover ..	Motor boat <i>Lucky Jim</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 5.
" 18	22.15	Wick ..	Trawlers <i>Strathdee</i> ..	Landed injured man.
" 19	08.45	Lytham-St. Anne's ..	<i>Jean Stephen</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 21	08.30	Workington ..	Pilot cutter <i>St. Anne</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 21	10.45	Aberdeen No. 1 ..	Pilot boat ..	Gave help and landed 2.
" 21	23.18	Arklow ..	Trawler <i>Luffness</i> ..	Gave help.
" 21	23.18	Arklow ..	S.S. <i>Anna Toop</i> ..	Rescued 10.
" 25	12.15	Bridlington ..	Fishing boat <i>Margaret</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 26	04.30	Caister ..	M.V. <i>Fosdyke Trader</i> ..	Gave help.
" 26	12.15	Tynemouth ..	Trawler <i>Polar Prince</i> ..	Escorted vessel.
" 27	12.00	Beaumaris ..	Rowing boat ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 29	10.15	Aith ..	Sick person at Foula ..	Took sick person from Foula to mainland, saving a life.
Feb. 2	14.30	Cromer No. 1 ..	S.S. <i>Hudson Bank</i> ..	Landed sick man and saved his life.
" 3	08.44	Teesmouth ..	M.F.V. <i>Whinnyfold</i> ..	Saved boat.
" 4	11.30	Dungeness ..	Collision between F.V. <i>Patricia Joan</i> and M.V. <i>Clarity</i> .	Landed 1 and a body.
" 4	15.10	Filey ..	Fishing cobsles ..	Escorted 6 cobsles.
" 5	09.50	Buckie ..	S.S. <i>Orkney Trader</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 13	23.20	Appledore ..	M.V. <i>Aegir</i> ..	Gave help.

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Feb. 16	11.03	Hastings .. ..	S.S. <i>Else Skou</i> ..	Escorted vessel.
„ 17	12.02	Whitby .. ..	Fishing boats <i>Pilot Me</i> and <i>Provider</i> .	Escorted vessels.
„ 17	13.10	Scarborough ..	Fishing boat <i>Success II</i>	Escorted boat.
„ 17	22.15	Stornoway .. ..	Trawler <i>Zuider Kruis</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
„ 18	22.44	Buckie .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Seaforth</i> ..	Rescued 5.
„ 23	10.21	Gt. Yarmouth and Gorleston	Collier <i>Francis Fladgate</i>	Landed sick man and saved his life.
„ 26	08.40	Southend-on-Sea ..	Tug <i>Hawkestone</i> ..	Gave help.
„ 26	13.30	Buckie .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Elmgrove</i>	Took out a doctor and escorted vessel.
Mar. 2	05.50	Cromer No. 1 ..	Collision between <i>Continental</i> and <i>Wansbeck</i>	Landed 5.
„ 5	17.01	Montrose .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Angus Rose</i>	Saved boat and rescued 3.
„ 7	13.08	Donaghadee .. ..	Motor boat <i>White Heather</i>	Gave help.
„ 7	14.25	Whitby .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Success</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
„ 8	22.30	Shoreham Harbour ..	Yacht <i>Sampan</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 12	11.10	Howth .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Ros Alumin</i>	Gave help.
„ 14	21.35	St. Ives .. ..	Dinghy <i>Erkalin</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 16	16.00	Galway Bay .. ..	Sick person on Innisturk Island.	Landed sick person and saved a life.
„ 17	04.55	Holyhead .. ..	Schooner <i>J.T. and S.</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
„ 19	04.36	Fraserburgh .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Mayflower</i>	Rescued 3.
„ 19	07.50	Fraserburgh .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Mayflower</i>	Stood by vessel.
„ 19	10.30	Dunbar .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Gowan</i> ..	Gave help.
„ 20	14.45	Rosslare Harbour ..	Pilot boat .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 4.
„ 23	13.10	Dover .. ..	Trawler <i>Notre Dame de La Sallete</i> .	Stood by vessel.
„ 23	13.40	Plymouth .. ..	M.V. <i>Lapwing</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
„ 24	07.15	Tenby .. ..	Air-Sea rescue launch ..	Saved boat.
„ 27	07.10	Wick .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Pentland Swell</i> .	Stood by vessel.
„ 30	12.45	Beaumaris .. ..	Speed boat .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 5.
„ 30	17.45	New Brighton .. ..	Aircraft .. ..	Gave help.
April 2	14.30	Salcombe .. ..	Vessel <i>Fedala</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 3	08.35	North Sunderland ..	Fishing boat <i>Eventide</i> ..	Escorted boat.
„ 3	14.05	Arklow .. ..	Floating body .. ..	Landed a body.
„ 4	12.40	Ballycotton .. ..	F.V. <i>Pride of Helvick</i>	Saved boat and rescued 3.
„ 4	14.50	Peterhead .. ..	Fishing fleet .. ..	Escorted 5 boats.
„ 6	18.00	Baltimore .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Finbar</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 6.
„ 8	06.30	Humber .. ..	Bull Lightvessel .. ..	Landed a body.
„ 8	22.25	Lerwick .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Margaret Herd</i>	Gave help.
„ 8	23.25	Stornoway .. ..	Trawler <i>Seddon</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
„ 9	07.35	Newhaven .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Celtic</i> ..	Rescued 4.
„ 9	18.30	Valentia .. ..	Trawler <i>Ros Caoin</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 6.
„ 11	13.30	Eastbourne .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Indian Summer</i>	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 11	23.15	Stornoway .. ..	Trawler <i>Seddon</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 18	02.00	Barra Island .. ..	Trawler <i>Buzzard</i> .. ..	Landed a sick man, and saved his life.
„ 19	17.00	New Brighton .. ..	Yacht <i>Thebe</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 22	13.35	St. Peter Port .. ..	2 poisoned seamen, tanker <i>Kasprowy</i> .	Landed 2 and saved their lives.
„ 22	16.50	Dunmore East .. ..	Young man over cliff ..	Rescued 1.
„ 23	13.58	Southend-on-Sea ..	M.V. <i>Militence</i> .. ..	Landed injured man and saved his life.
„ 26	19.40	Rosslare Harbour ..	Small boat from <i>Pres. Roosevelt</i>	Saved boat and rescued 4.
„ 28	11.00	Rosslare Harbour ..	M.V. <i>Pres. Roosevelt</i> ..	Gave help.
„ 28	12.15	Galway Bay .. ..	Sick woman .. ..	Took sick woman to mainland.
May 1	12.15	Galway Bay .. ..	Sick woman .. ..	Landed sick woman and saved her life.
„ 1	12.50	Barry Dock .. ..	Aircraft .. ..	Recovered wreckage.
„ 2	06.45	Fleetwood .. ..	Trawler <i>Jamaica</i> .. ..	Gave help.

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May 3	21.40	Fowey .. ..	Reported flashing light	Picked up a flare.
" 4	08.26	Anstruther .. ..	Reserve life-boat <i>Howard D.</i>	Gave help.
" 7	17.35	New Brighton .. ..	Rubber dinghy .. ..	Rescued 1.
" 8	14.45	Bembridge .. ..	Aircraft .. ..	Recovered wreckage.
" 9	19.05	Bembridge .. ..	Yacht <i>Solveig</i> .. ..	Escorted yacht.
" 10	22.45	Ramsey .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Sea Lion</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 11	09.45	Caister .. ..	Small boat <i>The Terrible Twins</i>	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 11	15.40	Weston-super-Mare	Yachts <i>Daybreak</i> and <i>Daymate</i>	Rescued 3.
" 11	20.00	Rosslare Harbour .. ..	Trawler <i>Radieuse</i> .. ..	Landed injured man and saved his life.
" 11	20.20	Fishguard .. ..	Trawler <i>Radieuse</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
" 12	09.37	Barrow .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Patte</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 16	00.30	Padstow No. 1 .. ..	M.V. <i>Musketier</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
" 17	13.00	Walmer .. ..	Yacht <i>Gull</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 6.
" 17	19.05	Howth .. ..	Boy over cliff .. ..	Landed injured boy and saved his life.
" 18	06.45	Dover .. ..	Pilot boat <i>Victor</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 19	23.20	Stromness .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Effulgence</i>	Gave help.
" 20	07.59	Ramsgate .. ..	2 trawlers <i>Mont Cassio</i> and <i>Abbé Hardiquet</i>	Stood by vessels.
" 23	08.10	Portrush .. ..	Trawler <i>Sethon</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
" 23	10.30	Tenby .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Marie Leach</i>	Escorted vessel.
" 23	10.57	Howth .. ..	Yacht <i>Carraig</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
" 23	10.58	Dungeness .. ..	Coaster <i>Falkenstein</i> .. ..	Escorted vessel.
" 23	15.25	New Brighton .. ..	Converted ship's boat	Saved boat and rescued 5.
" 24	10.15	Ramsgate .. ..	Yacht <i>Cap Lizard</i> .. ..	Gave help.
" 24	11.00	Moelfre .. ..	Yacht <i>Alouette de Mer</i>	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 25	01.10	Dover .. ..	Yacht <i>Widgeon II</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 25	03.50	Rosslare Harbour .. ..	S.S. <i>City of Amsterdam</i>	Landed sick man and saving a life.
" 26	21.30	Dover .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Tom Pepper</i>	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 28	21.50	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston	Fishing boat <i>Beatrice</i> .. ..	Gave help.
" 29	15.40	Galway Bay .. ..	Surgical case to mainland	Landed sick person, saving a life.
" 30	05.15	Caister .. ..	Motor vessel <i>Lijnbaan</i>	Gave help.
" 30	23.45	Barra Island .. ..	Conveying sick person	Landed sick person, saving a life.
" 31	10.15	Sheringham .. ..	Dudgeon Lightship .. ..	Landed sick man.
" 31	16.58	Cromer No. 1 .. ..	Sheringham life-boat <i>Foresters Centenary</i>	Gave help.
June 1	19.25	Eastbourne .. ..	Yacht <i>Hildegard</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 3	18.42	Ramsgate .. ..	Yacht <i>Tonsidor</i> .. ..	Escorted yacht.
" 3	20.45	Torbay .. ..	Boy over cliffs .. ..	Gave help.
" 4	00.30	Valentia .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Maria</i> .. ..	Gave help.
" 6	10.02	Humber .. ..	Rowing boat .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 1.
" 8	09.25	Rosslare Harbour .. ..	Trawler <i>Mollia</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 5.
" 8	14.25	Weston-super-Mare	Yacht <i>Lady Alicia</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 8.
" 10	21.20	Ballycotton .. ..	Fishing boat .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 1.
" 16	15.15	Peterhead .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Primula</i> .. ..	Landed 4.
" 17	02.50	Wick .. ..	Whaler <i>Brodrene Saevik</i>	Saved boat and rescued 6.
" 18	02.25	Dungeness .. ..	Tanker <i>Pan Gothia</i> .. ..	Landed a body.
" 18	14.30	Valentia .. ..	Trawler <i>Marie</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 19	14.45	Clacton-on-Sea .. ..	Yacht .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 21	19.15	Appledore .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Young John</i>	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 22	11.18	St. Peter Port .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Black Cat</i>	Saved boat and rescued 1.
" 22	23.30	Dungeness .. ..	Coaster <i>Carmela</i> .. ..	Gave help.
" 24	05.05	Humber .. ..	Yacht <i>Swordfish</i> .. ..	Gave help.
" 25	06.00	Valentia .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Naoim Cait</i>	Saved boat and rescued 5.
" 25	13.15	St. Ives .. ..	Fishing boat <i>May</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 25	13.20	St. Mary's .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Meduce</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 4.
" 25	19.26	Bembridge .. ..	Yacht <i>New Dawn</i> .. ..	Rescued 3.
" 26	03.08	Blyth .. ..	Fishing coble .. ..	Escorted coble.
" 26	06.24	Tynemouth .. ..	S.S. <i>Mount Blair</i> .. ..	Escorted vessel.
" 27	10.04	Margate .. ..	Yacht <i>Gull</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.

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June 27	13.45	Whitby .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Our Confidence</i>	Gave help.
„ 27	14.30	Southend-on-Sea ..	Motor boat of ship <i>Gladstone Star</i>	Saved boat and rescued 9.
„ 28	18.20	Howth .. ..	Yachts <i>Southern Cross</i> and <i>Helga</i>	Escorted yachts.
„ 28	20.55	Dover .. ..	2 boys cut off by tide ..	Landed 2.
„ 29	13.45	North Sunderland ..	Motor boat <i>Lady Francis</i>	Gave help.
„ 30	02.20	Portpatrick .. ..	Trawler <i>Graziella</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 8.
„ 30	10.07	Fraserburgh .. ..	Aircraft .. ..	Recovered wreckage.
„ 30	18.50	Dunbar .. ..	Pleasure boat <i>St. Nicholas</i>	Stood by vessel.
„ 30	23.16	Tynemouth .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Silver Gain</i>	Gave help.
July 2	12.45	Girvan .. ..	Motor vessel <i>Ailsa</i> ..	Escorted vessel.
„ 3	02.10	Walton and Frinton ..	Barge <i>Ethel</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 3	15.50	Swanage .. ..	Bathers .. ..	Rescued 2.
„ 4	18.05	Redcar .. ..	Coaster <i>Fen</i> .. ..	Escorted vessel.
„ 6	07.00	Whitby .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Dorothy</i> ..	Gave help.
„ 8	07.45	Troon .. ..	S.S. <i>Kerrymore</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
„ 8	23.18	Exmouth .. ..	Motor boat <i>Sea Hawk</i>	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 9	06.48	Port Erin .. ..	Motor vessel <i>Saint Ronan</i>	Gave help.
„ 10	21.50	Rhyl .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Lucia</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 1.
„ 12	13.45	Barry Dock .. ..	Canoe .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 12	14.50	Skegness .. ..	Sailing dinghy .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 1.
„ 12	15.01	Portpatrick .. ..	Dinghy .. ..	Gave help.
„ 13	11.04	Eastbourne .. ..	Yacht <i>Wild Goose</i> ..	Rescued 1.
„ 13	12.20	Donaghadee .. ..	Yacht <i>Linda</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 4.
„ 13	15.20	New Quay .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Ynys Lochtyn</i>	Escorted boat.
„ 13	15.50	Rhyl .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Eureka</i> ..	Escorted boat.
„ 13	16.30	Barrow .. ..	Fishing boat and sailing dinghies	Saved 3 boats and rescued 10.
„ 13	16.45	New Brighton .. ..	Cadet whaler .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 7.
„ 13	18.00	Troon .. ..	Motor boat <i>Owl</i> and <i>Mignonne</i>	Saved yacht.
„ 13	18.45	Southend-on-Sea ..	Yacht <i>Leila</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
„ 14	04.52	Clacton-on-Sea .. ..	Yacht <i>Freedom</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 14	19.55	Southend-on-Sea ..	Yacht <i>Hilary Anne</i> ..	Gave help.
„ 14	20.45	St. Ives .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Doris</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 1.
„ 15	23.30	Tenby .. ..	Soldier over cliffs ..	Landed injured man and saved his life.
„ 16	00.53	Dungeness .. ..	Yacht <i>Salome</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 18	16.20	Southend-on-Sea ..	Yacht .. ..	Saved boat.
„ 19	16.10	Margate .. ..	Sailing dinghy <i>Rabbit</i> ..	Escorted boat.
„ 20	04.10	St. Helier .. ..	Yacht <i>Mary Ann</i> ..	Gave help.
„ 20	14.00	Dover .. ..	Rowing boat <i>Curlew</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 4.
„ 20	16.40	Selsey .. ..	Bathers .. ..	Rescued 1.
„ 20	21.50	Dover .. ..	Yacht <i>Garlene</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 20	22.22	Fowey .. ..	Yacht <i>Undine</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 23	16.37	Portrush .. ..	Fishing boat <i>C.E.94</i> ..	Gave help.
„ 26	08.40	Aldeburgh No. 1 ..	Yacht <i>Scylla</i> .. ..	Escorted yacht.
„ 26	13.25	Llandudno .. ..	Yacht <i>Thebe</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 26	17.23	Ilfracombe .. ..	Sailing boat <i>Taw</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
„ 27	14.41	Swanage .. ..	Man over cliffs .. ..	Landed a body.
„ 28	10.25	Margate .. ..	Yacht <i>Joy</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
„ 28	16.50	Southend-on-Sea ..	Yacht <i>Mar-Jon II</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 6.
Aug. 1	17.25	Howth .. ..	Yacht <i>Dolphin</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 1	20.55	Southend-on-Sea ..	Yacht <i>Bridget</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 3	14.30	Moelfre .. ..	Yacht <i>Gladys</i> .. ..	Saved boat.
„ 3	22.23	Ramsgate .. ..	Yacht <i>Wheatear</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 5.
„ 3	23.11	Ramsgate .. ..	Yacht <i>Banshee</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 7.
„ 4	00.35	Poole .. ..	Yacht <i>Chloe</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 4	11.20	Howth .. ..	Yacht <i>Elizabeth</i> ..	Saved boat.
„ 4	12.55	Torbay .. ..	Sailing dinghy and yacht <i>Santa Fe</i> .	Saved dinghy and gave help.
„ 4	15.00	Howth .. ..	Yacht <i>Estelle</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 4.
„ 4	15.15	Beaumaris .. ..	Dinghy .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 4	16.45	Beaumaris .. ..	Yacht <i>San Tey</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 4	17.35	Howth .. ..	Yacht <i>Finda</i> .. ..	Gave help.
„ 4	18.45	Courtmacsherry Harbour .. ..	M.F.V. <i>Hoche</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.

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Aug. 7	01.47	St. Peter Port ..	Fishing boat <i>Lynian</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 7	23.30	Dunmore East ..	Motor launch <i>Monica</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 8	20.05	Walmer ..	Yacht <i>Ivy Lass</i> ..	Gave help.
" 9	00.45	Eastbourne ..	Motor vessel <i>Tarbek</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 9	13.20	Margate ..	Yacht <i>Shikara II</i> ..	Stood by yacht.
" 9	18.56	St. Ives ..	Party cut off in cave ..	Rescued 4.
" 10	00.10	Valentia ..	S.S. <i>Dun Angus</i> ..	Gave help.
" 10	05.51	Boulmer ..	Fishing boat <i>Clair Rita</i> ..	Gave help.
" 10	12.37	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston ..	Fishing boat <i>Progress</i> ..	Gave help.
" 12	16.03	St. Helier ..	Yacht <i>Bernard Claudine</i> ..	Escorted yacht.
" 13	23.50	Walton and Frinton ..	Yacht <i>Olive</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 14	15.30	Galway Bay ..	K.L.M. Aircraft ..	Landed 5 bodies.
" 15	03.40	Penlee ..	Fishing boat <i>Hesperian</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 6.
" 15	15.00	Moelfre ..	Rowing boat ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 16	09.45	Caister ..	Ship's boat ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 16	12.20	Barry Dock ..	Yacht <i>Marga</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 18	21.30	Galway Bay ..	Turf boat ..	Gave help.
" 19	21.49	Peterhead ..	Fishing boat <i>Ocean Star</i> ..	Gave help.
" 20	16.30	Wicklow ..	Skiff ..	Recovered wreckage.
" 20	17.42	Tenby ..	Man over cliff ..	Landed injured man and saved his life.
" 20	22.45	St. Peter Port ..	Fishing boat ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 21	11.10	Tenby ..	Trawler <i>Helping Hand</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 6.
" 22	04.12	Boulmer ..	Trawler <i>Ada</i> ..	Gave help.
" 23	17.30	Dungeness ..	Dinghy ..	Rescued 2.
" 24	14.42	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston ..	Longshore boat and motor boat <i>Tiger</i> ..	Escorted boats.
" 25	02.55	Exmouth ..	Yacht <i>Cyrhenn</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 26	15.50	Criccieth ..	2 yachts <i>Priscilla</i> and <i>Caprice</i> ..	Escorted yachts.
" 27	19.00	Cromer No. 1 ..	Yacht <i>Wima</i> ..	Gave help.
" 28	07.19	Boulmer ..	Trawler <i>Arko</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 28	15.15	Mallaig ..	Dinghy ..	Saved boat.
" 29	19.05	Padstow No. 1 ..	Motor boat <i>St Minver</i> ..	Gave help.
" 30	21.20	Barmouth ..	Lobster boat ..	Gave help.
" 31	12.20	New Brighton ..	Fishing vessels <i>Rosebud</i> and <i>Marion</i> ..	Saved boats and rescued 9.
Sept. 1	02.55	Mumbles ..	Converted ship's boat <i>Judorka</i> ..	Gave help
" 1	13.50	Stornoway ..	Motor vessel <i>Dixy Porr</i> ..	Escorted vessel.
" 1	17.30	Salcombe ..	Person over cliffs ..	Landed a body.
" 1	19.49	Peterhead ..	Fishing boats <i>Jeannie</i> and <i>Strathdon</i> ..	Escorted boats.
" 1	21.13	Runswick ..	Two motor boats ..	Saved 2 boats and rescued 10.
" 1	21.44	Tenby ..	Small boat ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
" 2	11.50	Salcombe ..	Yacht ..	Saved boat and rescued 5.
" 3	04.25	St. Helier ..	Persons on rocks ..	Landed 3.
" 3	16.10	New Brighton ..	Yachts ..	Stood by 2 yachts.
" 4	17.40	Tenby ..	Motor boat <i>Mimosa</i> ..	Gave help.
" 4	20.30	Valentia ..	Trawler <i>Ros Airgeard</i> ..	Landed injured man and saved his life.
" 4	22.18	Shoreham Harbour ..	Fishing boat <i>Tenente</i> <i>Roberth</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 5	02.10	Fleetwood ..	Fishing boat <i>Pamela</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
" 7	07.15	Aberystwyth ..	Fishing boat <i>Speedwell</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 1.
" 7	10.00	Southend-on-Sea ..	Fishing boat <i>John Patrick</i> ..	Gave help.
" 7	14.20	Newhaven ..	Bather ..	Recovered a body.
" 8	07.25	Clacton-on-Sea ..	Yacht <i>Trojan</i> ..	Gave help.
" 9	10.15	Dunmore East ..	Fishing boat ..	Saved boat and rescued 1.
" 11	18.50	Girvan ..	Yacht <i>Rahoneen</i> ..	Gave help.
" 12	17.32	Fowey ..	Persons cut off by tide ..	Landed 2.
" 13	23.25	Dungeness ..	Ship <i>Blue Master</i> ..	Landed a sick man.
" 17	03.01	Tynemouth ..	Tanker <i>Clyde Crusader</i> ..	Escorted vessel.
" 20	14.40	Ferryside ..	2 sailing dinghies ..	Saved a boat.
" 21	17.00	Newhaven ..	Yacht <i>Topaz</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
" 21	20.15	Bembridge ..	Dinghy ..	Landed 1.
" 21	21.05	Walmer ..	Yacht <i>Widgeon</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.

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Sept.	22	13.25	Walton and Frinton	Fishing boat <i>Dawn</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
"	23	19.48	Porthdinllaen ..	Dinghy .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	24	18.15	Seaham .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Mary</i> ..	Gave help and landed 4.
"	24	18.20	Barrow .. ..	Morecambe Bay Light- vessel.	Landed sick man and saved his life.
"	24	19.12	St. Helier .. ..	Motor boat <i>Avec Dieu</i> ..	Escorted boat.
"	24	20.07	Campbeltown ..	Yacht <i>Einnan</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 5.
"	25	07.30	Dover .. ..	Yacht <i>Grey Lady</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	27	16.50	Llandudno .. ..	Rowing boat .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	27	17.50	Skegness .. ..	Yacht <i>Olivia</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 1.
"	27	20.00	Poole .. ..	Yacht <i>Yaringa</i> and Cutter <i>Cossar</i> .	Gave help and landed 4.
"	27	21.14	Bembridge .. ..	Yacht <i>Ratafia</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	28	12.52	Holyhead .. ..	M.V. <i>Fleurita</i> .. ..	Escorted boat.
"	28	13.04	Ramsgate .. ..	Motor boat <i>Belinda</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
"	28	22.12	St. Mary's .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Pamela</i> ..	Gave help.
"	29	10.01	Exmouth .. ..	Yacht <i>Dawn</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
"	30	00.14	Swanage .. ..	Yacht <i>Farida</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	30	09.08	Swanage .. ..	Yacht <i>Farida</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	30	15.00	Flamborough ..	Fishing boat <i>Boy's Own</i>	Escorted boat.
"	30	18.30	Galway Bay .. ..	Sick person .. ..	Landed sick man and saved his life.
"	30	20.54	Blyth .. ..	Yacht <i>Mollihawke IV</i> ..	Escorted yacht.
Oct.	1	02.00	Walmer .. ..	Yacht <i>Terminist</i> .. ..	Escorted boat.
"	1	22.00	North Sunderland ..	Fishing boat <i>Szpak</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
"	3	10.30	Dunbar .. ..	Fishing boats <i>Snowdrop</i> and <i>Yvonne Risager</i> ..	Gave help.
"	3	12.00	Clacton-on-Sea ..	Yacht <i>Stella</i> .. ..	Rescued 1.
"	4	10.42	St. Mary's .. ..	Yacht <i>Mary Ann</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	4	11.47	Plymouth .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Eutarte</i> ..	Escorted boat.
"	4	22.40	Lytham-St. Anne's ..	M.V. <i>Le Cateau</i> .. ..	Gave help.
"	5	02.35	Stronsay .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Tanana</i> ..	Rescued 6.
"	5	12.40	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston	Fishing boat <i>Cossack</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
"	5	13.10	Lowestoft .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Harnser</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	7	23.45	Wick .. ..	Trawler <i>Ben Meidie</i> ..	Rescued 13.
"	9	17.00	Galway Bay .. ..	—	Took person to mainland.
"	9	18.49	St. Helier .. ..	Yacht <i>Tanheti</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	11	16.00	Stronsay .. ..	Sick child .. ..	Conveyed sick child to mainland.
"	12	17.00	Cloughey .. ..	Yacht <i>Elmar</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
"	13	11.20	Hastings .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Breadwinner</i>	Escorted boat.
"	14	20.02	Portrush .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Confide</i> ..	Escorted boat.
"	16	06.58	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston	Steamer <i>Gudrun</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
"	16	12.15	Clacton-on-Sea ..	Barge <i>Alan</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
"	16	21.32	Lerwick .. ..	Trawler <i>SRT 442</i> .. ..	Rescued 3.
"	18	06.10	Donaghadee .. ..	M.V. <i>Clipper</i> .. ..	Gave help.
"	20	23.00	Barra Island .. ..	Trawler <i>Boston Gannet</i> ..	Landed sick man.
"	21	23.45	Stornoway .. ..	Trawler <i>Tervani</i> .. ..	Took out a doctor.
"	24	12.50	Dungeness .. ..	Aircraft .. ..	Recovered wreckage.
"	28	10.08	Plymouth .. ..	Trawler <i>Petite Marie</i> <i>Claude</i> .. ..	Escorted boat.
"	29	16.00	Flamborough ..	Fishing boat <i>Our Con- fidence</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 4.
"	31	09.05	Weymouth .. ..	Yacht <i>Sevona</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
Nov.	3	09.05	Cloughey .. ..	Life-boat <i>Helen Sutton</i> ..	Gave help.
"	10	12.40	North Sunderland ..	Fishing boat <i>Faithful</i> ..	Escorted boat.
"	16	16.50	Stronsay .. ..	Sick man to Kirkwall ..	Conveyed sick man and saved his life.
"	18	10.15	Selsey .. ..	Yacht <i>Forseti</i> .. ..	Saved boat and rescued 4.
"	18	10.35	St. Ives .. ..	Motor launch <i>Shaiba</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 4.
"	19	01.12	Kirkcudbright ..	Fishing boat <i>Bluebell</i> ..	Rescued 2.
"	19	14.00	Kirkcudbright ..	Fishing boat <i>Bluebell</i> ..	Gave help.
"	19	23.00	Galway Bay .. ..	Maternity case .. ..	Conveyed maternity case to mainland, saving life.
"	21	16.20	Margate .. ..	Tongue Lightvessel ..	Landed sick man.

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Nov. 24	09.37	Humber .. ..	Humber Lightvessel ..	Landed injured man.
„ 15-27	20.15	St. Abbs .. ..	M.V. <i>Nyon</i> —16 launches	Gave help and landed 30.
„ 29	11.50	Dover .. ..	Boys cut off by tide ..	Landed 2.
„ 30	15.05	Flamborough ..	Fishing boat <i>Seafarer II</i>	Escorted boat.
„ 30	19.05	St. Peter Port ..	Dinghy .. ..	Saved boat.
Dec. 3	13.30	Dungeness .. ..	Collision between M.V. <i>King Minos</i> and S.S. <i>Prodromos</i> .. ..	Landed 12.
„ 3	15.50	Galway Bay .. ..	Maternity case .. ..	Conveyed maternity case to mainland, saving life.
„ 4	16.30	Dungeness .. ..	S.S. <i>Prodromos</i> .. ..	Landed 6.
„ 5	10.30	Scarborough ..	Fishing boat <i>Rosemary</i>	Escorted boat.
„ 5	12.54	Whitby .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Whitby Rose</i>	Gave help.
„ 7	17.10	Fleetwood .. ..	Motor boat <i>Gee Dei</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 6.
„ 7	18.15	Flamborough ..	Fishing boats <i>Edith</i> and <i>Margaret Ann</i> ..	Saved 2 boats and landed 8.
„ 9	13.30	Valentia .. ..	Motor boat <i>Spray</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 10	10.43	Swanage .. ..	Barge No. <i>C679</i> ..	Stood by vessel.
„ 10	22.10	Stromness .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Snow Flake</i>	Stood by vessel.
„ 11	07.00	Stromness .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Snow Flake</i>	Stood by vessel.
„ 12	14.15	Dover .. ..	Trawler <i>Forseti</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 2.
„ 14	16.45	Kirkcudbright ..	Fishing coble .. ..	Gave help.
„ 15	12.30	New Brighton ..	Yacht <i>Nomad</i> .. ..	Gave help and landed 2.
„ 16	00.10	St. David's .. ..	Trawler <i>Suzanne Adrienne</i>	Landed 6.
„ 18	00.25	Bembridge .. ..	S.S. <i>Durban Castle</i> ..	Landed sick man.
„ 18	15.20	Galway Bay .. ..	Maternity case .. ..	Conveyed maternity case to mainland, saving life.
„ 19	09.05	Buckie .. ..	Fishing boat <i>Spinaway</i> ..	Escorted boat.
„ 20	02.25	St. Ives .. ..	Trawler <i>Autumn Sun</i> ..	Escorted boat.
„ 20	18.58	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston ..	M.V. <i>Cardiff Brook</i> ..	Landed injured man and saved his life.
„ 23	14.40	Aith .. ..	Injured person .. ..	Conveyed injured person to mainland.
„ 27	01.40	Redcar .. ..	Coaster <i>Ceresio</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
„ 29	19.15	Rosslare Harbour ..	Fishing boat <i>Mary</i> ..	Saved boat and rescued 3.
„ 31	13.15	Margate .. ..	M.V. <i>Janny</i> .. ..	Stood by vessel.
Lives rescued .. ..				459

#### SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

Lives rescued by life-boats .. ..	459
Lives rescued in other ways for whose rescue the Institution gave rewards ..	101
Total of Lives rescued .. ..	560
Persons landed from vessels on which they might have been in danger ..	110
Boats and vessels which life-boats saved or helped to save .. ..	118
Boats and vessels which life-boats stood by, escorted to safety, or helped ..	193
Total number of launches, including those in which for various reasons no services were rendered .. ..	714

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