

Services by the Life-boats of the Institution, by Shore-boats and by Auxiliary Rescue- boats during 1945

During the year life-boats were launched **497** times. Of these launches **118** were to vessels and aeroplanes in distress through attack by the enemy or from other causes due to the war.

The Record Month by Month

1945	Number of Life-boat Launches	Lives Rescued by Life-boats	Vessels which Life-boats Saved or Helped to Save	Lives Rescued by Shore-boats	Lives Rescued by Auxiliary Rescue- boats
January . .	63	100	6	4	-
February . .	53	22	6	5	-
March . .	43	45	5	10	-
April . .	41	56	18	1	7
May* . .	26	25	2	4	-
June . .	28	80	3	26	-
July . . .	40	24	6	14	-
August . .	39	13	7	-	-
September .	36	49	6	30	-
October . .	50	116	4	10	-
November . .	28	-	-	22	-
December . .	50	23	2	1	-
Totals .	497	553	65	127	7

* The war ended on the last minute of the eighth of May

Three Medals for Gallantry

ANGLE, PEMBROKESHIRE

On the 16th July, 1945, the Angle life-boat rescued nine of the crew of the S.S. *Walter L. M. Russ*.

COXSWAIN JAMES WATKINS was awarded a clasp to his bronze medal.

ST. IVES, CORNWALL

On the 24th October, 1945, the St. Ives life-boat rescued two persons from the ketch *Minnie Flossie*, of Bideford.

COXSWAIN WILLIAM PETERS was awarded the silver medal.

WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX

On the 21st December, 1945, the Walton and Frinton life-boat rescued the crew of five naval ratings of the motor fishing vessel *No. 96*, and the crew of six naval ratings of the motor fishing vessel *No. 611*.

COXSWAIN THOMAS H. BLOOM was awarded a clasp to his bronze medal.

List of Life-boat Services

All the life-boats mentioned are motor life-boats unless it is stated that they are pulling and sailing.

		Time of Launching		Persons rescued from shipwreck
1945	Jan. 2.	12.30 p.m.	Admiralty S.S. <i>Ben-My-Chree</i> . Southend-on-Sea life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 3.	6.10 p.m.	Boat of S.S. <i>George M. Verity</i> , of U.S.A. Walmer life-boat -	8
	" 4.	8.45 a.m.	Motor vessel <i>Oregon I</i> , of Holland. Donaghadee life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 4.	10.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Prospero</i> . Teesmouth life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 4.	4.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Prospero</i> . Teesmouth life-boat put pilot on board.	
	" 5.	12.42 p.m.	S.S. <i>Vic 33</i> . Barmouth life-boat gave help.	
	" 5.	4.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>Vic 33</i> . Barmouth life-boat stood by vessel and gave help.	
	" 7.	noon	Motor fishing boat <i>Guiding Light</i> , of Rush. Howth life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	5
	" 8.	6.6 p.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Scout</i> , of London. Hartlepool life-boat escorted vessel.	
	" 8.	6.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Scout</i> , of London. Teesmouth life-boat escorted vessel.	
	" 9.	8.2 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Pride of Sherkin</i> , of Skibbereen. Baltimore life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	4
	" 9.	2.25 p.m.	S.S. <i>Jan Van Goyen</i> , of Holland. Teesmouth life-boat gave help and put pilot on board.	
	" 12.	9.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>Jonas Lie</i> , of U.S.A. St. Mary's life-boat - - - - -	15
	" 13.	2.15 a.m.	Naval motor launch. Longhope life-boat stood by launch.	
	" 13.	3.30 p.m.	A Mustang aeroplane. Clacton-on-Sea life-boat - - - - -	1
	" 13.	8.40 p.m.	H.M. Minesweeper No. 1078. Clacton-on-Sea life-boat landed 2 and rescued - - - - -	11
	" 14.	11.9 p.m.	Steam trawler <i>James Lay</i> , of London. Redcar life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 15.	12.10 a.m.	Motor drifter <i>Pride of Rosslare</i> , of Dunmore East. Ballycotton life-boat escorted vessel.	
	" 17.	5.15 p.m.	Fishing vessel <i>Hazel</i> , of Portrush. Portrush life-boat escorted vessel.	
	" 17.	10.10 p.m.	{ Fishing boat <i>Gem</i> . Baltimore life-boat - - - - - Fishing boat <i>Sea Caress</i> , of Skibbereen. Baltimore life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	5 5
	" 18.	11.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>J. P. Mitchell</i> , of U.S.A. Walmer life-boat took out a doctor.	
	" 18.	10.45 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Samanco</i> , of Liverpool. Donaghadee life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 19.	9.0 a.m.	Motor vessel <i>Eileena</i> , of London. Southend-on-Sea life-boat saved vessel and rescued - - - - -	3
	" 19.	12.30 p.m.	Four tugs <i>TID 111, 112, 113, 115</i> . Southend-on-Sea life-boat gave help.	
	" 19.	3.30 p.m.	Sailing barge <i>Thalatta</i> , of Harwich. Clacton-on-Sea life-boat saved vessel and rescued - - - - -	3
	" 19.	7.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Sammaz</i> . Walmer life-boat took out a doctor and landed an injured man.	
	" 21.	3.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>George Hawley</i> , of U.S.A. Sennen Cove life-boat - - -	5
	" 23.	9.5 a.m.	S.S. <i>Runnelstone</i> . Selsey life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 23.	2.30 p.m.	H.M. Motor Torpedo Boat <i>C.T.21</i> . Donaghadee life-boat saved vessel and rescued - - - - -	10
	" 23.	5.20 p.m.	S.S. <i>Katherine</i> , of Plymouth. Portrush life-boat escorted vessel.	
	" 27.	1.0 p.m.	Fishing cobses <i>Star of Hope</i> , and <i>Silver Line</i> , of Staithes. Runswick life-boat stood by cobses.	
	" 27.	3.5 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>North Star</i> , of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted boat.	
	" 29.	7.50 p.m.	H.M.S. <i>Dunraven Castle</i> . Campbeltown life-boat - - - -	25
Feb.	2.	9.30 a.m.	H.M. Trawler <i>Snakefly</i> . Walmer life-boat gave help.	
	" 2.	1.20 p.m.	S.S. <i>Lowick</i> , of Newcastle. Redcar life-boat stood by vessel.	

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1945				
Feb.	2.	1.35 p.m.	Floating crane No. 8, of Glasgow. Selsey life-boat gave help.	
"	3.	4.30 a.m.	H.M. Drifter <i>Silver Seas</i> . Southend-on-Sea life-boat helped	
"	3.	4.0 p.m.	to save vessel.	
"	3.	10.25 a.m.	Fishing boats <i>Rosa</i> , and <i>Silver Cloud</i> , of Montrose. Montrose No. 1 life-boat escorted boats.	
"	3.	6.15 p.m.	A ship's boat <i>D.383 V.H.J.B.</i> Lytham-St. Annes life-boat salvaged gear.	
"	4.	6.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Valder</i> , of Hartlepool. Cromer No. 1 life-boat gave help.	
"	7.	4.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>James Otis</i> , of San Francisco. Salcombe life-boat stood by vessel.	
"	7.	1.10 p.m.	Fishing cobsles of Filey. Filey life-boat escorted cobsles.	
"	7.	3.57 p.m.	Fishing coble <i>Francis and Mary II</i> , of Scarborough. Filey life-boat gave help.	
"	7.	3.57 p.m.	Coble <i>Francis and Mary II</i> , of Scarborough. Scarborough life-boat gave help.	
"	9.	3.30 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Maggie Noble</i> , of Fraserburgh. Girvan life-boat saved boat and rescued	6
"	9.	5.15 p.m.	An aeroplane. Killybegs life-boat	4
"	13.	11.20 a.m.	A raft. Aberystwyth life-boat salvaged raft.	
"	13.	12.39 p.m.	A British aeroplane. Appledore life-boat	1
"	15.	2.0 a.m.	Naval launch. Falmouth life-boat landed 1.	
"	17.	7.25 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Scot</i> , of Stornoway. Stornoway life-boat saved boat and rescued	4
"	20.	5.52 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>John and Sarah</i> , of Great Yarmouth. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat saved boat and rescued	2
"	21.	6.40 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Enterprise</i> , of Cromarty. Cromarty life-boat escorted vessel.	
"	23.	6.30 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Violet</i> , of Fraserburgh. Girvan life-boat gave help.	
"	24.	5.30 a.m.	Admiralty motor fishing vessel No. 641. Aberystwyth life-boat saved vessel and rescued	5
"	27.	11.35 a.m.	The Lizard life-boat picked up a dead body.	
Mar.	3.	4.35 a.m.	Naval tug <i>Seaman</i> . Montrose No. 1 life-boat escorted vessel.	
"	3.	3.40 p.m.	An aeroplane. Eyemouth life-boat picked up a dead body.	
"	4.	7.10 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Fair Irene</i> , of Rye. Dungeness life-boat saved boat and rescued	2
"	5.	7.15 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Peveril</i> , of Douglas. Douglas life-boat escorted boat.	
"	8.	2.50 p.m.	Tobermory life-boat took a sick girl to Oban, thereby saving her life	1
"	13.	5.10 a.m.	German submarine. Courtmacsherry life-boat	37
"	21.	4.23 p.m.	S.S. <i>James Egan Layne</i> , of U.S.A. Plymouth life-boat salvaged two rafts.	
"	21.	4.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>John R. Park</i> , of San Francisco. Penlee life-boat stood by vessel.	
"	21.	4.56 p.m.	S.S. <i>John R. Park</i> , of San Francisco. The Lizard life-boat stood by vessel.	
"	21.	5.48 p.m.	R.A.F. motor vessel <i>Dutch Lady</i> . Shoreham Harbour life-boat escorted vessel.	
"	22.	3.50 p.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Kingsley</i> , of Greenock. Sennen Cove life-boat landed 49.	
"	23.	6.0 p.m.	The Coningbeg lightship. Kilmore life-boat landed a sick man.	
"	26.	7.40 a.m.	Motor vessel <i>Pacific</i> , of Holland. Penlee life-boat salvaged a ship's boat.	
"	28.	5.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Antonio</i> . Angle life-boat gave help.	
"	29.	7.48 a.m.	H.M. Corvette <i>K.458</i> . Sennen Cove life-boat stood by vessel.	
"	29.	8.25 a.m.	H.M. Corvette <i>K.458</i> . Penlee life-boat landed 57.	
"	29.	4.5 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Agnes</i> , of Preston. New Brighton No. 2 life-boat	3
"	31.	10.15 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>St. Augustine</i> , of Helvick. Helvick Head life-boat saved boat and rescued	2
Apr.	3.	4.55 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Gwendoline</i> , of Sheringham. Sheringham life-boat gave help.	
"	5.	4.50 p.m.	S.S. <i>Marianne II</i> . Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
"	5.	9.8 p.m.	S.S. <i>Gasray</i> . St. Abbs life-boat	16
"	6.	8.21 a.m.	Ships' boats. Bembridge life-boat salvaged 8 ships' boats.	

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Apr. 8.		S.S. <i>Ernest L. Grant</i> , of U.S.A. Walmer life-boat took out a doctor.	
" 10.	11.10 p.m.	Fishing vessel <i>Albert Victor</i> . Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat - - -	9
" 13.	7.0 a.m.	Steam trawler <i>Maria</i> , of Holland. Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat gave help.	
" 13.	8.30 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>Mary Bridget</i> , of Wexford. Rosslare Harbour life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	3
" 14.	1.15 a.m.	Motor trawler <i>Golden Lily</i> , of Lowestoft. Galway Bay life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	6
" 15.	5.40 p.m.	Faroeese fishing vessel <i>Albert Victor</i> . Aberdeen, North Pier, Life Saving Company - - - - -	5
" 16.	7.45 p.m.	Ships' boats. North Sunderland life-boat salved 2 ships' boats.	
" 19.	11.40 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Stella</i> , of Waterford. Dunmore East life-boat gave help.	
" 22.	1.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Wilno</i> , of Gdynia. Caister life-boat escorted vessel.	
" 23.	11.36 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Iolanda</i> , of Brixham. Torbay life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	1
" 23.	4.42 p.m.	S.S. <i>Riverton</i> , of Newcastle. St. Ives life-boat landed 34.	
" 26.	3.35 a.m.	Small boat <i>S.M.370</i> . Shoreham Harbour life-boat saved boat.	
" 26.	6.30 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Emily</i> , of Ballycotton. Ballycotton life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2
" 27.	12.20 p.m.	Four fishing cobbles, of Filey. Filey life-boat escorted cobbles.	
" 28.	10.0 p.m.	Rowing fishing boat <i>Annie</i> , of Westhaven. Broughty Ferry life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2
" 29.	5.20 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Unity</i> , of Lowestoft. Lowestoft life-boat escorted boat.	
" 29.	6.0 p.m.	A rowing boat, of Dollymount. Howth life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	5
" 29.	7.5 p.m.	A small sailing boat. Poolbeg life-boat saved boat.	
" 29.	11.20 p.m.	H.M. Destroyer <i>Witherington</i> . Cullercoats life-boat - - -	7

The War ended on the last minute of the 8th of May.

May 9.	11.19 a.m.	A sailing dinghy, of Brixham. Torbay life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2
" 11.	5.25 p.m.	S.S. <i>Dorrit</i> , of Glasgow. Lowestoft life-boat escorted vessel.	
" 11.	9.50 p.m.	Fishing smack <i>Crecy</i> , of Lowestoft. Lowestoft life-boat gave help.	
" 13.	12.6 p.m.	Motor fishing vessels, <i>Mary Iversen</i> , and <i>Gadanus</i> , of Denmark. Skegness life-boat stood by vessel and gave help.	
" 13.	4.10 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>750</i> . Holyhead life-boat escorted vessel.	
" 20.	2.25 p.m.	Sailing boat <i>Maretta Belle</i> , of Troon. Troon life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2
" 22.	5.50 p.m.	H.M. Motor Torpedo Boat <i>2007</i> . Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat -	20
" 22.	6.0 p.m.	Motor Torpedo Boat <i>2007</i> . Aberdeen, Torry Life Saving Company - - - - -	1
" 26.	10.30 a.m.	A Firefly aeroplane. Blackpool life-boat salved wreckage.	
" 31.	2.0 p.m.	A Wellington aeroplane. Clovelly life-boat picked up a dead body.	
June 7.	2.30 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>D.257</i> , of Fenit. Fenit life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2
" 7.	2.30 a.m.	Tug <i>Empire Harry</i> , of Hull. Salcombe life-boat - - -	19
" 7.	8.40 p.m.	Rosslare Harbour life-boat landed a sick man from the Tuskar Rock Lighthouse.	
" 9.	11.50 p.m.	Naval Cadet motor boat <i>Free Lance</i> . New Brighton No. 1 life-boat saved boat.	
" 10.	10.30 p.m.	A sailing yacht of Malahide. Howth life-boat - - - - -	3
" 11.	10.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>John L. Sullivan</i> , of San Francisco. Walmer life-boat took out a doctor and landed a sick man.	
" 15.	8.50 a.m.	S.S. <i>Jeannette</i> , of Belgium. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
" 20.	11.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Clarissa</i> , of Bideford. Llandudno life-boat landed 2.	
" 21.	8.12 a.m.	S.S. <i>Fort la Prairie</i> , of London. Longhope life-boat - - -	52
" 23.	8.30 a.m.	Port Askaig life-boat conveyed an urgent surgical case from Colonsay to Oban, thereby saving a life - - - - -	1
" 24.	12.10 a.m.	H.M. Minesweeper <i>Ring Dove</i> . Longhope life-boat stood by vessel.	
" 27.	5.55 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Geisha</i> , of Wexford. Rosslare Harbour life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	3

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	June 29.	6.45 a.m.	S.S. <i>Jargoon</i> , of Glasgow.	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
	" 29.	10.0 p.m.	Harbour defence launch <i>41360</i> .	New Brighton No. 1 life-boat escorted vessel.	
	" 30.		Motor yacht <i>Foam</i> .	Hastings life-boat crew and helpers gave help from the shore.	
	July 6.	1.50 a.m.	S.S. <i>Aighai</i> , of Greece, and S.S. <i>Mistley</i> .	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat stood by vessels.	
	" 6.	2.30 p.m.	Lerwick life-boat brought a sick boy from Unst to Lerwick, thereby saving a life	- - - - -	1
	" 15.	6.10 p.m.	Cullercoats life-boat picked up the body of a bather.		
	" 15.	10.20 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Dolphin</i> , of Belfast.	Donaghadee life-boat landed 5.	
	" 16.	12.45 p.m.	A small boat.	Whitehills life-boat saved boat and rescued - -	4
	" 16.	12.20 p.m.	S.S. <i>Walter L. M. Russ</i> , of Hamburg.	Angle life-boat - - -	9
	" 18.	11.0 a.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Penta</i> , of Glasgow.	Fenit life-boat saved boat and rescued - - -	2
	" 20.	1.5 p.m.	Four rowing boats.	Torbay life-boat saved 4 boats and rescued 8	
	" 24.	1.10 p.m.	Tobermory life-boat took a sick man to hospital at Oban.		
	" 26.	2.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Hugin</i> , of Sweden.	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
	" 27.	3.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>David L. Swain</i> , of U.S.A.	St. Ives life-boat landed a sick man.	
	" 27.	4.25 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>May Lily</i> , of Peterhead.	Peterhead life-boat gave help.	
	" 27.	4.25 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>L.186</i> .	Selsey life-boat gave help.	
	" 31.	6.15 p.m.	H.M.S. <i>Grenadier</i> .	St. Ives life-boat landed a sick man.	
	Aug. 3.	3.10 p.m.	Motor tanker <i>Athos</i> , of Norway.	Holyhead life-boat saved vessel.	
	" 6.	10.5 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>Jean and Barbara</i> , of Filey.	Filey life-boat escorted boat.	
	" 6.	11.10 a.m.	Three fishing cobsles of Flamborough.	Flamborough life-boat escorted cobsles.	
	" 6.	2.30 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Lena Broden</i> , of Stockholm.	Teemouth life-boat put pilot on board.	
	" 6.	2.30 p.m.	A small dinghy.	Walton and Frinton life-boat saved boat and rescued - - -	1
	" 9.	9.15 p.m.	Admiralty motor fishing vessel <i>291</i> .	Donaghadee life-boat gave help.	
	" 9.	10.10 p.m.	Yacht <i>Clover Leaf</i> .	Walmer life-boat saved yacht and rescued 2	
	" 11.	1.15 a.m.	A small yacht, of Fowey.	Fowey life-boat saved yacht and rescued - - -	5
	" 16.	11.45 a.m.	Private life-boat <i>Henry Ramey Upcher</i> , of Sheringham.	Sheringham life-boat gave help.	
	" 20.	5.35 a.m.	S.S. <i>Poznan</i> , of Poland.	Walmer life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 21.	2.56 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Melrose</i> , of Galway.	Galway Bay life-boat saved boat and rescued - - -	3
	" 23.	5.20 a.m.	S.S. <i>Kimball Harlow</i> , of London.	Walton and Frinton life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 26.	9.40 a.m.	Schooner <i>Elsy</i> , of Sweden.	Walmer life-boat helped to save vessel.	
	" 30.	6.10 p.m.	A ship's boat.	Margate life-boat gave help.	
	" 31.	7.0 p.m.	A dinghy.	Minehead life-boat saved boat and rescued - - -	2
	Sept. 2.	6.0 a.m.	H.M.S. <i>Foss Beck</i> .	Walmer life-boat landed a sick man.	
	" 2.	9.15 a.m.	Lerwick life-boat brought a sick woman from Fetlar.		
	" 2.	4.7 p.m.	Margate life-boat rescued a bather	- - - - -	1
	" 3.	10.45 a.m.	Yacht <i>Octroon</i> , of Abersoch.	Holyhead life-boat saved yacht and rescued - - -	3
	" 10.	8.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Red Hackle</i> , of Arbroath.	Arbroath life-boat saved boat and rescued - - -	4
	" 10.	10.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Jacinth</i> , of Dunbar.	Dunbar life-boat escorted boat.	
	" 11.	1.0 p.m.	A rowing boat.	Bembridge life-boat gave help.	
	" 11.	9.30 p.m.	A small boat.	Arranmore life-boat gave help.	
	" 14.	2.30 p.m.	H.M.S. <i>Hastings</i> .	Hastings life-boat put 30 naval ratings on board.	
	" 14.	8.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Dentonia Park</i> , of Montreal.	Walmer life-boat took out a doctor and put pilot on board.	

		Time of Launching		Persons rescued from shipwreck
1945	Sept. 15.	11.45 p.m.	H.M.S. <i>Saltburn</i> . Barrow life-boat landed an injured man.	
	" 19.	1.15 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Sirus</i> , of Skibbereen. Baltimore life-boat saved boat and rescued	4
	" 22.	12.35 a.m.	Steam trawler <i>Trumpeter</i> , of Milford Haven. Galway Bay life-boat	12
	" 22.	9.55 a.m.	Steam trawler <i>Ilfracombe</i> , of Milford Haven. Galway Bay life-boat	13
	" 22.	5.45 p.m.	Steam trawler <i>Ilfracombe</i> , of Milford Haven. Galway Bay life-boat landed 8.	
	" 22.	11.30 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Loch Loy</i> , of Inverness. Cromarty life-boat saved boat and rescued	5
	" 23.	11.30 a.m.	Yacht <i>Carew Belle</i> and a sailing boat. Tenby life-boat saved 2 boats and rescued	7
	" 24.	10.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Helen Hunt Jackson</i> , of Los Angeles. Walmer life-boat took out a doctor.	
	" 27.	10.35 a.m.	S.S. <i>Brightside</i> , of Middlesbrough. Caister life-boat gave help.	
Oct.	1.	12.10 p.m.	Steam drifter <i>True Vine</i> , of Fraserburgh. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
	" 1.	9.40 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Maygough</i> , of Clogher Head. Clogher Head life-boat gave help.	
	" 2.	2.55 a.m.	S.S. <i>W. R. Grace</i> , of Baltimore. Walmer life-boat gave help.	
	" 2.	2.38 p.m.	Steam drifter <i>Covent Garden</i> , of Lowestoft. Lowestoft life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 3.	11.45 a.m.	Motor schooner <i>Windermere</i> , of Dublin. Rosslare Harbour life-boat escorted vessel.	
	" 4.	7.0 a.m.	S.S. <i>Birte</i> , of Copenhagen. Walmer life-boat helped to save vessel.	
	" 5.	4.0 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Lindy</i> , of Norway. Gourdon life-boat gave help.	
	" 6.	10.0 a.m.	Motor trawler <i>Prevelant</i> , of Brixham. Torbay life-boat gave help.	
	" 7.	5.23 a.m.	S.S. <i>Juta</i> , of Glasgow. Tenby life-boat landed 20.	
	" 7.	6.3 a.m.	Yacht <i>Lavender</i> . Ramsgate life-boat	3
	" 8.	8.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Guillemont</i> , of Kilmore Quay. Kilmore life-boat saved boat and rescued	3
	" 10.	11.20 a.m.	H.M.S. <i>Leeds Castle</i> . Campbeltown life-boat gave help.	
	" 11.	9.50 p.m.	Three small boats, of Torquay. Torbay life-boat gave help.	
	" 12.	5.25 a.m.	Steam drifter <i>M. A. Stephens</i> , of Fraserburgh. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 12.	12.40 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Watercress</i> . Aldeburgh No. 1 life-boat gave help.	
	" 15.	7.0 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>S.M.126</i> , of Shoreham. Shoreham Harbour life-boat gave help.	
	" 17.	9.45 p.m.	A small rowing boat, of Bridlington. Bridlington life-boat escorted boat.	
	" 17.	10.50 p.m.	S.S. <i>Plasma</i> , of Fraserburgh. Boulmer life-boat stood by vessel.	
	" 17.	11.45 p.m.	Trawler <i>Lord Beaconsfield</i> , of Hull. Arbroath life-boat landed 17.	
	" 18.	1.0 p.m.	Motor ship <i>Eagerfjell</i> , of Oslo. Dunmore East life-boat gave help.	
	" 19.	5.45 a.m.	S.S. <i>Magna</i> , of Helsingborg. Walmer life-boat gave help.	
	" 19.	5.50 a.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Zana</i> , of Sweden. Gourdon life-boat gave help.	
	" 19.	2.0 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Lady Betty</i> , of Rhyl. Rhyl life-boat saved boat and rescued	1
	" 19.	3.0 p.m.	Port Askaig life-boat brought an injured boy from Colonsay, thereby saving a life	1
	" 19.	9.5 p.m.	H.M. Minesweeper <i>Nc. 1172</i> , of London. Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat gave help.	
	" 20.	5.55 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Fortunatus</i> , of Aberdeen. Peterhead life-boat saved vessel and rescued	4
	" 24.	6.43 a.m.	Ketch <i>Minnie Flossie</i> , of Bideford. St. Ives life-boat	2
	" 24.	9.25 a.m.	Motor cable <i>Jean and Barbara</i> . Filey life-boat escorted cable.	
	" 25.	9.55 p.m.	H.M.S. <i>Saltburn</i> . Selsey life-boat	25
	" 25.	9.57 p.m.	H.M.S. <i>Saltburn</i> . Bembridge life-boat	63
	" 25.	9.57 p.m.	H.M. <i>Tug Swarthy</i> . Bembridge life-boat	14
	" 28.	3.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Moorwood</i> , of London. Southend-on-Sea life-boat gave help.	

		Time of Launching		Persons rescued from shipwreck
1945				
Oct. 29.	8.45 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Patriot</i> , of Rosslare Harbour.	Rosslare Harbour	
		life-boat gave help.		
„ 31.	9.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Norseman</i> , of Montrose.	Kirkcudbright	
		life-boat gave help.		
Nov. 1.	8.40 p.m.	S.S. <i>Ariston</i> , of Sweden.	Weymouth life-boat stood by vessel.	
„ 6.	5.15 p.m.	Motor launch <i>Cypress</i> .	Salcombe life-boat gave help.	
„ 8.	9.25 p.m.	Steam trawler <i>Bellerophon</i> , of Lowestoft.	Galway Bay life-boat gave help.	
„ 16.	4.20 p.m.	H.M. Minesweeper No. 988.	Anstruther life-boat landed 1.	
„ 18.	4.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>Edam</i> , of Rotterdam.	Walmer life-boat gave help.	
„ 24.	6.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Leland Stanford</i> , of Los Angeles.	Walmer life-boat gave help.	
„ 26.	10.20 a.m.	Seven fishing cobles of Newbiggin.	Newbiggin life-boat escorted cobles.	
„ 28.	7.45 p.m.	A small rowing boat, of Broughty Ferry.	Broughty Ferry life-boat gave help.	
„ 28.	9.55 p.m.	Hopper <i>Normanby</i> No. 2, of Middlesbrough.	Teesmouth life-boat landed 2.	
„ 29.	11.0 a.m.	Wick life-boat brought an injured woman from Stroma Island.		
„ 30.	11.50 p.m.	S.S. <i>André Thomé</i> , of La Rochelle.	Walmer life-boat gave help.	
Dec. 5.	4.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>Elizabeth Lysaght</i> , of Newcastle-on-Tyne.	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
„ 7.	10.20 a.m.	Fishing coble <i>Brighter Dawn</i> , of Boulmer.	Boulmer life-boat escorted coble.	
„ 8.	7.10 p.m.	S.S. <i>Kyle V. Johnson</i> , of U.S.A.	Walmer life-boat took out a doctor.	
„ 9.	8.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Lady Sophia</i> , of London.	Sheringham life-boat gave help.	
„ 10.	2.15 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Minnie</i> , of Rye.	Dungeness life-boat gave help.	
„ 10.	10.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>T. A. Johnston</i> , of U.S.A.	Swanage life-boat stood by vessel.	
„ 11.	6.55 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Gem</i> , of Hull.	Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted boat.	
„ 13.	3.0 a.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Tigaven</i> , of London.	Flamborough life-boat landed 14.	
„ 13.	3.30 a.m.	{ S.S. <i>Empire Tigaven</i> , of London.	Filey life-boat stood by vessel.	
„ 15.	5.50 p.m.		The Flamborough life-boat. Filey life-boat gave help.	
„ 15.	5.50 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel No. 125.	Clacton-on-Sea life-boat gave help.	
„ 17.	1.0 p.m.	Six fishing boats of Arbroath.	Arbroath life-boat escorted boats.	
„ 17.	11.15 p.m.	Fishing coble <i>Provider</i> .	Newbiggin life-boat escorted coble.	
„ 18.	12.5 p.m.	Yacht <i>Diane</i> , of Cowes.	Penlee life-boat saved yacht and rescued - - - - -	7
„ 19.	12.25 a.m.	S.S. <i>Dunkery Beacon</i> , of London.	Falmouth life-boat stood by vessel.	
„ 19.	2.35 a.m.	Steam trawler <i>T. L. Devlin</i> , of Granton.	Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat escorted vessel.	
„ 19.	5.10 a.m.	Tug <i>Empire Aid</i> , of London.	Falmouth life-boat gave help.	
„ 19.	4.30 p.m.	Aith life-boat took a doctor to Papa Stour.		
„ 21.	6.15 p.m.	Admiralty motor fishing vessels Nos. 96 and 611.	Walton and Frinton life-boat - - - - -	11
„ 22.	10.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Kaida</i> .	Selsey life-boat landed 8.	
„ 25.	noon	Galway Bay life-boat brought from the mainland a soldier on short leave from Italy.		
„ 28.	11.33 a.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Gatehouse</i> .	Aldeburgh No. 1 life-boat landed 6.	
„ 28.	5.20 p.m.	Admiralty drifter <i>Nairnside</i> .	Whitehills life-boat gave help.	
„ 29.	3.43 p.m.	Motor coble <i>Three Brothers</i> , of Sunderland.	Seaham life-boat gave help.	
„ 31.	3.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Fineen</i> , of Crookhaven.	Baltimore life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	5

Summary of the Year's Work

Launches of Life-boats.

Including those in which no service was rendered.

Launches before the end of war on 8th May - - - - -	2 0 4
Launches after the end of war - - - - -	<u>2 9 3</u>
Total of launches of life-boats - - - - -	<u>4 9 7</u>

Of the 204 launches before the end of war 118 were to vessels and aeroplanes in distress through attack by the enemy or on account of the war, and 86 were to vessels in distress from other causes

Lives rescued.

Lives rescued by life-boats before the end of war - - - - -	223
Lives rescued by life-boats after the end of war - - - - -	<u>330</u>
Total of lives rescued by life-boats - - - - -	553
Lives rescued by shore-boats, auxiliary rescue-boats and in other ways, for whose rescue the Institution gave rewards - - - - -	<u>134</u>
Total of lives rescued - - - - -	<u>687</u>

Of the 223 lives rescued before the end of war 137 were from vessels and aeroplanes in distress through attack by the enemy, or on account of the war, and 86 were from vessels in distress from other causes.

Persons landed.

Persons landed who had been, or might have been, in danger or distress - - - - -	234
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Vessels and boats helped.

Vessels and boats which life-boats saved or helped to save from destruction - - - - -	6 5
Vessels or boats which life-boats stood by, escorted to safety or helped - - - - -	2 1 0

Accounts of Services by Life-boats

JANUARY

Launches 63 Lives rescued 100

JANUARY 2ND. - SOUTHBEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 12.10 in the afternoon the naval control told the coxswain that two ships had been in collision between No. 1 and No. 2 Sea Reach Buoy. There was a thick fog, with a light westerly breeze and a slight sea. The motor life-boat *J. B. Proudfoot*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 12.30. She found first the Liberty ship *Fort St. Paul*, with her stem badly damaged, but not making water. As the other vessel was reported to be sinking the life-boat set out to search for her. She was the Admiralty vessel *Ben My Chree*, and the life-boat found her at anchor half a mile west of Chapman Head Light-house. She was badly holed amidships and making a lot of water. The life-boat stood by her for two hours. During that time the water was got under control and two tugs arrived. As the life-boat was no longer needed she returned to her station, arriving at 5.5. - Rewards, £10 10s.

JANUARY 3RD. - WALMER, KENT. At 5.49 in the evening the Deal coastguard reported red flares east-by-north about four miles distant. A south-west gale was blowing, with a rough sea, and squalls of rain and sleet. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2), was launched at 6.10 and near North West Goodwin Buoy saw H.M.S. *Balsom*. At her request she went to the help of eight men in a ship's boat. They had left the American steamer *George M. Verity* during the afternoon to obtain supplies from another ship, but their engine had failed and they had been carried out towards the Goodwin Sands. As darkness approached and they were unable to regain their ship they burnt red flares. The life-boat took on board the eight men and took the boat in tow. She intended to make for Walmer, but learning that the *George M. Verity* was due to leave the Downs at eleven that night, she searched for her among the ships at anchor in the Downs. During this search the ship's boat became water-logged, broke adrift, and was lost. At 8.30 the life-boat found the steamer and put the men on board her. Her master handed a letter of appreciation to the coxswain, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 9.45. - Rewards, £31 4s.

JANUARY 4TH. - DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN. At 8.10 in the morning the Bangor coastguard telephoned that a vessel was ashore at Wilson Point, Belfast Lough. A northerly gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 5* left her moorings at 8.45, reached the position within an hour, and found the Dutch motor

vessel *Oregon 1* ashore on the rocks close inshore. She had a crew of forty-two. They would not leave her, and she was being carried farther inshore. The life-boat stood by. When the steamer had been carried in so far that her crew would be able to get ashore without much difficulty, her captain said that the life-boat would no longer be needed and she returned to her station, arriving at 11.30 that morning. Later it was learned that the steamer had broken her back, and that her crew had got ashore. - Rewards, £6 19s.

JANUARY 4TH. - TEESMOUTH, YORKSHIRE. At 9.15 in the morning the port war signal station telephoned that a steamer was ashore on the North Gare Breakwater. A strong and increasing north-north-east wind was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *J. W. Archer* was launched at 10.15 and found the S.S. *Empire Prospero*, of 6,766 tons gross. Her sternpost, rudder and propeller were missing. At the master's request, the life-boat stood by until two o'clock and then returned to her station, ready to go out again if needed. The master had ordered tugs and a pilot for 4.30, but as the pilot cutter was unable to get near the steamer, the life-boat put out again at 4.15 with a pilot, and put him on board the steamer. The life-boat stood by until high water. It was then found that the tugs could not get near, and the life-boat left for Middlesbrough Docks, where she remained until the 6th of January. The Tees Pilotage Authority and the master of the *Empire Prospero* expressed their thanks. - Rewards, £33 0s. 2d.

JANUARY 5TH. - BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE. At 12.15 in the afternoon the coastguard reported a vessel apparently in distress. A fresh north-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea and showers of sleet. The motor life-boat *Lawrence Arden* *Stockport*, was launched at 12.42, and an hour later found S.S. *Vic 33* near St. Patrick's Causeway. She had a crew of five, and was bound in ballast from Holyhead to Portsmouth. She had lost her propeller and was drifting, short of food and of fuel for lights. The life-boat brought ashore her first officer at three o'clock to get food and other stores and took him out again to the steamer. It was then six o'clock. As the *Vic 33* was helpless, and the weather was threatening, the life-boat stood by throughout the night. In the morning H.M.S. *Loch Tulla* arrived at nine o'clock and made preparations to take the *Vic 33* in tow. The life-boat passed the hawser. At 10.25 the *Loch Tulla* and the *Vic 33* started on their way to Fishguard and the life-boat returned to Barmouth. She arrived at 12.15 in the afternoon, just twenty-

four hours after the *Vic 33* had been reported in distress. - Rewards : first service, £10 18s. ; second service, property salvage case.

JANUARY 7TH. - HOWTH, CO. DUBLIN. At ten o'clock in the morning a telephone message was received from Rush that the motor fishing boat *Guiding Light*, with a crew of five, had gone out fishing the day before. She had not returned, and enquiries along the coast had brought no news of her. A strong northerly breeze was blowing, with a heavy sea. The motor life-boat *R.P.L.* was launched at noon, and the coast life-saving service sent out a military aeroplane to help in the search. It found the fishing boat seven miles east of Howth. Her engine had failed and she had been out of control all night. The life-boat towed her into Howth Harbour, arriving at 1.50 that afternoon.- Rewards, £6 6s.

JANUARY 8TH. - HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM, AND TEESMOUTH, YORKSHIRE. At 10.40 in the morning the port war signal station at Teesmouth reported two vessels in distress off the port. The Teesmouth life-boat crew were assembled and stood by, but were not called on to launch and were dismissed at five in the afternoon. Forty minutes later one of the two vessels., the steamer *Empire Scout*, was reported driving ashore near the entrance to the Tees and the motor life-boat *J. W. Archer* was launched at 6.30. A north-north-east gale was blowing, with a very rough sea, and hail storms. The life-boat reached the steamer at 6.45. She had a crew of forty-one. Her boiler was giving trouble and she could only steam at about two knots. She asked the life-boat to stand by. At Hartlepool the naval authorities reported the *Empire Scout* out of control at 5.38 and the Hartlepool motor life-boat *The Princess Royal (Civil Service No. 7)*, was launched at 6.6. She reached the steamer about the same time as the Teesmouth life-boat. Attended by both life-boats the steamer made for Hartlepool, to which port she was bound, and was safely berthed there by nine o'clock that night. Both life-boats moored in the Victoria Basin, Hartlepool, for the night. The master expressed his thanks for their help. The other vessel, the *S.S. Jan Van Goyen*, did not need help at that time.- Rewards : Hartlepool, £16 11s. ; Teesmouth, £26 8s. 2d.

JANUARY 9TH. - TEESMOUTH, YORKSHIRE. At 9.30 in the morning, the senior naval officer telephoned that the *S.S. Jan Van Goyen*, which had lost both anchors and carried away her windlass, had stood out to sea. She was one of the two vessels which had been reported in difficulties the previous day, and the life-boat crew had stood by in readiness to launch to them. She had then gone out to the help of the other vessel, the *Empire Scout*. The *Jan Van Goyen* did not then need help. A gale was still blowing from the north-east, with hail squalls and a very rough sea. It was arranged that the life-boat should take aboard a Tees pilot at Hartlepool, meet the vessel at 12.30, east of the Fairway

Buoy, and lead her into the Tees. The motor life-boat *J. W. Archer* was launched at 12.15 and went to Hartlepool, but the pilot did not turn up, so she went without him to the position appointed. As there was no sign of the ship by two o'clock the life-boat returned and after consulting the senior naval officer launched again at 2.10. At 2.45 it was learned that the *Jan Van Goyen* was in sight, and, with a pilot on board, the life-boat put out again. The life-boat put the pilot on board and returned at 3.15 that afternoon. The Tees pilotage authority expressed their thanks to the life-boat crew for "carrying out a difficult task under extreme hazards." - Rewards, £17 12s. 6d.

JANUARY 8TH. - BALTIMORE, CO. CORK. At 8.35 at night the relatives of the crew of the motor fishing boat *Pride of Sherkin*, of Sherkin Island, reported the boat long overdue. A moderate north-east gale was blowing, with a very rough sea, and the night was cold. The motor life-boat *Shamrock* was launched at 9.4 and went to the fishing ground. The fishing boat had no lights, and after a fruitless search in the darkness the life-boat returned at one o'clock next morning. When daylight came she went out again and found the missing boat five miles off Gascanane Sound. Her engine had broken down and she was drifting helplessly out to sea. Her crew of four were almost exhausted. The life-boat towed her to Baltimore, arriving at ten o'clock that

but she had slipped her tow and was drifting helplessly. She now had on board a salvage party of fifteen. The life-boat went alongside and rescued the men in about half an hour, without injury to anyone or damage to the life-boat. She returned by a shorter and more hazardous route, arriving at 12.50 next morning.

The Institution awarded to Coxswain MATTHEW LETHBRIDGE and to JAMES T. LETHBRIDGE, the second-coxswain, the thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum for their fine seamanship. An increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to each member of the crew. Standard rewards, to crew and helpers, £22 2s. 6d. ; additional rewards to crew, £8 ; total rewards,

£30 2s. 6d. (See Angle, and St. Davids, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 15.)

JANUARY 13TH. - LONGHOPE, ORKNEYS. At 1.30 in the morning the Wick coastguard telephoned that a high speed launch was ashore at the Beacon, the south-west point of Stroma. The weather was calm and the sea smooth. The motor life-boat *Thomas McCunn* was launched at 2.15 and reached Stroma an hour later to find the launch nearly dry. A motor boat from the island took off seven of the crew and the remaining four stayed on board. The life-boat stood by until, as the tide rose, the launch refloated and was able to go on her way. The life-boat arrived back at her station at 9.25. - Rewards, £19 18s.

JANUARY 13TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 3.14 in the afternoon the naval authorities at Harwich reported, through the coastguard, that an aeroplane was down east of Clacton pier. A fresh east-north-east wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *Edward Z. Dresden* was launched at 3.30, and a mile east of the pier, picked up the pilot of an American Mustang. He was unconscious, and the life-boat's motor-mechanic gave him artificial respiration at once. The life-boat signalled for a doctor to be ready, but though the pilot was alive when he was landed at 4.15, he died after reaching hospital. - Rewards, £7 1s.

JANUARY 13TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. About three in the afternoon the coastguard reported a minesweeper aground three to four miles off Clacton, but in no immediate danger. At 3.30 the motor life-boat *Edward Z. Dresden* was called out to the help of the American airman whose rescue has been described and returned to her station at five o'clock. As she was being hauled up, a naval launch arrived, and from this the small boat used in rehousing the life-boat landed the captain and one seaman belonging to the stranded minesweeper, which was on the Gunfleet Sands. After the life-boat had been rehoused the naval authorities asked her to go out and stand by the minesweeper. This was at 5.25, but owing to the low water the life-boat could not get away until 8.40. She took with her the minesweeper's captain and seaman and reached the minesweeper, *1078*, at 9.20. She was aground, one mile east-by-south of the Wallet Spitway Buoy. There was a strong east-north-east wind, with a rough sea. A strong flood tide was running, and the minesweeper was labouring. She had two wires out to anchors and had already lost two anchors. She was making water badly. Soundings gave only a fathom and a quarter of water. The life-boat made two attempts to put the captain on board, but failed. At ten o'clock she was able to go alongside and, with difficulty, was secured. Seas were now breaking over the minesweeper. The eleven men on board threw their belongings into the life-boat and then jumped aboard. At 10.25 the life-boat cast off, reaching Clacton pier at 11.14. It was only with considerable difficulty that she landed the men, owing to the surge of the

sea. She could not be put in her house in that sea, and, with her crew on board, remained at anchor until nine o'clock next morning. She was rehoused at 11.15. An increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to each member of the crew. - Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £23 14s. ; additional rewards to crew, £8 ; total rewards, £31 14s.

JANUARY 14TH. - REDCAR, YORKSHIRE. About 10.30 at night the Saltburn coastguard reported a message from the police at Marske that a vessel was ashore here. A light westerly wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Louisa Polden* was launched at 11.9 and a quarter of an hour later found the steam trawler *James Lay*, aground on a sandy bottom near Red Howls. She stood by until the trawler refloated at two o'clock next morning and then returned to her station, arriving at 2.25. - Rewards, £19 15s. 6d.

JANUARY 15TH. - BALLYCOTTON, CO. CORK. At 11.35 at night the Ballycotton look-out post reported a large flare seen three miles south-east of Ballycotton Lighthouse. A fresh north-east wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The night was dark and cold. Several of the life-boatmen were away herring fishing, but volunteers, including a sergeant of the civic guard, made up a full crew and the motor life-boat *Mary Stanford* was launched at 12.10 in the morning and found the motor drifter *Pride of Rosslare*, of Dunmore East, drifting, with her engine broken down. Her crew, however, succeeded in repairing the engine, and the drifter came in under her own power, escorted by the life-boat. They arrived at 1.40. - Rewards, £11 17s.

JANUARY 17TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. At 4.51 in the afternoon information was received that the fishing boat *Hazel*, of Portrush, had not returned from sea, and the motor life-boat *T.B.B.H.* was launched at 5.15 to search for her before night fell. A strong south-west wind was blowing. She found her four miles to the north of Portrush. The fishing boat was able to come in under her own power, escorted by the life-boat. They arrived at six o'clock. - Rewards. £13 1s.

JANUARY 17TH. - BALTIMORE, CO. CORK. At 9.50 at night friends of the crew of the motor fishing boat *Sea Caress*, of Skibbereen, reported that the boat was in distress five miles to the south-east of Baltimore Harbour, and asked for the help of the life-boat. A moderate north-west gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. The night was cold with sleet showers. The motor life-boat *Shamrock* was launched at 10.10 and, on her way, collided with and sank the small fishing boat *Gem*, which was making for Baltimore to call out the life-boat. The life-boat cut her in two and she sank at once, but the life-boat rescued her crew of five and brought them ashore. She went out again at once to the help of the *Sea Caress*, and found her with her engine broken down and no sails. She

had a crew of five. The life-boat towed her in, arriving at one o'clock next morning. The *Gem* was salvaged and repaired at the expense of the Institution. - Rewards, £20 18s.

JANUARY 18TH. - WALMER, KENT. A request was received from the naval authorities at Ramsgate for the life-boat to take out a doctor to the American steamer *J. P. Mitchell*, urgent help being needed by four of her crew. A south-west gale was blowing and the sea was very rough. No ordinary boats could have gone out. At 11.15 the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched with a doctor on board. After speaking several vessels by semaphore, she found the *J. P. Mitchell* anchored near the South-West Goodwin Buoy. With great difficulty she put the doctor on board. Heavy seas twice parted the securing ropes. The doctor was on board for over an hour. Many attempts were made to get him back into the life-boat and it was only done after a bowline had been passed. The life-boat returned to her station at 2.15 that afternoon. - Rewards, £15 14s.

JANUARY 18TH. - DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN. At 10.20 at night a message was received from the coastguard at Bangor that a vessel was in distress west of Wilson's Point, Belfast Lough. A whole north-east gale was blowing, with snow and sleet showers and a heavy sea. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 5* was launched at 10.45 and found the motor vessel *Samanco*, of Liverpool, close inshore and fast on the rocks. At the risk of being swamped the life-boat went alongside and found that the crew were being taken off by the life-saving apparatus from the shore. She stood by in case further help was needed, but as it was not, she returned to her station, arriving at two o'clock next morning. A letter of appreciation was received from the owners of the *Samanco*. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

JANUARY 19TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 8.30 in the morning the naval control reported a vessel in need of help one mile south of the Medway Gate. A strong north-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea and snow squalls. The motor life-boat *J. B. Proudfoot*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at nine o'clock and found the motor vessel *Eileena*, of London, with a crew of three, being battered against the boom defence of spiked floats and chains. She had parted from her anchors during the gale. The life-boat could not get alongside owing to the gale and strong ebb tide, but the vessel was in danger of quickly becoming a total wreck, so the life-boat drew away, anchored and veered down. After several attempts she was able to pass a line to her. To this the tow rope was attached, and the life-boat pulled the *Eileena* clear of the boom. The *Eileena* was then able to start her own engine, and the life-boat escorted her to Southend, where she was safely moored at 12.20 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

JANUARY 19TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. As soon as the *Eileena* had been brought in the coxswain reported it to the naval control, which at once asked him to go out again to the four T.I.D. tugs *111*, *112*, *113* and *115*. The previous night, when a southerly gale was blowing, they had gone for shelter to the south shore. The wind was now blowing strongly from the north-west and the sea was very rough. At 12.30 the motor life-boat *J. B. Proudfoot*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched again and found the tugs close to the sand, between the Yantlet and Jenkin Buoys. They were short of food and coal. Their masters asked her to send a wireless message to Southend, and the reply directed them to go to Sheerness, which they did. The life-boat reached her station again at 1.50 that afternoon. - Rewards, £7 4s.

JANUARY 19TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 2.48 in the afternoon the coast-guard reported a sailing barge flying a signal. A fresh north-west wind was blowing, with a heavy swell and squalls of snow. The motor life-boat *Edward Z. Dresden* was launched at 3.30 and found the barge *Thalatta*, of Harwich, half a mile north-east of South Buxey Buoy. Her sails were torn, her steering gear out of order, and she was leaking. She had a crew of three on board and a cargo of wheat. The master asked that the life-boat should stand by, hoping the weather would moderate. At the next high water the weather was still very bad, and the life-boat remained until the following high water when, at one in the afternoon on the 20th, she took the barge in tow for Brightlingsea, which they reached at 5 o'clock. The life-boat reached her station again at 7 in the evening. - Property salvage case.

JANUARY 19TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 6.30 in the evening the vice-admiral at Dover requested the services of the life-boat to take a doctor to the British steamer *Sammux*. A north-west gale was blowing, with snow, and the sea was rough. In that weather the life-boat was the only suitable boat. With a doctor on board - making his second trip in twenty-four hours - the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 7.15. She found the vessel at eight o'clock, one and a half miles south-east of the Deal Bank Buoy. The doctor found that the ship's carpenter, who had been swept along the deck by a mountainous sea, had a compound fracture of the leg. He was lowered in a cradle into the life-boat. The life-boat reached her station again at 9.35 and the injured man was taken to hospital. - Rewards, £33 1s. 6d.

JANUARY 21ST. - SENNEN COVE, AND PENLEE, CORNWALL. At 3.15 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that the naval authorities wanted the Sennen Cove life-boat to go to a vessel four miles south-by-west of the Longships. A light northerly wind was blowing, and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *The Newbons* put out at 3.30 and at 4.40 found that a Liberty ship, the

American motor vessel *George Hawley*, had been torpedoed. All her crew except five men had already been taken off or got away. As everything was covered with oil the five men got into their own boat and the life-boat towed them to a tug, which now had a rope attached to the *George Hawley*. She got back to her station at 7.43 that evening. News of the *George Hawley* was given by the coastguard to the Penlee Station at 3.12 and the motor life-boat *W. and S.* was launched at 3.30. She arrived to find the *George Hawley* abandoned and H.M. ships standing by, so she returned, putting into Newlyn at 7.15. It was learnt later that only two lives had been lost and that the *George Hawley* had been towed to Falmouth. - Rewards : Sennen Cove, £24 1s. ; Penlee, £20 6s.

JANUARY 23RD. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. At 8.45 in the morning the coastguard reported a vessel ashore. A moderate south-east wind was blowing, with a moderate sea and snow squalls. The motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched at 9.5 and at 9.45 found the S.S. *Runnelstone* ashore one mile west of Selsey coastguard station. She stood by until, at 11.35, a wireless message from Niton told her that the master of the *Runnelstone* would not need her help. She returned to her station, arriving at 12.45 that afternoon. The steamer got off unaided two days later. - Rewards, £9 1s.

JANUARY 23RD. - DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN, AND PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. At 2.6 in the afternoon the Bangor coastguard reported a vessel in distress off Ballywhishkin. There was a thick fog, but the sea was calm. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 5* was launched at 2.30 and, after a search, found the Admiralty torpedo craft *C.T.21* on Barclay's Rocks, Ballywhishkin. She was leaking badly. The life-boat went alongside her and was told that her crew of ten were about to abandon her. The coxswain advised them to remain on board while he towed them. The life-boat brought the torpedo craft into Donaghadee just after four o'clock. At Portrush the information about the *C.T.21* was received from the naval authorities at Londonderry, and the motor life-boat *T.B.B.H.* was launched at 3.20. She searched until recalled by wireless after the *C.T.21* had been taken in tow to Donaghadee, and reached her station again at 4.30. - Rewards : Portrush, £7 11s. ; Donaghadee, £6 17s.

JANUARY 23RD. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. At 5.20 in the evening the coastguard reported a vessel sending out signals on her siren. There was dense fog, with a light south-west wind and a slight sea. The motor life-boat *T.B.B.H.* left her moorings at 5.30 and found the S.S. *Katherine*, of Plymouth, a quarter of a mile north-west of Ramore Head. She was only in need of a pilot, and followed the life-boat into harbour, arriving at 6.40. - Rewards, £14 18s. 6d.

JANUARY 27TH. - RUNSWICK, YORKSHIRE. While the Staithes fishing fleet

was out during the morning the weather worsened and by noon the sea was very rough, the wind had risen almost to a gale and it was snowing. There was a severe frost, and ice made the launch very difficult, but the motor life-boat *Robert Patton - The Always Ready* was got away at one o'clock and went to Staithes. Here she stood by until the cobses *Star of Hope* and *Silver Line*, which had been fishing five miles to the north-east, had made land safely. When she returned to Runswick the tide was too high to allow her to be beached, so she had to remain in the Bay. When the time came to beach the boat at six o'clock it was blowing a gale. Her propeller had become entangled with seaweed and she was washed ashore broadside on. Thomas Patton, junior, the assistant motor-mechanic, at once jumped overboard and at considerable personal risk carried a line ashore. This greatly helped in the safe beaching of the life-boat. - Rewards, £45 4s. 6d.

JANUARY 27TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. From noon onwards a watch was kept for the local motor fishing boat *North Star*. A strong north-north-east gale was blowing, with a rough sea and snow showers, and all the other boats had already come into harbour. When the missing boat was seen four miles to the north the No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched. It was then 3.5. She met the *North Star* and accompanied her into harbour. - Rewards, £8 10s.

JANUARY 29TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE, AND GIRVAN, Ayrshire. At 7.6 at night a telephone call was received from the naval authorities that H.M. trawler *Dunraven Castle* had run aground on Iron Rock Ledges, Isle of Arran, while on patrol. A gale was blowing, with a heavy sea and snow. The night was very cold. The motor life-boat *City of Glasgow* was launched at 7.50 and found the trawler right among the rocks on a dead lee shore. The life-boat had to go, in the darkness, round a reef to reach her, and bumped on the rocks herself, but she came safely alongside. She got her first line on board the trawler, but owing to the high seas and the movement of the life-boat the trawler's men were not able to secure it. The life-boat went about and came back a second time. After some trouble she was secured alongside and, with difficulty, took off the whole crew of twenty-five. She reached her station again at 11.5. The naval officer-in-charge congratulated the life-boatmen, and the rescued men sent a letter of thanks.

The information was also sent to Girvan and the motor life-boat *Lily Glen - Glasgow* was launched at 9.15, but when it became known that the crew had been rescued the life-boat was recalled and got back at 11.30.

The Institution awarded to DUNCAN NEWLANDS, coxswain of the Campbeltown life-boat, its thanks inscribed on vellum, and made an increase in the usual money awards on the standard scale to each member of the crew. - Campbeltown : standard rewards to crew, £12 2s. ; additional rewards to crew,

£7 ; total rewards, £19 2s. Girvan, £13 14s. 6d.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

JANUARY 2ND. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. A small invasion craft had been reported ashore, but nothing could be found.- Rewards, £13 13s.

JANUARY 3RD. - PENLEE, CORNWALL. When off Cape Cornwall the Cardiff steamer *Strait Fisher* capsized. Her cargo had shifted. A strong north-west wind was blowing, with a very rough sea. The weather was cold. The motor life-boat W. & S. was launched at 4.20 in the afternoon and reached the position given at 6.15, but found only an empty boat. A naval trawler had picked up ten of the crew ; three others were missing. After searching until eight o'clock the life-boat returned, reaching Newlyn at 9.45 that evening, five and a half hours after putting out.

It had been an arduous service in bitter weather and heavy seas, and an increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to each member of the crew. - Standard awards to crew and helpers, £25 0s. 6d. ; additional rewards to crew, £2 12s. 6d. ; total rewards, £27 13s.

JANUARY 3RD. - ANSTRUTHER, FIFE-SHIRE. A Barracuda aeroplane had been reported in the sea after striking the target ship, but no survivors could be found.- Rewards, £17 14s.

JANUARY 4TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. A parachute had been reported coming down, but nothing could be found.- Rewards, £8 5s.

JANUARY 7TH. - LYTHAM-ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE. A fishing boat had fouled her propeller and been wrecked, but her crew were rescued by another fishing boat.- Rewards, £11 4s. 6d.

JANUARY 8TH - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. An aeroplane had come down in the sea, but the pilot was picked up by another vessel. - Rewards, £17 19s.

JANUARY 8TH. - THURSO, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. Information had been received that a vessel was drifting twenty miles west of Dunnet Head, but nothing was found.- Rewards, £22 1s. 6d.

JANUARY 9TH - ANGLE, AND ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE. Both life-boats were called to the help of the American steamer *Jonas Lie*, which had been torpedoed, off Grassholme Island, but they were recalled as all her crew had been rescued by the St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, life-boat.- Rewards : Angle, £18 10s. 6d. ; St. David's, £13 13s. (See St. Mary's, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 11.)

JANUARY 11TH. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY, and PORTHDLINLLAEN, CAERNARVONSHIRE. During the afternoon information was given by the coastguard to both stations that vessels had been torpedoed or mined six miles west of Rhoscolyn. The Holyhead motor life-boat A.E.D. was launched at 5.10 and the Porthdlinllaen motor life-boat M.O.Y.E. at 5.38. A north-easterly gale was blowing, with rough seas. They found several other vessels searching. Some survivors were picked up by these vessels, but none by the life-boats, and after continuing the search for some hours they returned, Holyhead arriving back at midnight and Porthdlinllaen at 1.25 next morning. The Porthdlinllaen boat was moored, but the weather was too bad for a boat to come out to bring the crew ashore and it was not until 11.20 in the morning that they were able to land. They had been in the life-boat for nearly eighteen hours. When the weather had moderated next day the life-boat was put back in her house.

An increase in the usual money awards on the standard scale was made to each member of the Porthdlinllaen crew and helpers.- Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £22 12s. 6d. ; additional rewards to crew and helpers, £7 4s. 6d. ; total rewards, £29 17s. Holyhead rewards, £8 2s.

JANUARY 12TH. - BUCKIE, BANFF-SHIRE. An aeroplane had been reported down in the sea near Lossiemouth, but only wreckage was seen. - Rewards, £14 14s. 6d.

JANUARY 13TH. - FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE. A small vessel had been reported bumping on the rocks, but she was a camouflaged motor launch dropping depth charges while tracking an enemy submarine, and the life-boat was not needed. - Rewards, £6 18s.

JANUARY 14TH. - PADSTOW, CORNWALL. An aeroplane had been reported to have crashed into the sea off Trevoze Head, but the life-boat was recalled. - Rewards, £6.

JANUARY 16TH. - WALMER, KENT. The American Liberty ship *James Harold* had been in collision with the S.S. *Ramon Stern*, had caught fire and been abandoned by her crew. The sea was smooth. The life-boat searched for five hours without finding anyone, and returned to her station. - Rewards, £41 8s.

JANUARY 17TH. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. A parachute had been reported coming down, but the life-boat was recalled when it was found that only a canister was attached to the parachute and not an airman. - Rewards, £20 8s.

JANUARY 17TH. - NEWCASTLE, CO. DOWN. Red lights had been reported, but no vessel in distress was found. - Rewards, £33 0s. 6d.

JANUARY 19TH. - ANSTRUTHER, FIFE-SHIRE. At 12.3 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that a large vessel was

ashore about one mile south of South Carr. A north-west gale was blowing, with a very rough sea, and it was extremely cold, with showers of snow. The Dunbar life-boat was unable to launch on account of the weather, and Anstruther could not launch until the tide rose. It was now low water. At five o'clock the coastguard again asked if the life-boat could go, and at 5.55 the motor life-boat *Nellie and Charlie* was launched. She reached the position given about 7.30, but owing to the darkness and heavy snow she could see nothing. At daybreak, about nine o'clock, she saw the S.S. *Empire Clansman*, of Grangemouth, with waves breaking over her mast-head. No one was visible on board, but she could see a breeches buoy and a line from the shore. After lying about one hundred yards off for an hour without being hailed the life-boat returned, reaching her station at noon, after six hours at sea. Later it was learned that the steamer's crew had been taken off by the coastguard life-saving apparatus. An increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to each member of the crew. - Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £14 18s. 6d. ; additional rewards to crew, £7 ; total rewards, £21 18s. 6d.

JANUARY 19TH. - ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE. An SOS call had been reported, but no vessel in distress or wreckage was found. - Rewards, £19 7s. 6d.

JANUARY 19TH. - TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND. During a north-north-east gale of eighty-seven miles an hour, cries for help were heard and it was believed that a small boat was in difficulties, but nothing was found. It was learnt later that a man had fallen from the ferry landing and been rescued. - Rewards, £21 15s.

JANUARY 20TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. A naval boat had broken down and was drifting, but she was picked up by a naval launch. - Rewards, £13 13s.

JANUARY 20TH. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. A Fortress aeroplane had been reported down in the sea, but she had come down just inshore on a flooded marsh. - Rewards, £15 9s.

JANUARY 24TH. - PORTHDINLLAEN, CAERNARVONSHIRE. A fire or flares had been reported at sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £20 16s.

JANUARY 27TH. - TROON, Ayrshire. A naval dinghy with two men on board had been reported missing, but the boat had got in before the life-boat was called out. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

JANUARY 31ST. - FRASERBURGH, ABERDEENSHIRE. An R.N.A.S. launch had been reported ashore, but she was not ashore and did not need help. - Rewards, £7 11s.

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FEBRUARY 2ND. - WALMER, KENT. At 8.58 in the morning the coastguard reported a vessel in distress east-south-east of the coastguard station. A southerly gale was blowing against the first of the flood tide and raising a very rough broken sea. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 9.30 and found the armed trawler *Snakefly*, with a crew of eighteen, on the inner side of the Goodwins, two miles east of the Goodwin Fork Buoy. She was labouring heavily and being swept by the seas. The life-boat was made fast alongside with four ropes, under her lee on the starboard side, and at the request of the commanding officer the second-coxswain went on board the *Snakefly*. It was only with much difficulty and risk that he did it.

The trawler then rolled away from the life-boat, parting the ropes, and rolled back on to her, damaging her rudder, pulling out two stanchions and smashing eight feet of her fender. As the life-boat sheered off to avoid further damage, the trawler fell over on her port bilge. She went so far that the coxswain of the life-boat thought that all her crew would be washed overboard, and stood by to rescue them. At the same moment second-coxswain Upton, on the bridge of the trawler, saw a huge sea about to strike her. He shouted "Full speed ahead." This advice was promptly acted on and the *Snakefly*, momentarily lifted by the sea, moved into deeper water. Second-coxswain Upton then piloted her to safety in the Downs. The life-boat escorted her and then stood by until another trawler took her in tow. The life-boat reached her station again at 2.30 that afternoon. She had been out for five hours.

The Institution awarded to Second-coxswain FREDERICK UPTON its thanks inscribed on vellum in recognition of the personal risk that he had run in boarding the trawler and his prompt action which had saved her. - Rewards, £15 14s.

FEBRUARY 2ND. - REDCAR, YORKSHIRE. At 11.50 in the morning the coxswain reported a vessel ashore on a slag bank south-east of the South Gare Breakwater. A fresh northerly wind was blowing, with a strong sea and heavy rain. The motor life-boat *Louisa Polden* was launched at 1.20 and ten minutes later reached the S.S. *Lowick*, of Newcastle. She stood by until at three o'clock a salvage officer arrived in a tug. The life-boat put him on board the steamer and remained in attendance until the *Lowick* refloated at 4.30. She then returned to her station. - Rewards, £9 2s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 2ND. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. At 1.20 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that the naval authorities at Portsmouth had reported a floating crane in difficulties in Hayling Bay. A moderate south-west gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched at 1.35 and found the crane dragging its anchor towards Chichester

Harbour Polls. The tug *L.T.639* was lying off. She was unable to get near enough to give any help. At the request of the skipper of the crane the life-boat picked up a tow-rope from the tug and carried it to the crane. The tug then took the crane in tow. The life-boat left Hayling Bay at 3.40 and reached her station again at 5.5. - Rewards, £15 9s.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 4.5 in the morning the naval control at Southend reported that H.M. drifter *Silver Seas* had been abandoned and was adrift to the west side of Southend pier. A strong southerly wind was blowing, with a rough sea and squalls of sleet. The motor life-boat *Greater London* (Civil Service No. 3) was launched at 4.30 and twenty minutes later reached the drifter. She was on the sands, without anchor or moorings, about one hundred feet from the pier and driving on to it. It was impossible to take the *Silver Seas* in tow in such weather. The life-boat dropped its main anchor and, paying out seventy fathoms of cable, steamed near enough to the drifter for three life-boatmen to jump aboard her. They did it at considerable risk to themselves. Then, with a heaving line, the life-boat got her cable on board the drifter, which the three men made fast, so that the drifter was now held by the life-boat's main anchor and stopped by it from smashing through the pier. About 5.10 the tug *T.I.D.7* came on the scene and the life-boat secured her tow rope to the drifter and made with it towards the tug. While she was trying to get this tow-rope on board the tug, the tug came astern and damaged her. The tug was of shallow draught and had much difficulty in getting into position in that strong wind. Eventually she picked up the tow rope, but while she was trying to get into position to tow, the rope wound round her propeller. She was then too close to the pier to anchor, but went alongside the drifter. The life-boat's cable and anchor were now holding both the drifter and the tug from driving into the pier. Going alongside the drifter the life-boat passed her spare cable and her spare anchor to her, which held her until, with the tide falling, she grounded. This was about 6.45. The life-boat then returned to her station. When the tide was out the life-boat coxswain went to the drifter and found a great deal of rope round the propeller. This was cleared away and the anchor which had held the drifter was taken farther out.

At four in the afternoon the life-boat went out again to the two vessels. Three life-boatmen were put on the drifter and one on the tug. Under the direction of the life-boat's coxswain the tug made fast her tow rope to the drifter. The life-boat then put her tow rope aboard the tug, and they both took the weight. After they had pulled awhile without result, the position of the tow rope on the drifter was altered and the tug and life-boat pulled her head round. They continued to pull until she refloated and towed her to a safe anchorage. The life-boat returned to her station at seven that evening. - Property salvage case.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - MONTROSE, ANGUS. At 10.10 in the morning a report was received from Scurdy Ness that two fishing boats which were at sea would find it dangerous to enter harbour. A northerly wind was blowing, with a heavy swell. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Good Hope* was launched at 10.25 and found one boat outside the harbour. She waited for the second boat and then escorted both into harbour. She returned to her station at 12.5 in the afternoon. - Rewards, £8 9s.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - LYTHAM - ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE. At 5.30 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a ship's boat could be seen in the river by the Twelfth Mile Light. A strong south-east breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. It was raining heavily. The motor life-boat *Dunleary* left her moorings at 6.15 and found a ship's boat, marked *D.383 V.H.JB.*, aground on a bank on the south side of the river. Some of the life-boat crew went ashore and found the boat damaged and full of water. They moored her with a grapnel and put her gear and stores on board the life-boat, which returned to her station, arriving at ten o'clock that night. On the following day life-boatmen, using a fishing boat, salvaged the boat. - Rewards, £12 9s.

FEBRUARY 4TH. - CROMER, NORFOLK. About five in the afternoon the coastguard reported that a trawler had arrived off Cromer with a small fishing boat in tow and had signalled asking for a boat to be sent out to tow the fishing boat to port. A moderate north-west wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. The No. 1 motor life-boat *H. F. Bailey* was launched at six o'clock and found that the fishing boat was the *Valder*, of Hartlepool, with her engine broken down. The life-boat took her in tow about 6.30, and five hours later reached Great Yarmouth. She arrived back at her station at four o'clock next morning. - Property salvage case.

FEBRUARY 7TH. - SALCOMBE, DEVON. At 3.45 in the morning the naval authorities at Salcombe informed the coxswain that a ship was ashore at Lannacombe Bay. A fresh west-south-west wind was blowing, with a moderately rough sea and rain. The motor life-boat *Samuel and Marie Parkhouse* was launched at 4.15 and three-quarters of an hour later found the S.S. *James Otis*, of San Francisco, ashore on the rocks. She was a vessel of about 7,000 tons, with a crew of seventy-six, and was bound, light, from Antwerp to Plymouth. At the request of her captain the life-boat stood by until high water. With the help of tugs from Plymouth the *James Otis* was refloated at 1.25 in the afternoon. The life-boat reached her station again at 3.30. - Rewards, £20 13s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 7TH. - FILEY, AND SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. The Filey motor life-boat *The Cuttle* was launched at 1.10 in the afternoon to stand by the local fishing cobsles as a strong south-west wind was blowing and the sea was rough. When the

life-boat was escorting the cobbles in about 3.45 she saw a parachute coming down about three miles north-east of Filey Brigg. She made for it. The aeroplane from which the parachutist had come had crashed on land at Osgodby, near Scarborough. Aeroplanes, high speed launches and a Scarborough coble, the *Francis and Mary II*, were also searching, and at 3.57 the Scarborough motor life-boat, *Herbert Joy II*, was called out. She had about twelve miles to go. But though the search went on for a long time, neither the aeroplanes nor the boats found the airman, and the *Francis and Mary II* broke down. The Filey life-boat took her in tow. Meanwhile the Scarborough life-boat had returned to her station, where she arrived at 7.15. There she learned that the *Francis and Mary II* had broken down, put out again, took over the tow from the Filey life-boat and arrived, with the coble in tow, at Scarborough at eight o'clock. The Filey life-boat arrived at her station at nine o'clock that night. - Rewards : Filey, £37 15s. 6d. ; Scarborough, £49 2s.

FEBRUARY 9TH. - GIRVAN, AYRSHIRE. About 3.15 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a fishing boat had gone aground on the bar on the north side of Girvan harbour. A fresh south-south-west wind was blowing, with a slight swell. The motor life-boat *Lily Glen* - Glasgow was launched at 3.30 and found the motor fishing boat *Maggie Noble*, of Fraserburgh, in a dangerous position, towed her off and brought her into harbour at 5.30. During the service she lost three fenders and picked up pieces of rope and net in her propeller, but without damage to it. - Rewards, £12 8s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 9TH. - KILLYBEGS, CO. DONEGAL. At 4.45 in the afternoon the military look-out post at Mullaghmore telephoned that an aeroplane had crashed in the sea one mile from the post, and that the airmen were taking to their dinghy. A south-west gale was blowing, with rough seas and showers of sleet. The motor life-boat *Queen Victoria* was launched at 5.15 and reached the aeroplane at 6.50. She was still afloat, with seas washing over her. In a dinghy, half submerged, were four frozen and helpless airmen, and one of them, the pilot, badly injured. With difficulty the life-boat took them on board and gave them first-aid. She learned from them that two men were missing, and the injured pilot was very anxious that a search be made. This the life-boat did, but without success, and when a rescue ship arrived the life-boat decided to return to her station as the rescued men were in need of further attention and were very sea-sick. She arrived at 8.45 and the airmen were at once taken charge of by the Red Cross. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 13TH. - ABERYSTWYTH, CARDIGANSHIRE. At 10.15 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that an object had been seen in the sea one and a half miles to the north-west. The sea was rough, with a heavy ground swell. A moderate west-south-west wind was blowing. The motor life-boat

Frederick Angus was launched at 11.20 and found a raft of the type usually carried by small coasting vessels. No one was on it. To avoid any danger to shipping the life-boat brought it in, arriving at 12.20 in the afternoon. - Rewards, £15 14s.

FEBRUARY 13TH. - APPLEDORE, DEVON. At 12.29 in the afternoon the coastguard reported smoke at sea and what appeared to be a man in a rubber dinghy. A westerly wind was blowing, with a bad ground swell. The motor life-boat *Violet Armstrong* was launched at 12.39, and two miles west-by-south of Westward Ho found the rubber dinghy. In it was an RAF. wireless operator, who had got free from an aeroplane which had crashed. The life-boat rescued him, injured and exhausted. Under wireless directions from the naval officer-in-charge she took him to Clovelly, arriving there at 3.10. Naval vessels were also out searching, but found no trace of the other members of the aeroplane's crew, although they found wreckage. The life-boat reached her station again at five that afternoon. - Rewards, £8 3s.

FEBRUARY 15TH. - FALMOUTH, CORNWALL. The naval authorities reported to the life-boat station that at nine o'clock the previous evening a small launch had left the naval pier. Anxiety was felt for the safety of the officer and two men on board her. Naval craft had already searched for her but without success. The sea was smooth, but there was a thick fog. At two o'clock in the morning the motor life-boat *Crawford and Constance Conybeare* was launched. She went first to No. 5 Buoy, the destination of the launch, but did not find her. She then searched towards the harbour mouth and Found her near St. Anthony Lighthouse, where she had made fast alongside a tug to wait for the fog to lift. The life-boat returned, with the officer on board, arriving at 4.30. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 17TH. - STORNOWAY, HEBRIDES. The small motor fishing boat *Scot*, with a crew of four, left Stornoway to fish in the morning, and anxiety was felt when darkness came on and she had not returned. A southerly gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. The motor life-boat *William and Harriot* was launched at 7.25 and found the *Scot* sheltering off the village of Bayble. She took off the men and with the boat in tow started for home at 9.30. She arrived at midnight. - Rewards, £7 10s.

FEBRUARY 20TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. About 5.30 in the afternoon the coxswain received information from the coastguard that a fishing boat was flying a signal and appeared in need of help. A light north-by-west wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 5.52 and found the motor fishing boat *John and Sarah*, of Great Yarmouth, with a crew of two. Her engine had broken down two miles south of the pier. The life-boat towed

her to Gorleston, arriving at 6.45 - Rewards, £13 12s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 21ST. - CROMARTY. At 6.30 in the evening a message was received at the post office that the motor boat *Enterprise*, of Cromarty, which carries mails and goods between Cromarty and Invergordon, was in danger of being driven ashore near Saltburn. A south-west gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. A destroyer anchored in the roads went to the help of the boat, but was unable to approach her owing to the shallow water, and the motor life-boat *James Macfee* was launched at 6.40. She found that the *Enterprise's* engine had broken down, but her crew had repaired it. She escorted her to Cromarty, arriving at 7.20. - Rewards, £5 12s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - GIRVAN, AYR-SHIRE. At 6.15 in the evening the coast-guard reported a fishing boat ashore on the north side of the entrance channel to Girvan harbour and asking for help. A light north-westerly wind was blowing, with a slight sea. The motor life-boat *Lily Glen* - *Glasgow* was launched at 6.30 and found the motor fishing boat *Violet*, of Fraserburgh, with a crew of six. She was filling with water. The life-boat passed ropes to people on the pier and by this means the *Violet* was refloated and pulled into harbour, the life-boat steadying the vessel with ropes and standing by until she was safely beached. After beaching she was pumped out by the Girvan fire brigade. The life-boat reached her station again at 7.15. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 24TH. - ABERYSTWYTH, CARDIGANSHIRE. At 4.20 in the morning the naval base at Milford Haven asked through the coastguard that the life-boat be sent to search for a dinghy which had been reported by an aeroplane about twelve miles north-west of Aberystwyth. The sea was calm, with a light easterly wind. The motor life-boat *Frederick Angus* was launched at 5.30, and two hours later found the Admiralty motor fishing vessel *No. 641*, with her engine broken down. She was a new boat which had left Aberystwyth on the afternoon of the 21st for Holyhead, and had a crew of five. She was in a dangerous position on a lee shore near Sarn Bwch, Towyn Causeway. Two life-boatmen went on board and the life-boat towed her back to Aberystwyth, arriving at 10.50 that morning. - Property salvage case.

FEBRUARY 27TH. - THE LIZARD, CORNWALL. At eleven in the morning the coast-guard telephoned that the naval authorities had asked for the services of the life-boat to search for survivors of a steamer which had been torpedoed about six miles south-west of The Lizard. A light westerly wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Duke of York* was launched at 11.35 and searched for three hours, but found only one dead body. She reached her station again at 4.20 that afternoon. Later it was learned that the steamer had sunk in three minutes, that eighteen survivors had been landed at Falmouth by other vessels, and that

the body picked up by the life-boat was the only Englishman in a crew of Norwegians. - Rewards, £14 19s. 6d.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

FEBRUARY 1ST. - EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. An aeroplane had been reported down in the sea, but the naval authorities recalled the life-boat. - Rewards, £29 17s.

FEBRUARY 2ND. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. An Anson aeroplane had been reported to have crashed in the sea, but the life-boat was recalled by the naval authorities. - Rewards, £5 16s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but a rowing boat from Colwyn Bay picked up two survivors. - Rewards, £29 1s. (See Colwyn Bay, "Services by Shore-boats," page 55.)

FEBRUARY 3RD. - BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE. The naval authorities had asked the life-boat to go out to look for a partly submerged waterlogged pontoon, which a shore-boat had found earlier in the day, but had been unable to tow ashore. The life-boat failed, in the darkness, to find it. - Rewards, £9 3s. 6d. (See Blackpool, "Services by Shore-boats," page 55.)

FEBRUARY 4TH. - BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE. An aeroplane had been reported to have crashed in the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £24 4s.

FEBRUARY 5TH. - MOELFRE, ANGLESEY. Two airmen had been reported to have come down by parachutes, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £16 14s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 5TH. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. A fighter aeroplane had been reported to have crashed in the sea, but nothing was seen and the life-boat was recalled by a wireless message. - Rewards, £24 11s.

FEBRUARY 6TH. - SENNEN COVE, CORNWALL. A casualty was reported by the coastguard, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £24 18s.

FEBRUARY 7TH. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. An army officer had reported seeing a small parachute, with something attached to it, come down in the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £19 16s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 8TH. - ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK. The Norwegian steamer *Vestmanrod* made the signal "I have struck a shoal or object," but was found at anchor and not in need of help. - Rewards, £35 15s.

FEBRUARY 9TH. - ILFRACOMBE, DEVON. A motor vessel had signalled that her

engine had failed, but she repaired it and was able to go on her way. - Rewards, £23 8s.

FEBRUARY 10TH. - BARRA ISLAND, HEBRIDES. A report had been received that a large object was floating in the sea, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £6 5s.

FEBRUARY 10TH. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE. Two aeroplanes, a bomber and a fighter, had collided, and some airmen who had baled out came down on land, but no one was found in the sea. - Rewards, £10 19s.

FEBRUARY 10TH. - STORNOWAY, HEBRIDES. Rockets had been reported north of Pabby Island, but when the life-boat was nearing the position given, she intercepted signals saying that an aeroplane crash was suspected and that aeroplanes would search at daybreak. In view of this the life-boat decided to return, as her petrol was insufficient for the long return journey in addition to a prolonged search. - Rewards, £14 2s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 11TH. - CLOUGHEY, AND DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN. The life-boats were called out to search for an aeroplane's dinghy and it was found by the Donaghadee life-boat, but it was only a test call by the air-sea rescue service. - Rewards, Cloughy, £16 4s. ; Donaghadee, £6 17s.

FEBRUARY 11TH. - PLYMOUTH, DEVON. The Belgian steamer *Persier*, of Antwerp, had been sunk by enemy action four miles north of the Eddystone, but the life-boat was re-called by wireless by the naval authorities. In the early hours of the following morning the life-boat again put out to search for men on a raft missing from the ship, but saw only a raft with no one on board. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d. and £19 15s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 14TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. After a collision a steamer had been beached, but her crew were taken off by another vessel. - Rewards, £13 12s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 15TH. - MARGATE, KENT. The Dutch tanker *Liseta* had been torpedoed, but the survivors of her crew were picked up by an escort vessel. A boat from the American steamer *Ranci Vigo* was found broken down, and was towed back to her ship by the life-boat. - Rewards, £16 17s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 17TH. - SHERINGHAM, AND WELLS, NORFOLK. Three airmen had baled out of an American Liberator aeroplane which later crashed on fire. The Wells life-boat searched in the morning but found nothing, and after a parachute had been reported in the sea later in the day both life-boats went out but found nothing. One airman got ashore alive and the body of another was found on the sands by the coastguard. - Rewards : Sheringham, £29 1s. ; Wells, £12 11s. 9d. and £26 2s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 17TH. - APPLIEDORE, DEVON. The S.S. *Alcoa Master*, of New York,

had grounded on Rat Island, Lundy, but refloated without help as the tide rose. - Rewards, £17 18s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 19TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT. An object, looking like a raft flying a flag, had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £34 17s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 22ND. - FOWEY, CORNWALL. An unknown vessel had been sunk by enemy action. Only wreckage was found by the life-boat, but some survivors were picked up by an air-sea rescue launch. - Rewards, £16 9s.

FEBRUARY 22ND. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. A steamer had gone aground, but she was not found and was apparently towed away before the arrival of the life-boat. - Rewards, £13 11s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - TENBY, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. A steamer had sunk after being in collision, but the survivors were landed by a naval vessel. - Rewards, £11 15s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 24TH. - HOLY ISLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND. An aeroplane had been reported down in the sea, but nothing could be found. An ex-coxswain, an ex-second coxswain and two farm workers helped to make up the life-boat's crew. - Rewards, £20 4s.

FEBRUARY 24TH. - SENNEN COVE, CORNWALL. An unknown vessel had been torpedoed, but only wreckage was found. - Rewards, £15 11s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 28TH. - FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE. The life-boat put out at the request of the naval authorities to search for survivors from a steamer, but on reaching the position given, she found naval vessels exploding depth charges and they directed her to return. - Rewards, £23 11s.

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MARCH 2ND. - MONTROSE, ANGUS. The Admiralty tug *Seaman* put out from Montrose with a battle target in tow and the life-boat coxswain on board as pilot. A strong northerly wind was blowing, with a heavy ground swell. The target broke adrift and went ashore on the rocky coast near Scurdy Ness. A call was sent for the life-boat and at 6.40 in the evening the motor life-boat *Good Hope* was launched, but her services were not needed and she returned at 7.55 and was moored for the night. In the early morning the tug *Seaman* went out to attempt to tow the target off the rocks, and as the sea on the bar was now much heavier the coastguard asked the life-boat to go out to escort the tug over the bar. She went at 4.35 and returned at 6.40 with the tug. - Rewards, £18 8s. 6d. and £17 18s. 6d.

MARCH 3RD. - BERWICK - ON - TWEED, NORTHUMBERLAND, AND EYEMOUTH, AND ST. ABBS, BERWICKSHIRE. About 3.15 in the afternoon men were seen to bale out from an aeroplane which crashed in the sea some two miles off Burnmouth. A light westerly wind was blowing, with a moderate swell. The police at Berwick-on-Tweed and the coastguards at Eyemouth and St. Abbs called for the life-boats and all three left about 3.40. The St. Abbs boat was out on an exercise with the district inspector on board, and received the message at sea by wireless. The motor fishing boat *White Heather*, of Burnmouth, also went out, and an R.A.F. launch. The *White Heather* rescued two men. The Eyemouth motor life-boat *Frank* and *William Oates* picked up a dead body, and the R.A.F. launch another body. That was the whole of the crew. - Rewards : Berwick-on-Tweed, £8 18s. 6d. ; Eyemouth, £27 8s. ; St. Abbs, £24 14s.

MARCH 4TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT. At 6.50 in the evening information was received from the coastguard that the owner of a Rye Harbour fishing boat had reported that his boat had not returned from the fishing ground. A fresh north-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *Charles Cooper Henderson* was launched at 7.10 and found the motor fishing boat *Fair Irene* at anchor about a mile and a half west-south-west of Dungeness. She had run out of fuel. The life-boat towed her to Rye Harbour and reached her station again at 11.45 that night. - Rewards, £33 4s. 6d.

MARCH 5TH. - DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN. During the afternoon the life-boat crew assembled as the fishing fleet was overdue, but their services were not needed until 7.15 in the evening. A strong north-north-west gale was then blowing, with a rough sea, and a report was received that the motor fishing boat *Peveril*, with a crew of four, had broken down. The motor life-boat *Manchester* and *Salford* was launched, and four miles south-east-by-east of Douglas Head found the *Peveril* with a fouled propeller. The *Peveril's* crew succeeded in clearing it, and she was able to make for home under her own power, escorted by the life-boat. They arrived at nine o'clock. - Rewards, £18 3s.

MARCH 8TH. - TOBERMORY, ARGYLL-SHIRE. At 2.30 in the afternoon the local doctor asked for the services of the life-boat to take to Oban a young girl who was ill with appendicitis and in a critical condition. The motor life-boat *Sir Arthur Rose* took her and a nurse. She reached Oban at 6.15 and got back to her station at 10.20 that night. She had saved the life of the girl, who was operated on at once. Her father made a donation of £20 to the Institution in gratitude. - Rewards, £8 9s. 6d.

MARCH 13TH. - COURTMACSHERRY, CO. CORK. At 4.45 in the morning the military barracks at Cork reported distress signals seen off Galley Head. It was a fine

night, with a slight haze, calm sea, and a light southerly wind. With the second coxswain in command, the motor life-boat *Sarah Ward* and *William David Crosweller* was launched at 5.10. About five miles west of Galley Head she found a number of dinghies containing 37 members of the crew of a German submarine, which had sunk eight hours before. The life-boat brought them in and handed them over to the military, who had in charge eleven others who had gone ashore at Galley Head. The life-boat reached her station at 11.55 that morning. - Rewards, £10 17s. 6d.

MARCH 21ST. - PLYMOUTH, DEVON. At 4.3 in the afternoon a message was received from the king's harbour master that a vessel was sinking five miles north-east of Eddystone, as the result of enemy action. A southerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. There was fog and visibility was poor. At 4.23 the motor life-boat *Ministre Anselee* was launched and found the U.S.A. Liberty ship *James Eagan Layne* being towed by a tug ; other tugs and naval vessels were also in the neighbourhood. The life-boat spoke the towing tug and was told that all the crew had been accounted for, and that the captain of the *James Eagan Layne* was on board the tug and thanked the life-boat for the prompt offer of help. There were two fully-equipped rafts, undamaged, floating nearby, and these the life-boat towed into port, returning to her station at 9.20 that evening. The *James Eagan Layne* was eventually beached. - Rewards, £16 9s.

MARCH 21ST. - PENLEE, AND THE LIZARD, CORNWALL. At 4.15 in the afternoon a message was received at Penlee from the coastguard at Penzance, that a vessel and possibly two, nine miles west of The Lizard, needed help. There was a light southerly wind and fog. The sea was smooth. About 4.30 the motor life-boat *W. and S.* was launched and at 5.30 found the American steamer *John R. Park*, of San Francisco. She had been torpedoed and was sinking. H.M. ships were standing by. One of them told the life-boat that the whole crew of 76 had been rescued. Some of them had returned to their steamer to recover their kit, and the life-boat stood by until they again left the steamer. She then made for her station, arriving at 7.30 that evening.

The news of the sinking of the *John R. Park* was given to the life-boat station at The Lizard by the Cadgwith coastguard at 4.23, and at 4.56 the motor life-boat *Duke of York* was launched. She reached the scene at 5.50 to find H.M. ships and the Penlee life-boat already there, stood by for a time, and then returned to her station, arriving at 8.30 that evening. - Rewards : Penlee, £20 2s. ; The Lizard, £25 13s.

MARCH 21ST. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. At 5.18 in the afternoon a message was received from the coastguard that a vessel off Goring was leaking badly and needed the help of a life-boat. There was no wind and the sea was smooth, but there

was a thick fog. At 5.48 the motor life-boat *Rosa Woodd* and *Phyllis Lunn* was launched. At 7.15 she found the R.A.F. salvage vessel *Dutch Lady*. She was down by the head, but was able to proceed under her own power and the life-boat escorted her into Littlehampton, and then returned to her station at 11.5 that night. - Rewards, £10 10s.

MARCH 22ND. - SENNEN COVE, CORNWALL. At 3.40 in the afternoon an explosion was heard and it was seen that a vessel had been torpedoed about seven miles north-west of the life-boat station. A moderate east-south-east wind was blowing, but the sea was calm. At 3.50 the motor life-boat *The Newboms* was launched and on reaching the scene was signalled by an escort vessel to come alongside her. She had on board 49 of the crew of the torpedoed ship, the S.S. *Empire Kingsley*, of Greenock. The life-boat took them on board. Four were injured men on stretchers. She landed them at Sennen and returned to her station at six o'clock. - Rewards, £17 18s.

MARCH 23RD. - KILMORE, CO. WEXFORD. A telegram was received at 5.30 in the afternoon asking that the life-boat might be used to bring off a sick man from the Coningbeg Lightship. The weather was too bad for an ordinary boat. A moderate gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. At six o'clock the motor life-boat *Ann Isabella Pyemont* was launched. It was only with great difficulty that she embarked the man, as the lightship was lying very awkwardly in the heavy seas. She brought him ashore and returned to her station at 11.30 that night. The Commissioners of Irish Lights made a donation of £20 to the Institution. - Rewards, £40 6s. 6d.

MARCH 26TH. - PENLEE, AND THE LIZARD, CORNWALL. At 7.20 in the morning a message was received at Penlee from the coastguard that a vessel 4 1/2 miles south-west of The Lizard needed help. A light north-east wind was blowing. The sea was smooth. At 7.40 the motor life-boat *W. and S.* was launched and on reaching the position given at nine o'clock was told by a naval vessel that the Dutch motor vessel *Pacific* had been torpedoed and had sunk, and that an escort vessel had rescued part of her crew. The life-boat searched for the remainder, but all she found was a ship's boat floating keel up. She turned it over to see if anyone was underneath, but there was no one. She then took the ship's boat in tow and spoke another naval vessel which told her that she had been ordered to stand by in case survivors from the enemy submarine which had attacked the *Pacific* and which had been damaged by depth charges, should come to the surface. The life-boat also stood by while more depth charges were dropped. She then returned to Newlyn Harbour, arriving there at 2.15 in the afternoon. At The Lizard the news was received at 7.29 and the motor life-boat *Duke of York* was launched at 8.18. On reaching the

scene at 9.18 she searched for two hours with air-sea rescue boats and the Penlee life-boat, but found only oil on the water. She returned to her station at 1.30 that afternoon. - Rewards : Penlee, £8 8s. ; The Lizard, £12 8s.

MARCH 28TH. - ANGLE, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. A telephone message was received at five in the afternoon from the naval base at Milford Haven that the S.S. *Antonio* had been in collision near Milford Buoy. A south-south-west wind was blowing. The sea was rough, and there was a thick fog. At 5.30 the motor life-boat *Elizabeth Elson* was launched. On reaching the Milford Buoy she was directed by an examination ship on a south-south-east course and found the *Antonio* at anchor. A party from a French corvette was on board, and the life-boat was not needed. She went to the corvette and found that they had an injured man and two dead on board. The injured man did not wish to leave the corvette. At the request of the officer-of-the-watch the life-boat took six men from the corvette to the *Antonio*, and then returned to her station, arriving there at 9.30 that evening. On the following day the life-boat was again launched at 2.10 in the afternoon at the request of the naval authorities, to stand by the *Antonio* while tugs attempted to tow her to harbour. The life-boat found no one on board the steamer and no sign of the tugs, so she returned. - Rewards : first service, £14 15s. 6d. ; second service, £27 17s. 6d.

MARCH 29TH. - SENNEN COVE, AND PENLEE, CORNWALL. A message was received at Sennen Cove at 7.33 in the morning that a vessel needed help four miles north-north-west of Pedn-men-Dhu. A strong south-south-west wind was blowing and the sea was rough. At 7.48 the motor life-boat *The Newboms* was launched and at 8.25 found the corvette *K458*. She had been torpedoed, and her stern nearly blown off. The life-boat went alongside and was asked to search in the wake of the corvette for two men who were missing. She found no one, returned to *K458* and stood by until she was taken in tow by another vessel. She accompanied them for some way, and then, as a large tug was coming up to take over the tow and the Penlee life-boat had arrived, she returned to her station, arriving at 1.15 that afternoon. The news of a ship in distress had been received at Penlee at 8.8 in the morning, and at 8.25 the motor life-boat *W. and S.* was launched. She reached the scene at 9.45, just as a naval vessel was connecting a tow rope to the corvette. The ships were then less than half a mile from the shore. The towing started and the Penlee life-boat stood by as well as the Sennen life-boat, in case of need. When they were about five miles south of the Longships Rocks, the tow-rope parted. It was now that the tug arrived to take over the tow and the Sennen Cove life-boat returned to her station. The new tow rope fouled the bottom and parted. The wind was freshening, the tide running stronger, and the *K458* was drifting fast towards the

rocks. The Penlee coxswain advised her to anchor. The Longships Rocks were now only a mile away, and the life-boat was asked to go alongside and take off some of the *K458's* crew. She took off 57 men and stood off for further instructions. Naval vessels again took the *K458* in tow, and with the approval of her captain, the life-boat left for Newlyn harbour with the men she had on board. There she landed them and returned to her station at 5.30 that afternoon. - Rewards : Penlee, £14 0s. 6d. ; Sennen Cove, £13 11s.

MARCH 29TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 3.50 in the afternoon the Hoylake coastguard reported that a fishing boat was ashore on the Burbo Bank and that seas were washing over her. Two men and a boy were on board. A strong west-south-west, wind was blowing and the sea was rough. At 4.5 the No. 2 motor life-boat *Edmund and Mary Robinson* was launched, and found the fishing boat *Agnes*, of Preston, ashore. There was not enough water to get alongside. The life-boat went back for a punt and again went out to the *Agnes*. She took off the two men and the boy and, leaving the boat at anchor, landed them. She returned to her station at 5.50. - Rewards, £10 4s. 6d.

MARCH 31ST. - HELVICK HEAD, CO. WATERFORD. A fishing boat, which had been under repair at Dungarvan, left about 7.30 in the evening, with two men on board, to return to Helvick. As she was passing out of Dungarvan harbour the wind blew the skipper's cap overboard. The man at the wheel turned the boat to retrieve it, and ran her on the beach. Another fishing boat towed her off on the rising tide and brought her back to Dungarvan. At 9.30 the fishing boat again put to sea, but when about a third of her way home she was seen to stop. It was dark and she had no lights, but it was thought that she had grounded on the Sand Bar. A strong south-west wind was blowing and the sea was very choppy. At 10.15 the Helvick Head motor life-boat *Elsie* was launched and made for Dungarvan, but in the darkness she passed the boat needing help without seeing her. The life-boat sent up a flare to say that she was still continuing the search. At the same time the boat in distress sent up a flare, but this was not seen by the life-boat's crew in the brightness of their own flare. The position was again signalled to the life-boat from Dungarvan, and the life-boat turned towards Helvick, meanwhile the two men in the fishing boat had lifted their two anchors and drifted into the channel, feeling sure that the life-boat would pick them up on its return. This she did and found her to be the *St. Augustine*, of Helvick, a boat belonging to Mr. P. J. Morrissey, the honorary secretary of the Helvick Head life-boat station. She towed her into Helvick, where they arrived just after midnight. - Rewards, £15 12s.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

MARCH 1ST. - WELLS, NORFOLK. A Lancaster aeroplane was believed to have blown up in the air, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £22 11s. 9d.

MARCH 1ST. - KILLYBEGS, CO. DONEGAL. Flares had been reported at sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £11 5s.

MARCH 4TH. - ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK. Four men had been reported to have baled out of a burning aeroplane before she crashed into the sea, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £43 13s.

MARCH 4TH. - CROMER, NORFOLK. A Liberator aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only wreckage was seen by the life-boat. Two airmen were picked up by a motorboat. - Rewards, £9 1s.

MARCH 8TH. - FENIT, CO. KERRY. A big object, which appeared, through fog, to have people on it, had been reported, but nothing was found. It seems probable that the object was the carcass of a whale with birds on it. - Rewards, £14 2s.

MARCH 12TH. - BARROW, LANCA-SHIRE. An aeroplane had been reported down in the sea, but it had crashed on land. - Rewards, £14 15s.

MARCH 16TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. A pontoon had been reported adrift, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £19 16s.

MARCH 16TH. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLN-SHIRE. A Lancaster aeroplane had blown up over the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £21 19s.

MARCH 17TH. - NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. A burning vessel had been seen at night ten miles out at sea, but only burning oil was found. The life-boat was launched with great difficulty at dead low water in a rough sea and the launching carriage sank so deeply into the soft sand that it had to be abandoned. It was recovered later. Men of the R.A.F. and the American Air Force helped with the launch and the recovery of the carriage. Letters of appreciation and rewards were sent to them, but they returned the rewards as donations to the Institution. - Rewards, £47 7s.

MARCH 18TH. - BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY. A canoe had capsized, but the two persons on board were drowned before the life-boat could reach them. - Rewards, £19 11s.

MARCH 19TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. An aeroplane had been reported to have come down in flames, but nothing, could be found. - Rewards, £13 17s. 6d.

MARCH 20TH. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLN-SHIRE. A Mosquito aeroplane had been reported fallen into the sea, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £26 13s.

MARCH 22ND. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE. A Lancaster aeroplane had crashed in the sea off Hunstanton, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £23 18s.

MARCH 24TH. - MARGATE, KENT. A burning aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but the ten airmen had all baled out and come down on land near Birchington. - Rewards, £8 11s.

MARCH 24TH. - LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE. A Wellington aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only oil and wreckage were found. - Rewards, £9 7s.

MARCH 29TH. - PWLLHELI, CAERNARVONSHIRE. The naval authorities had asked for the life-boat's help in salving a small vessel, but the help was not needed. - Rewards, £6 19s.

MARCH 30TH. - ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK. Heavy explosions had been heard and a coaster seen to be sinking, but her crew was rescued by a trawler. - Rewards, £34 3s. 6d.

MARCH 31ST. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. A fighter aeroplane had fallen into the sea, but only a pair of gloves was picked up and patches of oil seen. - Rewards, £3 16s.

MARCH 31ST. - THE MUMBLES, GLAMORGANSHIRE. A naval vessel had been reported in need of help, but she was able to proceed under her own power. - Rewards, £17 18s. 6d.

MARCH 31ST. - MARGATE, KENT. A boy in a small boat had drifted out to sea, but he was picked up by a fishing boat from Whitstable. - Rewards. £16 17s. 6d. (See Whitstable "Services by Shore-boats," page 57.)

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APRIL 3RD. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. A message was received from the son of the life-boat coxswain, Dumble, that his father and his father's partner were out in their crab-boat *Gwendoline* off West Runton, attending to their crab-pots. A strong northerly wind was blowing, with squalls of gale force, and the sea was rough. The Cromer coastguard were asked if they could see the boat, but visibility was poor, they could see nothing, and at 4.55 in the afternoon the Sheringham motor life-boat *Foresters Centenary* was launched. The second-coxswain was in command. She searched along the coast, and near West Runton found the *Gwendoline* on the rocks. In that wind and sea the two men had been powerless to prevent her from being driven ashore. They succeeded, however, in refloating her, and the life-boat towed her to Sheringham. When they got near the shore the life-boat passed life-belts to the two men, and stood by a little distance away while they came through the surf to the shore. The life-boat got back to her station at 6.10. - Rewards, £16 16s.

APRIL 5TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 4.15 in the afternoon the coastguard reported a steamer ashore on the Scroby Sands. A light westerly wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. At 4.50 the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched and found the S.S. *Marianne II* stranded three miles east-north-east of Gorleston piers. The coxswain went on board, shortly afterwards a tug with a salvage officer arrived. The life-boat took him to the *Marianne II*, stood by until two hours after high water, and then brought him ashore. The life-boat then returned to her station, arriving at 7.10. - Rewards, £5 16s. 6d.

APRIL 5TH. - ST. ABBS, BERWICKSHIRE. At nine at night a message was received from the St. Abbs Head signal station that a vessel appeared to have struck a mine. There was a light north-west wind and the sea was calm. At 9.8 the motor life-boat *Annie Ronald* and *Isabella Forrest* was launched. She found the S.S. *Gasray*, of London, either mined or torpedoed, and picked up sixteen of her men from rafts about two miles north of St. Abbs Head. As the men were almost without clothes, and suffering from shock and exposure, members of the life-boat crew gave some of their own clothes to them. The life-boat searched, but found no more survivors, and returned to her station, arriving at 10.30. A doctor and ambulance were waiting. One man who had a fractured leg was taken to hospital. The villagers of St. Abbs took in the others, and the Eyemouth branch of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, and the naval depot at Leith fitted out the men with clothing. - Rewards, £13 5s.

APRIL 6TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. A message was received at 7.50 in the morning from the Foreland coastguard that a large steamer was sinking six miles to the south-south-east and that a destroyer was in the neighbourhood. There was a light south-west breeze and the sea was smooth. At 8.21 the motor life-boat *Jesse Lumb* was launched, but found that the steamer had sunk and that her crew had been rescued by the destroyer. The sea was covered with floating wreckage but there was no sign of life among it. The life-boat picked up eight ship's boats and towed them to her station, arriving at 1.30 that afternoon. Later they were taken to Portsmouth by an Admiralty launch. - Property salvage case.

APRIL 8TH. - WALMER, KENT. Late at night a doctor received a call from the Deal coastguard asking him to visit the American Liberty ship *Ernest L. Grant*, which was a quarter of a mile south of the South Goodwin Buoy. A strong north-east wind was blowing, with a heavy sea. It was too rough for an ordinary boat to take the doctor, and the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (*Civil Service No. 2*) was launched at midnight. Fifty minutes later she reached the steamer. One of the steamer's crew had acute abdominal pains. The life-boat put the doctor on board, stood by, and re-embarked him at 1.50.

She reached her station again at 2.45.- Rewards £20 14s.

APRIL 10TH. - ABERDEEN. The Faroese fishing vessel *Albert Victor*, of Vaag, with a cargo of fish, arrived off Aberdeen during the afternoon and was instructed to go to Hull. A pilot went on board her, but her compass was out of order, and while she lay waiting for it to be adjusted, she drifted ashore half a mile north of Aberdeen. A light east wind was blowing and the sea was smooth, but there was a heavy ground swell. A tug tried to tow the *Albert Victor* off but failed, and at 11.10 at night the No. 1 motor life-boat *Emma Constance* was launched. By this time a heavy surf was breaking over the vessel and the life-boat made several attempts to get alongside before she was able to rescue the crew of seven, a North Sea pilot and a local pilot, who were on board. The local pilot injured his foot while being hauled into the life-boat, and on landing was taken to hospital. The life-boat's deck rails were damaged. She reached her station again at 1.40 next morning. - Rewards, £11 9s.

APRIL 13TH. - ABERDEEN. News was received that a vessel was ashore on Aberdeen beach, and at 7 in the morning the No. 1 motor life-boat *Emma Constance* was launched. The easterly breeze was light, but there was a heavy swell with a breaking surf. It was foggy. The life-boat found the Dutch trawler *Maria*, of Ymuiden, stranded, stood by her, and, as the tide rose, ran out two anchors for her. The trawler refloated and went to Aberdeen, and the life-boat returned to her station at 1.30 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

APRIL 13TH. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. At 7.10 in the morning a message was received from the owner of the fishing boat *Mary Bridget*, of Wexford, that she was missing. She had a crew of three. A southerly wind was blowing and the sea smooth. At 8.30 the motor life-boat *Agnes Cross*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched and found the *Mary Bridget* off Raven Point about eight miles north of Rosslare Pier. Her trawl had fouled her propellers, and she was lying close to the breakers on the beach. Her skipper was afraid that she would be driven ashore and asked the life-boat to tow her to Wexford. This the life-boat did, and reached her station again at 1.20 that afternoon. - Rewards £1 19s. Partly paid permanent crew.

APRIL 14TH. - GALWAY BAY. At 12.50 in the morning word was brought to the life-boat coxswain that a vessel was in distress. A south-east gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. At 1.15 the motor life-boat *K.E.C.F.* was launched and found the trawler *Golden Lily*, of Swansea, ashore on the rocks on the east side of Straw Island. She was being pounded on the rocks and there was no chance of escape for her crew of six. But for the arrival of the life-boat they would have lost their lives. The life-boat got a line aboard the *Golden Lily*, pulled her off the

rocks and towed her to Kilronan Pier. She arrived back at her station at 4.30 next morning. - Property salvage case.

APRIL 15TH. - ABERDEEN, NORTH PIER LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS. At 5.30 in the afternoon a request was received to land a salvage party from the Faroese fishing vessel *Albert Victor*. She was ashore in Aberdeen Bay and the Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat had rescued nine people from her on the 10th of April. A light easterly breeze was blowing, with a moderately heavy ground swell, and surf on the beach. At 5.40 the North Pier Life-saving Apparatus left the station and at six o'clock fired a line to the *Albert Victor* and hauled the salvage party ashore. It returned to its station at seven o'clock. - Rewards, £7 19s. 6d.

APRIL 16TH. - NORTH SUNDERLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 7.35 in the evening a message was received from the Craster coastguard that a vessel had been torpedoed while in convoy, nine miles north-east-by-north of Craster, and had sunk within sight of shore. A light westerly wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. At 7.45 the motor life-boat *W.R.A.* was launched. She saw another steamer in the convoy heave to, and then go on her way ten minutes before she herself arrived and presumed by this that this steamer had picked up any survivors, for though she made a long and extensive search among the wreckage, she found only two empty life-boats. She brought them ashore, arriving at 11.15 that night. - Rewards, £15 9s.

APRIL 19TH. - DUNMORE EAST, CO. WATERFORD. At 11.15 at night the civic guard telephoned that flares for help had been seen. A light south-east wind was blowing. The sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Agnes Cross*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 11.40 and found the fishing boat *Stella*, of Waterford, with two on board. Her engine had broken down, and she had anchored off Creaden Head, in Waterford harbour. The life-boat towed her into Dunmore at 12.35 next morning. - Rewards, £8 15s.

APRIL 22ND. - CAISTER, NORFOLK. A message was received from the Winterton coastguard at 12.50 in the afternoon that a steamer appeared to be aground on North Caister Shoal about two miles from the coastguard station. A moderate north-north-west gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. At 1.15 the motor life-boat *Jose' Neville* was launched and found the S.S. *Wilno*, of Gdynia, Poland, a ship of 2,000 tons, with a crew of twenty-seven. While the coxswain was giving instructions to her captain, she broke away from her anchor and collided with the lifeboat, damaging her rudder. After about two hours the *Wilno* refloated under her own power and the life-boat escorted her into Yarmouth Roads. The life-boat then went to Gorleston, where she arrived at 4.30 in the afternoon. There she was moored for the

night, returning to her station the next day.
- Rewards, £15 15s.

APRIL 23RD. - TORBAY, DEVON. A motor fishing host, returning to Brixham in the morning, reported that the engine of the fishing boat *lolanda* had broken down in St. Mary's Bay. A freshening south-east wind was blowing, and there was a rough swell. At 11.36 the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched with a crew of four, and found the boat anchored some 20 feet off the weather side of Sharkham Point, among rocks. Her propeller was fouled by a crab pot line. The life-boat took her in tow and brought her safely to Brixham at 12.40 that afternoon. - Rewards, £2 6s. 6d.

APRIL 23RD. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. At 4.23 in the afternoon a message was received from the naval authorities at Penzance, through the coastguard, that a vessel was in distress through enemy action, thirteen miles north-north-east of St. Ives Head. The east-south-east wind was light, but the sea was rough. At 4.42 the motor life-boat *Caroline Oates Aver and William Maine* was launched, and found that the S.S. *Riverton*, of Newcastle, had been torpedoed, and had been taken in tow. The survivors were aboard the Admiralty tug *Director*, but the captain of the *Riverton* would not allow them to be taken on board the life-boat and brought ashore. As naval and other vessels were in attendance the life-boat returned to her station at 9.20, but the naval authorities asked her to remain afloat, as she would probably be needed during the night. When, later, the *Riverton* was being brought into St. Ives Bay, sinking, the life-boat put out again and brought ashore 34 of her men, in two trips. Four of them had been lost. The life-boat returned to her station at six next morning. - Rewards, £32 4s.

APRIL 26TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. At 2.55 in the morning a message came from the coastguard that a boat was adrift west of Worthing pier, and that no reply had been received to signals. No boats or men were available at Worthing, and at 3.35 the motor life-boat *Rosa Woodd and Phyllis Lunn* was launched in a light north-easterly breeze and a calm sea. She picked up the drifting boat about a mile south-west of Worthing pier, with no one on board and full of water. The life-boat returned to her station at 5.35. - Rewards, £10 2s.

APRIL 26TH. - BALLYCOTTON, CO. CORK. At 6.15 in the evening a message was received that the fishing boat *Emily*, of Ballycotton, returning from Youghal fishing grounds, was drifting out to sea and flying a signal of distress, about 5 miles east-south-east of Ballycotton harbour. A strong northerly wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. At 6.30 the motor life-boat *Mary Stanford* was launched, and found the *Emily* with her engine broken down. She towed her into harbour at 7.45. - Rewards, £6 19s. 9d.

APRIL 27TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. As

a strong north-west wind had suddenly sprung up, raising a rough sea, the motor life-boat *The Cuttle* was launched at 12.20 in the afternoon to escort the fishing cobbles to harbour. Some of them were a long way out and some had to leave their gear, but all had reached safely, escorted by the life-boat, by 4.40 that afternoon. - Rewards, £8 12s.

APRIL 28TH. - BROUGHTY FERRY, ANGUS. At 9.45 at night a message was received from the Carnoustie coastguard station that a fishing boat was in need of help a mile and a half east-south-east of the station. A strong north-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea. At ten o'clock the motor life-boat *Mona* was launched. The night was dark, the fishing boat drifting, and the life-boat had great difficulty in finding her. At 10.55 she received a wireless message giving the approximate position and in a short time found the fishing boat, the *Annie*, of Westhaven, anchored, half-a-mile south-east of Westhaven. She had two men on board, both very exhausted. The life-boat rescued them, gave them rum, took their boat in tow and brought them to Broughty Ferry. She returned to her station at 1.20 next morning. - Rewards, £9 6s.

APRIL 29TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. At 4.20 in the afternoon it was reported by fishing boats returning from the fishing grounds that the engines of two other boats had broken down off Southwold. A north-north-west gale was blowing, with a choppy sea. At 5.20 the motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched and in about half-an-hour met the longshore fishing boat *Unity*, of Lowestoft. She had got her engines working again. The life-boat escorted her to harbour, and again went to sea to search for the second boat. She went to Covehithe Ness and onward to Southwold. Then, going inshore, she found the boat beached, and not in need of help. She returned to her station at 7.30 that evening. - Rewards, £5 14s.

APRIL 29TH. - HOWTH, CO. DUBLIN. At 5.45 in the evening a message was received from the Bailey Lighthouse that a boat had capsized between Poolbeg Light and Dun Laoghaire harbour. A strong and squally north-north-west wind was blowing and the sea was rough. At six o'clock the motor life-boat *R.P.L.* was launched and found a rowing boat with five men and a boy on board, a mile and a half west-south-west of Bailey Lighthouse, flying a distress signal. The party had anchored to fish, but the boat had dragged her anchor. Then they had broken an oar. The boat had drifted out to sea, and was now water-logged. The life-boat took the men and boy on board, and with their boat in tow returned to Howth. There she was told that another boat was in distress in Dublin Bay. She put to sea again at 7.50 and searched the bay, but met the Poolbeg life-boat, which told her that she had picked up a sailing dinghy, and that its crew of two men had been lost. The Howth life-boat returned to her station at 10.15 that night. - Rewards, £9.

APRIL 29TH. - POOLBEG, CO. DUBLIN. At 6.50 in the evening a message was received from the harbour master at Dun Laoghaire that a small sailing boat off Poolbeg needed help. A strong north-west breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. At 7.5 the motor life-boat *Helen Blake* was launched and found a sailing boat which had capsized. She made a thorough search for her crew of two, but could not find them, and with the sailing boat in tow returned to Dun Laoghaire at 10.15 that night. - Rewards, £7 5s.

APRIL 29TH. - CULLERCOATS, NORTHUMBERLAND, AND SUNDERLAND, DURHAM. At 11.3 at night a message was received at Cullercoats from the Blyth coast-guard that a destroyer was in need of help at the entrance to the Tyne. A strong west-north-west wind was blowing, with snow squalls and a rough sea. At 11.20 the motor life-boat *Westmorland* was launched. It was low water, and some of the helpers, among whom were several women, had to wade in waist-deep to launch her. Searchlights showed the destroyer ashore on the south side of the south pier. She was H.M.S. *Witherington*, with a skeleton crew of seven on board, being towed to a shipbreaker's yard, and her tow had parted. The life-boat reached her at 12.20, and, after several attempts, was able to go alongside and rescue the seven men. She landed them at North Shields at two next morning. The continuing bad weather prevented her from returning to her station until the 3rd of May.

News of the *Witherington* was also sent by the coastguard to Sunderland, and the motor life-boat *Edward and Isabella Irwin* was launched at 11.40. She reached the *Witherington*, but did not receive any response from her to signals. Her crew had already been rescued. She attempted to get in touch with the coastguard by wireless, but without success, and no reply was received to lamp signals which she made to the beach. She searched for about two hours and then returned to her station at 4.50 next morning.

Messrs. France, Fenwick Tyne and Wear Co., Ltd., who were the employers of the rescued men, gave £100 to the Institution in appreciation of the prompt and efficient help given. An increase in the usual money awards on the standard scale was made to each of the Cullercoats crew and helpers. - Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £34 19s.; additional rewards to crew and helpers, £11; total rewards, £46 19s. Rewards to Sunderland, £13 1s. 6d.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given:

APRIL 2ND. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only oil and small pieces of wreckage were found. - Rewards, £23 2s.

APRIL 4TH. - WALMER, KENT. The Glasgow steamer *Tortuguero* and the American steamer *Clifford E. Ashby* had been in collision and both had been damaged, but they

did not need the life-boat's help. - Rewards, £14 12s. 6d.

APRIL 9TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT. The American steamer *Solomon Juneau* had been torpedoed and one man had been blown overboard, but the life-boat could not find him. - Rewards, £26 6s.

APRIL 10TH. - WICK, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. The life-boat put out to help search for a rubber dinghy from a crashed aircraft about forty-two miles east-by-south of Wick, but was recalled. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

APRIL 10TH. - ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE. A Spitfire aeroplane had crashed in the sea and the pilot had baled out, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £3 8s.

APRIL 13TH. - FLEETWOOD, LANCA-SHIRE. At 10.50 in the morning a Wellington bomber crashed in the sea a mile north-west of the life-boat station. The southerly breeze was light, the sea calm. As the coxswain and crew of the life-boat were not within easy reach, the motor-mechanic, to save time, gathered a scratch crew consisting of an able seaman of the Royal Naval Reserve, two corporals of the United States Army, and a civilian visitor, and the life-boat was launched at 11.10. Ten minutes later she reached the aeroplane, but a fishing boat, going to sea, was there before her, and had rescued three airmen, one of whom died later. Four airmen were missing and the life-boat searched for them, but found no one. She returned to her station at noon. In the early evening, when the tide was out, the four missing men were found in the aeroplane, dead. - Rewards, £5 5s. 6d.

APRIL 15TH. - DUNBAR, EAST LOTHIAN. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only oil and wreckage were found. Two bodies had already been picked up by a patrol vessel. - Rewards, £4 7s. 6d.

APRIL 16TH. - BLACKPOOL, LANCA-SHIRE. Wreckage thought to be an aeroplane had been reported. The life-boat found it to be wreckage of a ship, but there was no sign of her crew. - Rewards, £6 3s. 3d.

APRIL 18TH. - ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE. An aeroplane had come down in the sea, but her crew of two were lost and a fishing boat picked up their dinghy. - Rewards, £4 13s.

APRIL 21ST. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. A Spitfire aeroplane had crashed in the sea and blown up, but only pieces of the smashed propeller were found. - Rewards, £5 18s.

APRIL 21ST. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. A small sailing boat had capsized off Hayling Island. The life-boat found nothing, but a naval launch found the boat

and picked up two dead bodies. - Rewards, £4 13s.

APRIL 21ST. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. A canoe which had put off from Clymping with two on board had not returned, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £14 4s. 6d.

APRIL 22ND. - TORBAY, DEVON. A rowing boat with two sailors on board had not returned, but next morning it was found on Preston Beach. - Rewards, £8 4s.

APRIL 23RD. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. Two airmen had been reported to be in difficulties, but she reached her base. - Rewards, £4 18s. 9d.

APRIL 26TH. - ARRANMORE, CO. DONEGAL. An aeroplane had been reported to be in difficulties, but she reached her base. - Rewards, £5 15s. 6d.

APRIL 28TH. - PWLLHELI, CAERNARVONSHIRE. A sailing boat had been reported in distress, but she did not need any help. - Rewards, £2 17s.

APRIL 28TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. A fishing punt with two on board had put to sea at midnight and had not returned, but she had been picked up by another vessel. - Rewards, £17 3s. 3d.

APRIL 29TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A rowing boat had been in difficulties, but she was towed to harbour by a motor boat. - Rewards, £3 16s.

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The War ended on the last minute of the 8th of May

MAY 9TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A dinghy attached to a naval motor launch was seen by the life-boat coxswain to capsize off Fishcombe Point, throwing her crew of two into the water. A light south-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at 11.19 in the morning and found the dinghy with her crew trying to right her. The life-boat picked up the two men, took the dinghy in tow and arrived back at her station at 11.47. A signal was received from the naval authorities expressing appreciation of the rescue. - Rewards, £1 17s. 6d.

MAY 11TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. At 5.5 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that the S.S. *Empire Dorritt*, of Glasgow, had run aground on Barnard Sands. A light north-easterly breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. There was fog. The motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched at 5.25 and stood by the steamer until 6.45, when she refloated. The life-boat escorted her until she was off the sands. Then the steamer went on her way, and the life-boat returned to

her station, arriving at 8.30. - Rewards, £5 14s.

MAY 11TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. At 9.33 at night the Great Yarmouth coastguard reported that the local fishing smack *Crecy* was in need of help off Corton. The weather was foggy, a light easterly breeze blowing, and the sea calm. The motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched at 9.50 and with the aid of her searchlight found the fishing smack beached in six feet of water. With difficulty she went alongside and advised the crew to remain on board. At eleven o'clock, as the tide rose, the smack refloated. She was leaking. The life-boat towed her into harbour, and reached her station again at 12.45 next morning. - Property salvage case.

MAY 13TH. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE. At 11.52 in the morning the coastguard reported two Danish motor fishing vessels, the *Mary Iversen* and the *Gadanus*, in difficulties on the Inner Middle Sandbank. A fairly strong south-south-west breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *Anne Allen* was launched at 12.6 and found the *Mary Iversen* high and dry. The *Gadanus* sailed northwards, and the life-boat stood by the *Mary Iversen* until 2.40. Then the coastguard asked the life-boat to go to the help of the *Gadunas*. She learnt from her captain that he was getting short of fuel and she arranged with the naval authorities to send out a supply on the turn of the tide. She returned to her station at 3.58. The *Mary Iversen* refloated at high tide. - Rewards, £7 7s. 6d.

MAY 13TH. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. At 3.40 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that a small vessel was in distress off the South Stack. A squally south-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *A.E.D.* was launched at 4.10 and twenty minutes later found the motor fishing vessel *750* with her engine broken down. She passed a rope to her, ready to tow her off, but a naval motor launch came up and took her in tow. The life-boat stood by until the motor fishing vessel was safely in harbour, and returned to her station, arriving at 6.30. - Rewards, £3 2s. 6d.

MAY 20TH. - TROON, AYRSHIRE. At one in the afternoon the naval authorities enquired about a small boat which had left harbour the previous evening but had not returned. An hour later the life-boat coxswain saw a small sailing boat off the north end of Lady Isle. A fresh south-easterly breeze was blowing, with squalls of rain and a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *Sir David Richmond of Glasgow* was launched at 2.25 and found the sailing boat *Maretta Belle*, of Troon, with two men on board. She had been at anchor since the previous night. Head winds had prevented her from getting home. The life-boat rescued the men, took the boat in tow, and arrived at her station at 3.55. - Rewards, £4 7s. 6d.

MAY 22ND. - ABERDEEN, AND TORRY LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS. At 5.26 in the afternoon the harbour master reported that H.M. motor torpedo boat 2007 had stranded one hundred and fifty yards east of the old south breakwater. A north-easterly wind was blowing, with a ground swell and breaking surf. The motor life-boat *John Russell*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 5.50 and ran out anchors and lines in an unsuccessful effort to refloat the vessel. The Torry life-saving apparatus team had also been called out, and, when at 9.30 the commander of the M.T.B. decided to abandon ship, one of the crew, who had been injured, was landed by the apparatus. Twenty men, the remainder of the crew, were rescued by the life-boat, which arrived back at her station at 10.10. Later the M.T.B. broke in two. - Rewards : Aberdeen life-boat, £14 15s. 3d. ; Torry L.S.A., £13 19s. 6d.

MAY 26TH. - BLACKPOOL, LANCA-SHIRE. At 10.10 in the morning the police reported that an aeroplane had crashed in the sea opposite Cleveleys Hydro. There was a variable north-east wind and the sea calm. At 10.30 the motor life-boat *Sarah Ann Austin* was launched and was guided to the position by aeroplanes. There she found a rubber dinghy, maps, first-aid kit, papers and bits of clothing, small pieces of wreckage, and a considerable quantity of oil and petrol on the water. The wreckage showed that the aeroplane had exploded when it hit the sea. The life-boat could find no trace of the crew. She handed over the wreckage to a motor launch of the Royal Naval Air Service, and returned to her station at 2.30. - Rewards, £6 8s. 6d.

MAY 31ST. - CLOVELLY, DEVON. About 1.30 in the afternoon a message was received from the Hartland Point coastguard that an aeroplane had dived into the sea three miles north of Sharp Nose Point. A moderate gale was blowing, with a rough sea. At two o'clock the motor life-boat *City of Nottingham* was launched. It was done with difficulty owing to a bank of stones on the beach. She searched and found one body. About six o'clock she was directed to return to her station, and arrived at 7.15. - Rewards, £15 16s. 3d.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given.

MAY 2ND. - HELVICK HEAD, CO. WATERFORD. A mine had become entangled in the trawl of a local fishing vessel. It exploded and blew up the vessel. Another fishing boat picked up one survivor, but the life-boat found only oil and wreckage. - Rewards, £5 4s. 6d. (See Helvick Head, "Services by Shore-boats," page 57.)

MAY 7TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. Four parachutes had been reported falling into the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £3 12s. 6d.

MAY 7TH. - TORBAY, AND SALCOMBE, DEVON. The Norwegian minesweeper *No. 382* had been reported blown up by a mine fifteen miles off Berry Head, but no survivors were found. The Salcombe life-boat put out at midnight on the 7th May and was the last life-boat to be called out for service during the war. - Rewards : Torbay, £12 17s. ; Salcombe, £11 11s. 9d.

MAY 10TH. - ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. A Beaufort aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £8.

MAY 12TH. - RAMSEY, ISLE OF MAN. An R.A.F. aerial life-boat was adrift and flying a distress signal, but an air-sea rescue launch took her in tow. - Rewards, £9 8s.

MAY 13TH. - EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. A small yacht had capsized, but the yacht and her crew were brought ashore by another boat. - Rewards, £8 12s.

MAY 17TH. - FLEETWOOD, LANCA-SHIRE. An American aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only a patch of oil and some wreckage were found. - Rewards, £12 14s. 3d.

MAY 17TH. - MONTROSE, AND ARBROATH, ANGUS. A vessel had been reported on fire. It was a Liberator aeroplane which had crashed in the sea. A naval launch arrived first and picked up two bodies. The Arbroath life-boat did not launch, but her coxswain and motor-mechanic went in the air-sea rescue boat to save time. - Rewards : Montrose, £13 12s. ; Arbroath, £2 10s.

MAY 17TH. - BERWICK - ON - TWEED, NORTHUMBERLAND. An R.A.F. aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but nothing could be found. A message came that a body had been seen, and the life-boat went out again, but again found nothing. - Rewards : first launch, £5 14s. ; second launch, £9 13s.

MAY 18TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. A sea-plane had been reported to have crashed in the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £8 1s.

MAY 21ST. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. A boy had fallen over the cliff at North Stack, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £3 12s. 6d.

MAY 23RD. - FRASERBURGH, ABERDEENSHIRE. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but the pilot was able to reach shore in his rubber dinghy. - Rewards, £6 6s.

MAY 30TH. - BOULMER, NORTHUMBERLAND. A small naval vessel had had trouble with her engine, but was able to repair it and to anchor nearer land. - Rewards, £14 0s. 6d.

MAY 31ST. - TOBERMORY, HEBRIDES.

A vessel had been reported aground, but another vessel towed her to safety. - Rewards, £1 17s. 6d.

MAY 31ST. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. A trawler had gone aground, and one of her crew was injured, but a tug arrived with a doctor. - Rewards, £7 10s.

JUNE

Launches 28 Lives rescued 80

JUNE 7TH. - FENIT, CO. KERRY. At two in the morning a message was received that a motor fishing boat, with five men on board, was adrift in Tralee Bay. A fresh to strong south-west-to-west wind was blowing and the sea was choppy. At 2.20 three of the boat's crew came ashore in a curragh. They could not give any information about the two remaining men, beyond the fact that the boat's engine had broken down, that she had only one oar and a very poor sail, and that she was drifting before the wind. At 2.30 the motor life-boat *Peter and Sarah Blake* was launched and, using her searchlight, found the fishing boat with the two men on board, took her in tow, and brought her to Fenit. She returned to her station at 4.30. - Rewards, £7 19s.

JUNE 7TH. - SALCOMBE, DEVON. At one in the morning a request came for the life-boat crew to stand by, as the deep sea tug *Empire Harry*, of Hull, with two laden lighters in tow, had gone ashore. A fresh south-west wind was blowing, with a heavy ground sea. It was foggy. At 2.30 the motor life-boat *Samuel and Marie Parkhouse* was launched and found the *Empire Harry* and the lighters on the rocks at Beacon Cove. She rescued the crew of nineteen, and returned to her station at 7.30. The *Empire Harry* and the lighters became a total loss. - Rewards, £13 7s. 9d.

JUNE 7TH. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. A request was received from the principal light-keeper at Tuskar Rock for the life-boat to bring ashore a sick man from the light-house. A very strong south-west gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. At 8.40 the motor life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* was launched, with the branch secretary, Mr. W. J. B. Moncas, on board, and a small boat in tow. At 9.50 she reached the lighthouse, and the second-coxswain and several of the crew landed, much to the surprise of the keepers that they were able to do it in the heavy sea. They took the sick man in the small boat to the life-boat and she landed him safely at Rosslare Harbour, returning to her station at 11.30. - Rewards, £6. Partly paid permanent crew. A donation to cover the expenses was received from the Commissioners of Irish Lights.

JUNE 9TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. About 10.40 at night it was reported that the naval cadet boat *Free Lance* (a converted life-boat) was dragging her

anchors north of New Brighton pier. A fresh westerly wind was blowing, and the sea was choppy, with a heavy swell. One sea broke on board and swamped the engine-room. Three life-boatmen put out in the life-boat's motor boarding boat. They were unable to tow the *Free Lance*, but they rescued the nine officers and cadets on board. At 11.30 it was reported that the *Free Lance* was striking the piles of New Brighton pier, and the No. 1 motor life-boat *William and Kate Johnston* was launched. She found the *Free Lance* partly under the pier and at some risk went alongside. A life-boatman went on board and fastened a tow rope. The life-boat then towed the *Free Lance* clear and took her to moorings off New Brighton stage. She returned to her station at 1.55. - Rewards, £10 5s. (See New Brighton, "Services by Shore-boats," page 58.)

JUNE 10TH. - HOWTH, CO. DUBLIN. At 10.20 at night a telephone call was received from the owner of a sailing yacht, that the yacht, with his son, his sister and a man on board, was being driven out to sea by a strong off-shore wind, from the west-north-west. The sea was choppy, but the weather clear. At 10.30 the motor life-boat *R.P.L.* was launched and found the yacht, which had become unmanageable, three miles north of Bar of Malahide. She rescued the three on board and towed the yacht to Howth. - Rewards, £9 13s.

JUNE 11TH. - WALMER, KENT. A request was received for the services of the life-boat to take out a doctor to a sick man on the American steamer *John L. Sullivan*, of San Francisco, which was lying in Trinity Bay. A south-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea, and no other suitable boat was available. The motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 10.45 at night, with the doctor on board. He boarded the steamer and supervised the transfer of the sick man to the life-boat, and the life-boat brought them ashore, reaching her station again at 12.45 next morning. The man was taken to hospital for an operation. - Rewards, £19 18s.

JUNE 15TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 8.15 in the morning the Great Yarmouth coastguard reported a vessel aground two and a half miles east of Corton. A light north-west breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. At 8.50 the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched and found the S.S. *Jeanette*, of Ostend, stranded on North Holm Sand. She went alongside and found that the captain had decided to try and refloat his vessel on the next tide. She took soundings round the steamer for him and gave him his course. About 10.15 the *Jeanette* refloated and the life-boat escorted her into Hewetts Channel. After thanking the coxswain and crew for their help, the *Jeanette* went on her way. The life-boat returned to her station at 11.37. - Rewards, £4 14s.

JUNE 20TH. - LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE. A message was received from the police that a vessel was flashing a lamp in Conway Bay. A light south-west wind was blowing and the sea choppy. At eleven o'clock the motor life-boat *Thomas* and *Annie Wade Richards* was launched and found the fishing boat *Clarissa*, of Bideford, with her engine broken down. She had a crew of two, and they had been without food for two days. They asked the life-boat to tow her into Conway, but in the freshening wind the weight of the *Clarissa* was too much for the life-boat. She took off the two men and landed them at Llandudno. - Rewards, £15 8s.

JUNE 21ST. - LONGHOPE, ORKNEYS. At 7.30 in the morning a message was received from the Kirkwall coastguard that a vessel was ashore on the Little Skerry. A moderate south-east wind was blowing, with a moderate sea and dense fog. At 8.12 the motor life-boat *Thomas McCunn* was launched, and at 9.30 found the S.S. *Fort La Prairie*, of London, ashore on the south side of the Little Skerry. She stood by all day and until high water, about eleven at night. As the *Fort La Prairie* was then rolling badly and had water in three holds, her captain decided to abandon her. The life-boat took off the whole crew of 52, put some of them on board another ship, which was standing by, and took the remainder to Longhope, where she arrived at 12.30 next morning. - Rewards, £11 15s. 6d.

JUNE 23RD. - PORT ASKAIG, HEBRIDES. About five in the afternoon of the 22nd of June a request was received from a doctor at Colonsay, for the life-boat to take a man, who was dangerously ill with appendicitis, to Oban for an operation. Arrangements were made for the life-boat to go to Colonsay the following morning, and at 8.30 the motor life-boat *Charlotte Elizabeth* was launched. A moderate west wind was blowing, with a slight sea. She picked up the patient at Colonsay, where he was waiting on the pier, and took him to Oban. There an operation was performed, and his life saved. The life-boat arrived back at her station at 12.30 on the morning of the 24th. - Rewards £12 3s. 9d. Repaid to the Institution.

JUNE 24TH. - LONGHOPE, ORKNEY A message was received from the Kirkwall coastguard at 11.35 on the night of the 23rd of June that a vessel was ashore in Burwick Bay, South Ronaldshay. A south-east breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. There was dense fog. At 12.10 the motor life-boat *Thomas McCunn* was launched and found that H.M. minesweeper *Ring Dove* had been ashore, but had refloated. She went along side, stood by for a short time, and returned to her station at five that morning. - Rewards £10 4s. 6d.

JUNE 27TH. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR CO. WEXFORD. At 5.30 in the afternoon a cyclist from St. Helens reported the fishing schooner *Geisha*, of Wexford, dismasted and drifting between the Whilkeen and Carrick

Rocks. A fresh easterly wind was blowing, and the sea was very choppy. At 5.55 the motor life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* was launched, found the *Geisha*, with three men on board, and towed her to Rosslare harbour, arriving at 6.45. - Rewards, £3 8s.

JUNE 29TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At six in the morning the Great Yarmouth coastguard reported a vessel aground on the Scroby Sands. There was a light westerly breeze, and the sea was smooth. At 6.45 the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched, found the vessel to be the steamer *Jargoon*, of Glasgow, and went alongside. Her coxswain went on board. He took soundings round her, and as the tide began to rise helped the captain to refloat her. The life-boat piloted her through a gullyway into Hewetts channel and then into Yarmouth Roads. She returned to her station at 9.30 that morning. - Rewards, £4 5s.

JUNE 29TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 9.20 at night a message was received that a motor boat was ashore on Taylor's Bank near Crosby Lightvessel, but did not appear to be in any danger. At 9.43 another message said that the position appeared to be getting worse, and at ten o'clock the No. 1 motor life-boat *William and Kate Johnston* was launched. A fresh west-north-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat found the harbour defence launch *41360* ashore in the Crosby Channel between C1 and C2 Black Buoys. The water was too shallow for her to go alongside and she stood by until the rising tide refloated the launch. As no pilot was on board, she escorted her into New Brighton, and returned to her station at 1.40 next morning. - Rewards, £10 5s.

JUNE 30TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. At 9.22 at night a message was received from Fairlight coastguard that a small boat, off Hastings pier, appeared to be in need of help. A few minutes later the boat had gone ashore by Castle Rocks. The tide was ebbing and she was soon high and dry. She was the *Foam*, with two on board. A strong west-south-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea and at times heavy rain. It was not necessary to launch the life-boat, but life-boatmen and life-boat launchers got ready skids and hauling up wires, and, as the tide rose, they hauled the boat up the beach. - Property salvage case.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

JUNE 2ND. - POOLBEG, CO. DUBLIN. A sailing boat had capsized, but her crew of two were able to reach safety. - Rewards, £6 16s. (See Clontarf, "Services by Shore-boats," page 58.)

JUNE 5TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. An aeroplane had come down in the sea and was on fire, but an air-sea rescue

boat passed the life-boat on the way.-
Rewards. £3 3s. 6d.

JUNE 9TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. A small boat with three boys on board had capsized close to the boom defence, Isle of Sheppey. One boy reached the boom and got ashore. The other two could not be found. - Rewards, £8 3s.

JUNE 12TH. - BERWICK - ON - TWEED, NORTHUMBERLAND. A small motor vessel had grounded, but was refloated by another vessel. - Rewards. £5 1s.

JUNE 12TH. - YOUGHAL, CO. CORK. Rockets had been seen, but later were found to have been fired by boys, who had stolen them. - Rewards, £11 13s.

JUNE 13TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. A sailing dinghy had capsized, but her crew of two men were rescued by another boat. - Rewards, £4 13s.

JUNE 13TH. - DUNBAR, EAST LoTHIAN, AND ST. ABBS, BERWICKSHIRE. A rowing boat with eight soldiers on board had been driven out to sea, but a nearby fishing boat rescued them. - Rewards : Dunbar, £5 ; St. Abbs, £6 8s. (See Cove, "Services by Shore-boats," page 58.)

JUNE 15TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. A fishing boat with another boat in tow had been reported broken down, but the boats were able to go on their way. - Rewards, £20 1s. 3d.

JUNE 15TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. An aeroplane had fallen into the sea and a man was seen to bale out, but a trawler picked him up. - Rewards, £2 5s.

JUNE 16TH. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. A small motor launch had been seen burning flares off Ballantrae, but the life-boat was recalled before reaching her. - Rewards, £3 17s. 6d.

JUNE 21ST. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. A small boat with two men on board had capsized, but the men were picked up by another boat. - Rewards, £3 15s.

JUNE 26TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. Flares probably washed overboard from R.A.F. launches had ignited when they struck rocks, and had been mistaken for distress signals. - Rewards, £10 2s.

JUNE 30TH. - BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE. A pilot was thought to have baled out from an aeroplane, but a target had broken away from her, and been mistaken for a man. - Rewards, £5 0s. 6d.

JULY

Launches 40 Lives rescued 24

JULY 6TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 12.35 in the morning the coastguard reported a vessel aground on South Scroby Sands, and a few minutes later another message came that a second vessel had grounded on South Scroby Sands. A light breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. At 1.50 the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched and found the Greek steamer *Aighai* half a mile south-east of St. Nicholas Buoy and the steamer *Mistley* about half a mile east-north-east of St. Nicholas Buoy. The life-boat stood by. Later both steamers refloated and the life-boat escorted them in turn into Hewetts Channel. Then they went on their way. The life-boat returned to her station at 6.25. - Rewards, £9 2s. 3d.

JULY 6TH. - LERWICK, SHETLANDS. At 1.55 in the afternoon a doctor at Unst asked that the life-boat might be sent to Baltasound to take a sick boy, who was in need of urgent medical attention, to Lerwick ; no other boat was available. There was a south-west breeze and the sea was choppy. At 2.30 the motor life-boat *Lady Jane* and *Martha Ryland* was launched and arrived at Baltasound at 6.55. Owing to an attack of vomiting the boy could not be moved at once. When it had abated, the boy, with his parents and a nurse, went on board the life-boat and she arrived at Lerwick at 1.17 next morning. Thanks largely to the help of the life-boat the boy's life was saved. - Rewards, £7 10s. Repaid to the Institution.

JULY 15TH. - CULLERCOATS, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 4.5 in the afternoon a message was received from the Tynemouth coastguard that bathers were in difficulties at Sharpness Point, Tynemouth. A fresh north-east wind was blowing, and the sea was choppy. At 4.15 the motor life-boat *Westmorland* was launched and found that the police had rescued two of the bathers. She cruised round among the rocks without finding anyone and returned to her station at 5.40. At 6.10 the life-boat was again launched, in response to a further message, and found the body of a young girl. All attempts to revive her failed. The life-boat took the body to Cullercoats, put out again and made a further, but fruitless, search. She returned to her station at 9.30. The Chief Constable of Tynemouth sent his thanks for the life-boat's help. - Rewards, £42 18s. 6d.

JULY 15TH. - DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN. At ten at night the Bangor coastguard telephoned that five men on board a yacht in Ballyholme Bay were unable to get ashore. A strong northerly wind was blowing, with a heavy sea and rain. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 5* left her moorings at 10.20 and reached the sailing yacht *Dolphin*, of Belfast, at 11.30. She took the five men to Donaghadee, arriving at 12.30 the next morning. - Rewards, £8 18s. 6d.

BRONZE MEDAL SERVICE AT ANGLE

JULY 16TH. - ANGLE, PEMBROKESHIRE. At 11.10 in the morning the Tenby coastguard telephoned that the naval authorities at Milford Haven had reported a vessel ashore on Grassholm Island and in need of help. It had been blowing hard all night from the west-north-west, and rough seas were running, with a dangerous ground swell. The motor life-boat *Elizabeth Elson* was launched at 12.20. She found the ex-German steamer *Walter L. M. Russ*, manned by seventeen men from South Shields, about fifty yards from the western extremity of Grassholm Island. The heavy seas were making a clean sweep over her and only her bridge, the upper part of the funnel and the two masts could be seen above the sea. The life-boat could also see two men clinging to the funnel ladder and another in the main top. Damaged rigging and gear hanging loose made approach very difficult, but the coxswain succeeded in anchoring to seaward of the wreck and in dropping down close enough to fire a line. He fired a line first to the two men on the funnel ladder, for the funnel might have been washed away at any moment. Exhausted though they were, they were able to fix the tackle of the breeches buoy to the funnel and were hauled to the life-boat in the buoy. Several times a line was fired to the man in the main top before he was able to seize it. Then he, too, was hauled to the life-boat. The rescue of the three men had taken two hours. From them the coxswain learnt that other men of the steamer's crew were on Grassholm Island. There he searched and saw six clinging to rocks, where the seas were breaking heavily. It was too risky to anchor near that rocky shore and drop down on his cable, so he took the life-boat as near as he could six times, threw a line and each time hauled a man on board. The rescue of these six men took another hour. Eight other men of the steamer's crew were still unaccounted for and the life-boat searched, but could not find them. The nine rescued men were in much need of atten-

tion, and the life-boat took them to Milford Haven. She then returned to her station, at 10.30 that night. It was a difficult service, very skilfully carried out, and the life-boat was at sea for over ten hours.

The Institution made the following awards :

To COXSWAIN JAMES WATKINS, a clasp to the bronze medal for gallantry which he already held, with a copy of the vote inscribed on vellum ;

To the coxswain and each member of the crew a special reward of £1 in addition to the usual reward, on the standard scale of £1 17s. 6d.

Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £18 ; additional rewards to crew, £8 ; total rewards, £26.

JULY 16TH. - WHITEHILLS, BANFFSHIRE. At 12.25 in the afternoon the Banff coastguard telephoned that a small rowing and sailing boat appeared to be in difficulties about one mile north-north-east of Banff. A fresh south-east wind was blowing, with a slight sea. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 4* was launched at 12.45 and found the boat three-quarters of an hour later. She was near the Banff gas works. Four people were on board. They had got hold of one of the poles fixed for the salmon nets, and so had kept their boat from going on the rocks. Approaching as near as possible the life-boat threw them a rope and towed the boat into Banff harbour, arriving at 2.30. - Rewards, £5 7s. 9d.

JULY 18TH. - FENIT, CO. KERRY. On the 13th of July the sailing yacht *Penta*, of Glasgow, had anchored about 500 yards east-south-east of the pier at Fenit. She had on board her owner, his wife and their maid. On the 18th a very strong south-east gale began to blow, raising a short steep sea. The yacht began to drag towards the shore, and at eleven in the morning the motor life-boat *Peter and Sarah Blake* was launched. She went alongside the *Penta*, but the owner waved her off, as both the life-boat and the *Penta* were pitching heavily. The life-boat then went ahead, and fired her line-throwing gun. In this way a tow rope was passed on board, but the *Penta* was unable to cast off her moorings and the life-boat drifted to lee-ward and had to let go the tow rope. She recovered it and anchored 50 to 60 yards ahead of the *Penta*, awaiting a signal. When this was made the life-boat steamed slowly ahead, but the owner on the fore-deck seemed to collapse, and he did not cast off the moorings. The next minute the maid was thrown over the side by the tow-rope, and the owner dived into the sea to her help. The life-boat cut its rope to be free to pick them up if they were carried clear of the yacht. But both held on to the *Penta's* bowsprit bob-stay. Then the maid climbed

aboard, but the owner let go his hold and drifted away. The life-boat came round at once, and put three men in her boarding boat, which was moored close by. They picked up the owner, unconscious, and pulled ashore, but all attempts to revive him failed. Meanwhile the second-coxswain had caught his thumb between a stanchion of the life-boat and the towing-rope and they had severed it at the first joint. The life-boat at once put him ashore at the pier. She then returned to the *Penta*, rescued the two women, and brought them ashore at three o'clock. During the evening the life-boat towed the *Penta* to the pier. - Rewards : first service, £4 12s. ; second service, £8 19s. 6d. Compensation was made to the second-coxswain.

JULY 20TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. The life-boat crew had assembled to take the life-boat to Dartmouth for the life-boat flag day there, when, at 12.56 in the afternoon, Brixham coastguard reported a small boat in Babbacombe Bay in need of help, and at 1.5 the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched. A fresh west-by-south wind was blowing, with a short, choppy sea. The life-boat found four rowing boats with eight people in them, from two to three miles off shore, in danger of drifting out to sea. They were helpless in the steep seas, and the rowers were completely exhausted. The life-boat went alongside each boat in turn, took the people on board and took the boat in tow. All the boats had shipped water, and all the people were suffering from shock and exposure. Rum was served out to them, and the life-boat took them and the boats to Babbacombe. She returned to her station at 3.15. - Rewards, £3 19s. 6d.

JULY 24TH. - TOBERMORY, HEBRIDES. After the last boat of the day had left for Oban, a local doctor asked the life-boat to take an urgent surgical case to Oban. He thought that the man would not live until the following day. There was little wind and the sea smooth. At 1.10 in the afternoon the motor life-boat *Sir Arthur Rose* was launched, embarked the patient and a nurse and reached Oban at five o'clock. The patient was landed and taken to hospital. The life-boat waited for the nurse, left Oban at 6.35 and reached Tobermory at 10.30 that night. The patient did not recover. A relative made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £5 12s. 6d.

JULY 26TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 1.56 in the afternoon a message came from the coastguard that a vessel was aground on South Scroby Sands, two and a half miles from Yarmouth. The north-north-east wind was light, but the sea rough. At 2.15 the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched and found the Swedish steamer *Hugin*. The coxswain went on board her and advised the captain to stop her engines and let her lie until flood tide. A wireless message was then sent asking for a pilot to take the steamer to Tynemouth, and an hour later a

salvage officer and a pilot arrived. The weather was getting worse and the life-boat anchored a short distance away to avoid the danger of colliding with the *Hugin*. A wireless message came from the naval base asking if a tug were needed, but this the *Hugin* captain declined. About 7.45 the *Hugin* refloated and the life-boat escorted her into Yarmouth Roads, returning to her station at 8.45 that evening. - Rewards, £4 10s. 9d.

JULY 27TH. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. At 2.41 in the afternoon the St. Ives coastguard reported that a vessel four miles west of the Longships had a case of appendicitis on board in urgent need of attention. There was a light northerly wind and the sea was smooth. At 3.15 the motor life-boat *Caroline Oates Aver and William Maine* was launched with a doctor and an ambulance man on board. Meanwhile the vessel had been directed to St. Ives Bay, but visibility was so poor that it was not until 5.15 that the life-boat found her. She was the American steamer *David L. Swain*, and it was her captain who was ill. The doctor was put on board and then the captain was taken into the lifeboat, brought ashore, and sent to hospital. The *David L. Swain* continued on her way and the life-boat returned to her station at 6.35. - Rewards, £8 4s. 6d.

JULY 27TH. - PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE. The fishing boat *May Lily* was overdue. No news about her could be obtained and at three in the afternoon a request was made for aeroplanes to search. They returned at 4.15. They had seen the *May Lily* showing distress signals, and gave her position. A fresh northerly wind was blowing, with a heavy swell. The life-boat crew had been standing ready, and at 4.25 the motor life-boat *Julia Park Barry of Glasgow* was launched. Unfortunately, a wrong position had been given and she spent the night in a fruitless search. At dawn the aircraft again went out and eventually guided the life-boat to the *May Lily*. She was then 24 miles south-east-by-east of Peterhead. Her engines had broken down and her nets could not be pulled in, but just as the life-boat had passed ropes aboard her, her engineer started her engines again, and to help save as much of her gear as possible, some of the life-boat's crew went on board her. The life-boat then returned to her station, the *May Lily* following under her own power. They arrived at ten o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £17 8s.

JULY 27TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. At 4.6 in the afternoon the Selsey coastguard reported an aeroplane down in the sea a mile south of Bognor. There was a light north-west breeze and the sea was smooth. At 4.25 the motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched and searched, but found nothing. She was recalled by wireless and on her way back was hailed by a fishing boat when two and a half miles south of Bognor Pier. The boat's engines had broken down. The life-boat towed her to Bognor, and re-

turned to her station at 7.30 that evening.
- Rewards, £9 7s.

JULY 31ST. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. At 5.45 in the afternoon a message was received from the coastguard that a minesweeper was approaching, and needed a doctor for a case of suspected appendicitis. A light north-east wind was blowing, and the sea moderate. At 6.15 the motor life-boat *Caroline Oates Aver and William Maine* was launched with a doctor on board, and found H.M. Minesweeper *Grenadier*. The sick man was put on board the life-boat, brought ashore, and taken by ambulance to hospital. The life-boat returned to her station at 8.45.- Rewards, £8 4s. 6d.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

JULY 3RD. - WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET. An aeroplane had crashed in flames in the sea, but only a body was found.
- Rewards, £4 0s. 6d.

JULY 4TH. - HELVICK HEAD, CO. WATERFORD. A punt with two people on board was missing, but came ashore without help.
- Rewards, £11 14s.

JULY 7TH. - WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but the pilot reached the shore unaided.
- Rewards, £8 4s.

JULY 8TH. - WALMER, KENT. The French naval trawler *La Nantaise* had been sunk in collision with the British steamer *Helen Crest*, but a tug rescued fourteen of her crew. The remaining eleven were lost.
- Rewards, £16 13s.

JULY 9TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. A small boat had capsized off Shellness Point, but the two people aboard reached the shore.
- Rewards, £5 9s. 9d.

JULY 9TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only oil was found.
- Rewards, £11 5s. 6d.

JULY 10TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A small sailing dinghy was overdue, but reached shore unaided.
- Rewards, £8 13s.

JULY 13TH. - ST. ABBS, BERWICKSHIRE. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but all its crew were lost and six bodies were picked up by fishing boats.
- Rewards, £6 18s. (See St. Abbs, "Services by Shore-boats," page 61.)

JULY 13TH. - CROMARTY. Three soldiers had gone out in an old flying-boat float, but nothing could be found.
- Rewards, £7 10s.

JULY 13TH. - NORTH SUNDERLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND. A vessel had been reported ashore in thick fog, but apparently

she refloated and went on her way.
- Rewards, £12 19s. 9d.

JULY 14TH. - BARROW, LANCASHIRE. An aeroplane had come down in the sea, but the life-boat was recalled.
- Rewards, £5 1s.

JULY 15TH. - CLOGHER HEAD, CO. LOUTH. Flares had been reported, but nothing was found.
- Rewards, £20 4s. 6d.

JULY 17TH. - CLOGHER HEAD, CO. LOUTH. Three young men had put to sea in a canvas canoe, but lost their lives before the life-boat could reach them.
- Rewards, £10 12s. 6d.

JULY 19TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT. White Very lights had been reported, but nothing could be found.
- Rewards, £25 15s.

JULY 23RD. - DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN, AND WICKLOW, CO. WICKLOW. Flares had been reported, but nothing could be found.
- Rewards : Dun Laoghaire, £11 14s. ; Wicklow, £15 1s. 3d.

JULY 23RD. - LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE. Three men in a rowing boat had been reported in need of help, but it was a false alarm.
- Rewards, £17 0s. 6d.

JULY 24TH. - BARROW, LANCASHIRE. An aeroplane had fallen into the sea, but her crew of two were rescued by a flying-boat.
- Rewards, £13 5s. 6d.

JULY 26TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but nothing was found.
- Rewards, £13 16s.

JULY 27TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. A yacht had been reported in distress, but she was taken in tow by a trawler.
- Rewards, £8 10s.

JULY 27TH. - BALLYCOTTON, AND COURTMACSHERRY, CO. CORK. A fishing boat had been reported overdue, but she was picked up by another fishing boat.- Rewards : Ballycotton, £4 12s. ; Courtmacsherry, £8 5s. 6d.

JULY 29TH. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. A fishing boat returning from a pleasure trip had trouble with her engine, but she was able to repair it.
- Rewards, £3 10s.

JULY 30TH. - ABERDEEN. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only wreckage and oil were found.
- Rewards, £5 17s.

AUGUST

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AUGUST 3RD. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. At three in the afternoon the coastguard reported a vessel aground south of Holyhead in dense fog. There was no wind and the sea was smooth. At 3.10 the motor

life-boat *John and Mary Meiklam of Gladswood*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched, and found the Norwegian motor tanker *Athos*, of Flekkefjord, on the Maen Piscar Rock, west-north-west of Rhoscolyn Head. She was leaking. The coxswain went aboard her, and it was decided to attempt to refloat her by working her engines as the tide rose. This was done, and she refloated. The life-boat escorted her to the South Stack, and then to the North Stack. After they had passed the North Stack the fog became thicker, and as the *Athos* was steaming the faster of the two, the life-boat lost sight of her. She went towards the breakwater to pick her up there, but could not find her, so she returned to her station, arriving at 10.45. Soon after midnight the fog cleared and the *Athos* could be seen anchored near the breakwater, so the life-boat was launched again, and brought her coxswain ashore. - Property salvage case.

AUGUST 6TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. Bad weather came on after the fishing boat *Jean and Barbara* had left harbour. There was a strong north-west wind and very heavy seas, and at 10.5 in the morning the motor life-boat *The Cuttle* was launched. Heavy seas broke over her. She found the *Jean and Barbara*, passed life-belts to her three men to wear coming round Filey Brig, and escorted her in. She reached her station again at noon. - Rewards, £8 12s.

AUGUST 6TH. - FLAMBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. During the morning the weather became very bad. Three cobs were at sea and the coxswain decided to launch the motor life-boat *Elizabeth and Albina Whitley*. She left at 11.10. A northerly gale was then blowing and the life-boat was continually swept by heavy seas. She escorted in one coble, and searched for the others, but they had already run elsewhere for safety, so the life-boat made for her station. There she was signalled that it was impossible for her to land, so she made for Bridlington, arriving at two that afternoon. She had been out in very bad weather for over three hours. She was brought back to her station next day. An increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to each member of the crew. - Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £16 19s. 6d.; additional rewards to crew, £7; total rewards, £23 19s. 6d.

AUGUST 6TH. - TEESMOUTH, YORKSHIRE. At 1.30 in the afternoon the Swedish Iron Ore Co., Middlesbrough, telephoned that their motor vessel *Lena Broden* was off that port and needed a pilot. The sea was too heavy for the pilot cutter to put out, nor could tugs go to her. So the life-boat was asked to lead her in as her cargo was urgently needed. The pilotage authorities arranged for the *Lena Broden* to be at No. 1 Tees Bay Buoy at three o'clock, and at 2.30 the motor life-boat *J. W. Archer* was launched. A north-north-east wind was blowing, with a rough sea. The life-boat put a pilot on board the *Lena Broden*, and guided her into the river where two tugs were waiting

to take her to a discharging berth. The weather was too bad for the life-boat to return to her station, and she went to Middlesbrough Docks, returning to her station next day when the weather moderated. A donation to cover the costs was received. - Rewards, £10 10s. 6d.

AUGUST 6TH. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. At 2.20 in the afternoon the coastguard reported a man adrift in a small dinghy. He had only one oar, and was rapidly being blown out to sea by a strong off-shore wind. At 2.30 the life-boat's motor boarding boat was launched in a very choppy sea. Capt. W. J. Oxley, the honorary secretary of the life-boat station, went in the boat. She found the dinghy three and a quarter miles east-south-east of the Walton-on-Naze coastguard station. The man was suffering from the wet and cold. The boarding boat took him on board, and, with the dinghy in tow, brought him to Walton. She returned to her station at 3.30. A letter of thanks and a donation were received from the father of the rescued man. - Rewards, £2 11s.

AUGUST 9TH. - DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN. At nine at night the Bangor coastguard telephoned that a vessel was calling for help half a mile west of the Copeland Islands. A light variable wind was blowing, with a slight sea. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 5* left her moorings at 9.15 and at 9.50 found the naval patrol boat *M.F.V. 291*, with her engine broken down. She had a crew of four. Her commanding officer asked for a tow, and the life-boat brought her into Donaghadee at 10.30. - Rewards, £10 9s.

AUGUST 9TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 9.45 at night, the Deal coastguard reported that a tug, with a barge in tow, was about four miles to the south-east of the South Goodwin No. 2 Buoy. A north-west gale was blowing, with blinding rain and a very rough sea. The motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 10.10, made a thorough search, but could not find the tug. As she was returning she saw a light, and near the Brake Lightship found the yacht *Clover Leaf* astern of another vessel. The yacht had two on board. They had been overtaken by bad weather, crossing from Antwerp, and the voyage had taken three days. The lifeboat took her in tow, but the rope parted and the life-boat then took aboard the two men. After she had secured the yacht again she brought her in and anchored off the coastguard station until daylight. She then moored the yacht and landed the rescued men at 6.20 on the morning of the 10th. Shortly afterwards she was called out again to make a further search for the tug and the barge, and searched from seven o'clock until 10.20, but found nothing. She saw only a steamer near the French coast. It was learnt later that the tug was the American tug *TID 76*, and the barge the *Minca*, that the barge had broken away from her tow, and that the crews of the tug and the barge had been picked up by a French

life-boat off Gravelines on the afternoon of the 11th of August. - Rewards, £24 8s. 3d. and £10 11s. 6d.

AUGUST 11TH. - FOWEY, CORNWALL. At 12.58 in the morning, the police reported that a yacht which had put out at one o'clock on the previous afternoon, had not returned. She had five on board. A north-westerly breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. At 1.15 the motor life-boat *C.D.E.C.* was launched, found the yacht between two and three miles south-south-east of Polruan and towed her in, arriving back at her station at 4.45 that morning. - Rewards, £8 15s.

AUGUST 16TH. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. During the morning the private lifeboat *Henry Ramey Upcher* went out with about sixty passengers for a pleasure trip. She was taking part in the local celebrations of the victory over Japan. About two miles off-shore she tacked to return, but could not make headway against a strong westerly breeze, with a choppy sea. Instead she was blown to leeward and anchored about a mile to the east. It was then thought advisable to launch the Institution's life-boat, and, at 11.45 the motor life-boat *Foresters Centenary* put out. She took the *Henry Ramey Upcher* in tow, beached her, and arrived back at her station at 12.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £16 13s. 6d.

AUGUST 20TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 5.16 in the morning the Deal coastguard reported a large steamer aground on the Goodwin Sands. A light north-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 5.35, and found the Polish steamer *Poznan*, of Gdynia, about seven miles from the life-boat station and half a mile inside the North East Goodwin buoy. At the request of her captain the life-boat stood by the steamer until high water, when she refloated without help. The life-boat reached her station again at 9.20 that morning. - Rewards, £15 12s. 9d.

AUGUST 21ST. - GALWAY BAY. At 2.45 in the afternoon information was received from the coast life-saving service at Casla that the motor boat *Melrose*, of Galway, was on the rocks in Casla Bay. A moderate south-easterly breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *K.E.C.F.* was launched at 2.56, and found the *Melrose* ashore on a reef ten miles north-north-east of the life-boat station. She was nearly full of water, and her crew of three were exhausted. The men were given biscuits and rum, and the life-boat towed the boat clear of the reef and took her to Rosaveel, arriving back at her station at 9.30 that night. - Rewards, £13 16s.

AUGUST 23RD. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. At 4.45 in the morning the coastguard telegraphed that North Foreland Radio Station had reported a vessel on the Southern Shipwash Sands and in need of help. A light northerly breeze was blowing, with a

heavy swell. The motor life-boat *E.M.E.D.* was launched at 5.20, and found the *S.S. Kimball Harlow*, of London, laden with coal and bound for the Tyne, a mile and a quarter north-east of South-west Shipwash Buoy. At the request of her master the life-boat stood by until the *Kimball Harlow* refloated. A tug arrived, but was not needed, and the steamer went on her way. The life-boat arrived back at her station at 2.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £10 6s.

AUGUST 26TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 8.52 in the morning the life-boat coxswain saw a vessel lying on the Goodwin Sands. He telephoned the coastguard station for confirmation and at 9.40 the motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched. The sea was calm and the weather fine, but it was exceptionally low water, and the life-boat, as she launched, stuck on a sand-bank. She refloated as the tide began to flow. She found that the vessel was the Swedish schooner *Elsy*, of Vastervik, put down a kedge anchor and, with the help of the motor boat *Golden Spray*, towed her clear of the sands and escorted her into the Downs. The life-boat also helped to clear her fouled anchors, and brought her captain ashore. She reached her station again at 4.46 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

AUGUST 30TH. - MARGATE, KENT. During the afternoon of the 29th of August, three men put out in a ship's sailing boat from Herne Bay. Later in the day she was reported to be drifting but to have refused a tow from a motor boat, though she appeared to be in difficulties. At five in the afternoon of the 30th she was reported off Reculver. A moderate west-south-west wind was blowing and the sea smooth, but as the weather appeared to be deteriorating and the boat had been out for more than twenty-four hours it was decided to send her help, and the motor life-boat *The Brothers*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 6.10. She found the ship's boat off Hook Sand Beacon, towed her to Herne Bay, and returned to her station at 8.5. - Rewards, £8 11s.

AUGUST 31ST. - MINEHEAD, SOMERSET. At 5.40 in the afternoon the commanding officer of a local army unit reported that one of his officers, and a bombardier, had gone out for a sail in a dinghy, but appeared to be in difficulties, and at 6.30 the Watchet harbourmaster telephoned that the boat had last been seen six miles off-shore and close to the Culver Sands in a dangerous position. A light southerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Kate Greatorex* was launched at seven o'clock and found the dinghy ten miles to the north-east with the two men exhausted. She rescued them, gave them rum and biscuits, took their dinghy in tow, and reached her station again at ten that night. - Rewards, £13 19s.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

AUGUST 5TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. An aeroplane had dived into the sea, but only wreckage was found. - Rewards, £18 1s.

AUGUST 6TH. - BALLYCOTTON, CO. CORK. During a race a yacht had been blown out to sea, but she was picked up by a trawler. - Rewards, £11 0s. 6d.

AUGUST 6TH. - BOULMER, NORTHUMBERLAND. The motor tanker *Georg*, of Kiel, had been forced by bad weather and trouble with her engine to leave a convoy and seek shelter, but she was able to repair the engine and go on her way. - Rewards, £7.

AUGUST 6TH. - HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM. Two Danish fishing vessels had been reported making heavy weather, but the life-boat could not find them. They had made for the River Tyne. - Rewards, £11 18s. 6d.

AUGUST 7TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. Two canoes had been reported capsized, but later were reported to be safe. - Rewards, £6 3s. 6d.

AUGUST 8TH. - DUNBAR, EAST LOTHIAN. An aeroplane had fallen into the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £9 9s.

AUGUST 9TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. An aeroplane had fallen into the sea, but only a patch of oil was found. - Rewards, £4 12s. 6d.

AUGUST 9TH. - CLOGHER HEAD, CO. LOUTH. A sailing dinghy had been reported missing and could not be found, but it returned the next day. - Records, £16 8s.

AUGUST 12TH. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. A steamer had gone aground, but was found in no immediate danger. - Rewards, £8 15s.

AUGUST 14TH. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. A woman bather had got into difficulties, but was drowned, and a motor boat picked up her body. - Rewards, £15 15s.

AUGUST 15TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A sailing boat had been reported missing, but she could not be found. - Rewards, £8 13s. 9d.

AUGUST 15TH. - LONGHOPE, ORKNEYS. A vessel had run ashore, but refloated without help. - Rewards £5 19s.

AUGUST 16TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. A canoe had been reported drifting, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £6 16s.

AUGUST 18TH. - WALMER, KENT. The American steamer *William Terry Howell*, of Savannah, had gone aground on the Goodwin Sands, but got off unaided with the rising tide. - Rewards, £18 18s.

AUGUST 19TH. - MARGATE, KENT. A

fishing vessel had gone aground on Swale-cliff Rock, but her crew of two walked ashore, - Rewards, £6 5s.

AUGUST 20TH. - MARYPORT, CUMBERLAND. Flares had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards £17 0s. 6d.

AUGUST 20TH. - FRASERBURGH, ABERDEENSHIRE. A rocket had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £10 2s.

AUGUST 20TH. - DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN. A small boat had been reported in distress, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £10 2s.

AUGUST 22ND. - CROMER, NORFOLK. A canoe had been reported in difficulties, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £12 6s. 6d.

AUGUST 25TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. A sailing boat had capsized, but her crew of three got ashore without help. - Rewards, £13 10s.

AUGUST 27TH. - EXMOUTH, DEVON. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only wreckage and burning petrol were found. - Rewards, £21 3s.

AUGUST 31ST. - CLOVELLY, DEVON. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £6 18s.

AUGUST 31ST. - APPLEDORE, DEVON. A man had been reported to have parachuted from an aeroplane, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £5 12s. 3d.

SEPTEMBER

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SEPTEMBER 2ND. - WALMER, KENT. A leading seaman on H.M.S. *Fossbeck* had his skull fractured when a bucket of ashes fell on him, and at six in the morning the motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched, with a doctor on board. An east-north-east wind was blowing, with a rough sea and heavy swell. The injured man, who was unconscious, was lashed to a stretcher and placed in one of the ship's boats, which was lifted by derricks, and lowered into the sea. The life-boat made fast to the boat and the stretcher was then lifted into her. It was laid on a bed of life-belts, and the life-boatmen took off their oilskins, and with these, and sails, securely covered the man. The life-boat returned at full speed. As she was being beached a sea broke over her, but the injured man was kept dry. A waiting ambulance took him to hospital for an operation. The life-boat returned to her station at 7.30. - Rewards, £9 13s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 2ND. - LERWICK, SHETLANDS. At 8.30 in the morning the medical officer of Yell telephoned for the life-boat to fetch a sick woman from Fetlar to Lerwick for hospital treatment. No other suitable

vessel was available. A southerly wind was blowing, with a slight sea. The motor life-boat *Lady Jane and Martha Ryland* left at 9.15 and brought back the patient, accompanied by a nurse and a relative, arriving at 5.40 that afternoon. - An increase in the usual money awards on the standard scale was made to each member of the crew. Standard rewards to crew, £4 7s. 6d.; additional rewards to crew, £3; total rewards, £7 7s. 6d. The rewards were repaid to the Institution.

SEPTEMBER 2ND. - MARGATE, KENT. During the afternoon the coastguard reported that a party of bathers off Nayland Rock had got into difficulties. A fresh easterly wind was blowing, with a rough sea. As it was dead low water no boats were afloat. The motor life-boat *The Brothers*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 4.7. She saw a boy in the water. Before she could reach him he sank, but came to the surface again, and was rescued. After making a search without finding any one else the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 5.22. Four bodies were found later by searchers. - Rewards, £5 12s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 3RD. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. At 10.35 in the morning the coastguard reported a small vessel drifting on to the Skerries. A strong easterly breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *John and Mary Meiklam of Gladswood*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 10.45 and found the auxiliary yacht *Octoroon*, of Abersoch, a mile west of the Skerries. She had three on board. Her engine had broken down, she was leaking, and the men were exhausted. The life-boat rescued them, gave them rum, and towed the yacht to the outer harbour. She reached her station again at 12.50 that afternoon. - Rewards, £3 2s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 10TH. - ARBROATH, ANGUS. At 7.57 in the evening a fisherman reported the local fishing boat *Red Hackle* in difficulties and drifting towards the rocks a mile west of the harbour. A south-easterly breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *John and William Mudie* was launched at eight o'clock and found the fishing boat with her engine broken down. She had four on board. The life-boat towed her into harbour, arriving at 8.35. - Rewards, £9 8s.

SEPTEMBER 10TH. - DUNBAR, EAST LOTHIAN. At 9.35 at night the Dunbar coastguard reported that the local motor fishing boat *Jacinth* was overdue. She was believed to be in difficulties east of North Berwick. An east-south-east wind was blowing, and the sea was choppy. The motor life-boat *Elizabeth Newton*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at ten o'clock, found the boat, and escorted her into Dunbar harbour at two next morning. - Rewards, £8 15s.

SEPTEMBER 11TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 12.40 in the afternoon a boatman reported that two boys had gone

out in a boat and been lost to sight. It was getting foggy, and anxiety was felt for their safety. A light southerly breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Jessie Lumb* was launched at one o'clock and found the boat made fast to a steamer at anchor in St. Helen Roads. The boys had rowed out to see the ship, and had been allowed to go on board when the fog came down. With the boys on board and their boat in tow the lifeboat reached her station again at 2.30 that afternoon. The boys sent a letter of thanks and a donation. - Rewards, £4 0s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 11TH. - ARRANMORE, CO. DONEGAL. At five in the afternoon three men left Burtonport in a small boat for Arranmore, but they had not arrived by nine o'clock. A strong south-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea. Both wind and tide were against them. The motor life-boat *K.T.J.S.* was launched at 9.30, and half an hour later found the men on a small island. She brought them and their boat home, arriving at 11.30 that night. - Rewards, £11 10s.

SEPTEMBER 14TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. An officer of H.M.S. *Hastings* asked the honorary secretary of the life-boat station if the life-boat could be used to take out thirty seamen, who had been stranded ashore. The warship was on an official visit, and the Mayoress of Hastings was on board, unable to return ashore as a strong south-westerly breeze was blowing, with a rough sea and heavy rain squalls. The motor life-boat *Cyril and Lilian Bishop* was launched at 2.30 and made two trips to the warship with the seamen, but the Mayoress would not come ashore in the life-boat in that weather. The life-boat was slightly damaged. She arrived back at her station at four o'clock. The captain of H.M.S. *Hastings* expressed his thanks. - Rewards, £13 6s. 3d.

SEPTEMBER 14TH. - WALMER, KENT. At seven in the evening a message was received that the S.S. *Dentonia Park* needed medical aid. The pilot aboard had collapsed. A south wind was blowing, with driving rain and a rough sea-too rough for ordinary shore-boats - and the motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at eight o'clock. She took out a doctor and a relief pilot, but the original pilot was too ill to be brought ashore. The life-boat suffered slight damage. She arrived back at her station at ten o'clock. - Rewards, £20 14s.

SEPTEMBER 15TH. - BARROW, LANCA-SHIRE. At 11.25 at night the honorary secretary of the life-boat station received a telephone message from the Barrow police that a vessel was arriving off Lightening Knoll at midnight and that a boat was needed to land an injured man. The message had come from the vessel through the flag officer-in-charge and the police at Liverpool. A moderate south-west breeze was blowing, with a nasty swell and heavy rain. The

motor life-boat *N.T.* was launched at 11.45 and found the vessel to be *H.M.S. Saltburn*. She brought ashore a man with a badly injured right hand, arriving at 2.30 next morning. - Rewards, £10 11s.

SEPTEMBER 19TH. - BALTIMORE, CO. CORK. During the morning a telephone message was received from Union Hall post office that a fishing boat was in difficulties. A strong westerly breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. Later it was learned that the boat had broken down, and at 1.15 in the afternoon the motor life-boat *Shamrock* was launched. She found the Skibbereen fishing boat *Sirus* six miles south-east of Baltimore, anchored on a lee shore in a dangerous position. She had four men on board. The life-boat towed her into port, and reached her station again at four o'clock. - Rewards, £5 18s.

SEPTEMBER 22ND and 23RD. - GALWAY BAY. At 10.30 at night on the 21st, a strong gale blew up and ten steam trawlers, at anchor in Kilronan Bay, dragged their anchors. Two went on the rocks, one mile south-south-east of the life-boat station, and at 12.20 in the morning of the 22nd made distress signals. The gale was blowing from the north-west, with a rough sea. At 12.35 the motor life-boat *K.E.C.F.* was launched. She found the trawler *Trumpeter*, of Milford Haven, on a reef, with seas washing right over her. With great difficulty she rescued her crew of twelve. The life-boat then made for the other trawler, the *Ilfracombe*, also of Milford Haven, and rescued her crew of thirteen. She landed both crews and reached her station again at 2.45 that morning. At 4.45, in moderating weather, at the request of the *Trumpeter's* skipper, she took him and four of his crew out to the trawler again, but another trawler was found to have taken charge of the *Trumpeter* and the life-boat brought the five men back at six o'clock. At 9.45 another trawler sent a small boat ashore with the message that she had picked up a wireless report from the *Ilfracombe* that her skipper and seven members of the crew had re-boarded her in a shore-boat, and were in difficulties as she had filled with water and was now listing dangerously. The life-boat again put out at 9.55, took off the eight men, and landed them. She arrived back at her station at 11.15. At 5.30 in the afternoon of the 23rd she put out in a rough sea, at the request of the skipper of the *Ilfracombe*, to try to refloat the trawler, but she failed and arrived back at her station at nine that night. - Rewards : first service, £10 9s. ; second service, £10 9s. ; third service, £4 12s. ; fourth service, property salvage case.

SEPTEMBER 22ND. - CROMARTY. At 5.20 in the afternoon the Burghhead coast-guard reported the motor fishing vessel *Loch Loy*, of Nairn, in difficulties three miles north-east-by-north of Nairn. A south-westerly gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. The motor life-boat *John Russell*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 5.45 and found the *Loch Loy* drifting, with her engine

broken down, five miles north-east-by-north of Nairn. She had five men on board. The life-boat stood by until flood tide and then towed the boat into Nairn, returning to her station at 12.30 next morning. - Rewards, £7 17s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 23RD. - TENBY, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. At eleven in the morning the coast-guard reported a small yacht in distress one mile to the south-east of Tenby lookout. A strong north-west breeze was blowing and the sea was choppy. The motor life-boat *John R. Webb* was launched at 11.30 and found a small yacht, *Carew Belle*, being blown out to sea. She had four on board. The life-boat also found another small sailing boat from Lydstep, with her sails blown away. She had three on board. The life-boat brought in both boats, arriving at 12.45 that afternoon. A message of appreciation was received from the R.A.F. to whom the yacht *Carew Belle* was attached. - Rewards, £18 15s.

SEPTEMBER 24TH. - WALMER, KENT. Notice was received that a doctor would be required on board a steamer which was making for the Downs, and at nine at night the Liberty ship *Helen Hunt Jackson*, of Los Angeles, arrived. A north-north-west gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. No shore-boat could have gone out, and the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (*Civil Service No. 2*) was launched at ten o'clock, with a doctor on board. Fifty minutes later she reached the steamer, and the doctor treated a man suffering from a severe infection of the throat. The doctor ran considerable risk in boarding the steamer in that sea, and the North Sea pilot and the American crew expressed their admiration of the seamanship of the coxswain and crew of the life-boat. The life-boat re-embarked the doctor and reached her station again at 12.15 next morning. - Rewards, £19 18s.

SEPTEMBER 27TH. - CAISTER, NORFOLK. At 9.15 in the morning the coast-guard reported a small steamer aground on the east side of the Scroby Sands. A moderate west-north-west wind was blowing, with a ground swell. The coastguard kept the steamer under observation. Later he reported her to be rolling heavily, and the motor life-boat *Jose' Neville* was launched at 10.35. She found the *S.S. Brightside*, of Middlesbrough, laden, bound for London. She had thrown overboard some of her cargo and had refloated on the flood tide just before the life-boat arrived. At the request of her master the life-boat piloted her to North Scroby Buoy where she picked up the buoyed channel and went on her way southwards. The life-boat reached her station again at one in the afternoon. - Rewards, £8 17s.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

SEPTEMBER 2ND. - BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY. Two boys had been reported

drifting out to sea on a raft, but nothing was found as the boys had already been rescued. - Rewards, £5.

SEPTEMBER 6TH. - EXMOUTH, DEVON. Two boys had been reported missing in a small boat, but they had got ashore.- Rewards, £13 0s. 9d.

SEPTEMBER 6TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. A motor yacht, on passage to Scarborough, had been reported overdue, but she arrived safely. - Rewards, £18 10s.

SEPTEMBER 8TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. Distress signals, sounded on a fog horn, had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £9 4s.

SEPTEMBER 9TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. A motor fishing boat had been drifting with her engine broken down, but got under way again unaided. - Rewards, £3 2s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 11TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. Two boys in a dinghy had been reported missing off Bognor, but they were found by men who put out from Bognor in a motor boat. - Rewards, £14 4s. 6d. (See Bognor, "Services by Shore-boats," p. 63).

SEPTEMBER 11TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. An American fighter aeroplane had come down in the sea off Worthing, but the pilot saved himself in his own dinghy. - Rewards, £8 1s.

SEPTEMBER 12TH. - PORT ERIN, AND PEEL, ISLE OF MAN. The Danish steamer *Marianne Toft* of Copenhagen, had sunk after collision with another vessel. Twelve of her crew landed in a ship's boat, but ten others in another boat could not be found.- Rewards : Port Erin, £9 0s. 3d. ; Peel, £13 0s. 9d. (See Port Erin, "Services by Shore-boats," page 62.)

SEPTEMBER 15TH. - FALMOUTH, CORNWALL. A semaphore SOS message had been received from an R.A.S.C. launch, but she was taken in tow by another vessel.- Rewards, £4 12s.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE. An R.A.F. officer had been drowned bathing and the police asked that his body, which could be seen, might be recovered, but it floated into a creek inaccessible to the life-boat and was recovered by a small boat next day. - Rewards, £9 8s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 23RD. - RAMSEY, ISLE OF MAN. A vessel which had been in collision needed a pilot and the life-boat put out with one, but a rope fouled her propeller and she had to return. - Rewards, £19 15s.

SEPTEMBER 23RD. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. A man had been washed over-

board from an Admiralty motor fishing vessel, but the life-boat could not find him. His body came ashore later. - Rewards, £10 5s.

SEPTEMBER 23RD. - SALCOMBE, DEVON. A woman and a boy were out in a motor boat when the engine failed and the boat went ashore off Moor Sands. The woman climbed up the cliffs and summoned help. The life-boat went out, but the boy refused to be hauled through the surf to her. She then signalled to the coastguard to rescue him with a cliff ladder. The mother of the boy made a donation in gratitude to the life-boat.- Rewards, £6 14s.

SEPTEMBER 26TH. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX. A landing craft had been wrecked, but her crew were rescued by other landing craft. - Rewards, £12 8s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 27TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. Distress signals had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £8 8s.

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OCTOBER 1ST. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At noon the Gorleston coastguard reported a drifter on Scroby Sands, flying a distress signal. A light north-westerly breeze was blowing, with a swell. The motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 12.10. She found the steam drifter *True Vine*, of Fraserburgh, aground east-north-east of St. Nicholas Buoy. The coxswain went on board at the request of the skipper and gave him advice. At low water the trawler passed a rope to the life-boat, which pulled the drifter's bow round, and after working her engine and manoeuvring for a time, the *True Vine*, still in tow of the life-boat, refloated. The life-boat piloted her to the harbour and arrived back at her station at 4.45 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

OCTOBER 1ST. - CLOGHER HEAD, CO. LOUTH. At nine at night the local motor trawler *Maygough* was reported to have been burning flares about seven miles north-east of Port Oriel at seven o'clock. Another trawler had gone to her help, but had not found her. A moderate southerly breeze was blowing, with a moderate swell and fog. The motor life-boat *Mary Ann Blunt* was launched at 9.40 with the Rev. Father F. G. MacCooey, honorary secretary of the life-boat station, on board. She found the *Maygough* at anchor, with her engine broken down. She had a crew of five. They had used all their flares. The life-boat towed her to Port Oriel and reached her station again at 1.20 next morning. - Rewards, £18 13s.

OCTOBER 2ND. - WALMER, KENT. At 2.27 in the morning the Deal coastguard reported a vessel aground on the Goodwin Sands, about six miles away to the east. A light north-east wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *Charles*

Dibdin (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 2.55, and at four o'clock found the S.S. *W. R. Grace*, of Baltimore, U.S.A. She was a ship of about 8,000 tons, bound from Amsterdam for Cardiff, with a crew of forty. The Dover tug *Lady Duncannon* was in attendance. The life-boat put two men on board the steamer, and stood by. She also took officers from the tug to the steamer. At 7.45 the *W. R. Grace* refloated on the rising tide, and the life-boat escorted her to the Downs, where she anchored at 9.5 that morning. The life-boat then took her two men off the steamer and returned to her station, which she reached at 10.15. The captain of the steamer expressed his thanks to the life-boat crew.-Property salvage case.

OCTOBER 2ND. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. At two in the afternoon the life-boat coxswain saw a vessel aground on the Inner Newcombe Shoal. She refloated, grounded again, and remained fast. The tide was ebbing, and a moderate sea was running, with a light north-east wind. The motor life-boat *Mary Scott*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 2.38 and found the steam drifter *Covent Garden*, of Lowestoft, rolling and bumping heavily. She stood by until the tide turned and the drifter had refloated, directed her to deeper water, and then escorted her to harbour, arriving at 3.45. - Rewards, £4 15s.

OCTOBER 3RD. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. At 11.20 in the morning the Carne coast life-saving service telephoned that a schooner was ashore at Churchtown, Carnsore Point. The weather was calm, but there was a dense fog. The motor life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* was launched at 11.45. She found the three-masted motor schooner *Windermere*, of Dublin, with a crew of five, bound for Dungarvan. Her crew were dumping the cargo overboard. At the master's request the life-boat stood by. The schooner eventually refloated and the life-boat escorted her to Rosslare Harbour, arriving back at her station at 4.20 that afternoon. - Rewards, £2 12s. ; partly permanent paid crew.

OCTOBER 4TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 6.35 in the morning, the Deal coastguard reported a steamer aground on the Goodwin Sands. An easterly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at seven o'clock. The tide was low, and she could not get near the steamer, but as it rose her coxswain took her over the sands, grounding several times, steered her between two wrecks and reached the steamer. She was the *Birte*, of Copenhagen, timber laden, with a crew of eighteen, bound from Sweden to the Bristol Channel. Four life-boatmen went on board her and then, with the help of the motor boat *Rose Marie*, the life-boat laid out a kedge anchor. The *Birte* re-floated at ten o'clock and the life-boat piloted her to the Downs, where she anchored at 11.45. The life-boat re-embarked her four men, and

arrived back at her station at 12.40 in the afternoon. - Property salvage case.

OCTOBER 5TH. - GOURDON, KINCARDINESHIRE. At 3.55 in the afternoon the coastguard reported a vessel on the rocks half a mile east of the harbour. The weather was fine with a smooth sea, but there was fog. At four o'clock the motor life-boat *Margaret Dawson* was launched and found the motor vessel *Lindy*, of Kopervik, Norway, loaded with fish for Aberdeen, with a crew of six. The tide was ebbing and, as nothing could be done until it rose, the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 5.15. At midnight she again put out, stood by the *Lindy*, and then towed from her one of her boats carrying an anchor and wire. The boat dropped the anchor, and at two o'clock next morning the *Lindy* refloated. The life-boat then returned to her station, arriving at 2.20 that morning.-Rewards, £53 9s.

OCTOBER 6TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At 9.41 in the morning the Brixham coastguard telephoned that a motor trawler was flying distress signals two miles north-north-east of Berry Head. A light north-westerly breeze was blowing, with a smooth sea. The motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at ten o'clock and found the local motor trawler *Prevalent* with her engine broken down. She had a crew of five. The life-boat towed her to Brixham and reached her station again at 10.55. - Rewards, £6 13s.

OCTOBER 7TH. - TENBY, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. At 4.55 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that a vessel was making distress signals between three and five miles to the south-west-by-west. The weather was calm, but there was fog. At 5.23 the motor life-boat *John R. Webb* was launched, but at six o'clock the ship - the *Juta*, of Glasgow, with a crew of twenty - sank south-south-east of Caldy Island, and the minesweeper *Larch* picked up her crew. The life-boat arrived, and the twenty men were put on board her. She reached her station again at 7.23 that morning. - Rewards, £12 15s. 6d.

OCTOBER 7TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 5.35 in the morning the coastguard reported red flares at Goodwin Knoll. A moderate north-north-east breeze was blowing, but the sea was heavy. The motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched at 6.3 and found the yacht *Lavender* aground. She was sinking, and the three men on board were clinging, exhausted, in the rigging. The seas were too heavy and the water too shallow for the life-boat to go alongside, but, with difficulty, she was able to get a line to the men, hauled them through the surf, and took them on board. She arrived back at her station at 9.15 that morning. - Rewards, £9.

OCTOBER 8TH. - KILMORE, CO. WEXFORD. The local motor fishing boat *Guillemot* put to sea at seven in the morning. She did not return, and at 7.15 in the evening flares were seen in the direction of Blackrock. A fresh south-westerly breeze was blowing,

with a choppy sea. The life-boat station was told at 7.30 and at eight o'clock the motor life-boat *Ann Isabella Pyemont* was launched. She found the *Guillemot* off the Barrels Rock. Her engine had broken down and she was using her nets as a sea anchor. The life-boat towed her to harbour, and reached her station again at one o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £36 7s.

OCTOBER 10TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. At 10.50 in the morning the Southend coastguard reported a naval vessel aground near Kildonan Point. The naval authorities said that a tug and a frigate were going to her help, but at 11.10 they asked for the life-boat. A strong easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. At 11.20 the motor life-boat *City of Glasgow* was launched. She found H.M.S. *Leeds Castle*, a frigate, one hundred yards west of the Point, with a tug standing by and another approaching. She went alongside, took an officer off and put him on board one of the tugs. The *Leeds Castle* refloated at 1.37, the tugs towed her clear, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 4.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £7 12s.

OCTOBER 11TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. Shortly after 9.30 at night the Paignton police reported a boat on fire off Roundham Head. The weather was calm, but there was a dense fog. The motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at 9.50. Guided by shouts and a light, she found two punts and an outboard motor-boat with four men and two boys on board. They had been prawning, but their principal boat, the motor boat *Westcoast*, of Torquay, had caught fire, when they were pouring petrol from a tin into the tank, with a lighted hurricane lamp close by, and they had scuttled her. The life-boat took the six on board, towed their three boats to Torquay, and reached her station again at 1.10 next morning. - Rewards, £14 6s. 6d.

OCTOBER 12TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 4.50 in the morning, the Yarmouth coastguard reported a white flare on Scroby Sands two or three miles in a north-easterly direction. A moderate east-south-east breeze was blowing and the sea was calm. The motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 5.25, and found the steam drifter *M. A. Stephens* aground on Scroby Elbow. Her skipper said that no help was needed. He would try and refloat the drifter himself. The life-boat stood by until 7.45, when the drifter refloated and made for Yarmouth. The life-boat accompanied her to Yarmouth Roads and reached her station again at 8.30 that morning. - Rewards, £9 16s. 6d.

OCTOBER 12TH. - ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK. At 11.55 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that a fishing vessel was flashing signals about two and a half miles off-shore, and later they reported that she had fired a red Very light. A light west-north-west breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth, but there was fog. At 12.40 the

No. 1 motor life-boat *Abdy Beauclerk* was launched and found the motor fishing vessel *Watercress*, with a crew of five, bound with naval stores for Scapa Flow. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her to Lowestoft, arriving there at five in the afternoon. She returned to her station next day, arriving at 9.15 in the morning. - Rewards, £38 17s.

OCTOBER 15TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. At 6.30 in the morning the coastguard reported that the motor fishing boat *S.M.126*, with a crew of three, had broken down one mile to the south-west and needed help. The weather was calm. At seven o'clock the motor life-boat *Rosa Woodd* and *Phyllis Lunn* was launched, towed the fishing boat into harbour, and reached her station again at 8.37. - Rewards, £8 3s.

OCTOBER 17TH. - BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE. At eight at night the coastguard reported that a man who had gone out fishing in a small rowing boat at one o'clock had not returned. There was thick fog. A light westerly wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. At 9.45 the motor life-boat *Stanhope Smart* was launched. She searched for a long time before she found the man. He had lost his bearings and made fast to a crab pot buoy for a time. He had heard the life-boat's engine and had burnt a newspaper, but in the fog she had not seen it. She towed him in, arriving at midnight. He expressed his thanks. - Rewards, £20 12s. 6d.

OCTOBER 17TH. - BOULMER, NORTH-UMBERLAND. About 10.30 at night, in a thick fog, the engines of a vessel apparently aground half a mile to the eastward could be heard, and at 10.50 the motor life-boat *Clarissa Langdon* was launched, with the honorary secretary of the life-boat station, Mr. William S. Stanton, on board. A light south-east breeze was blowing, with a slight swell. The life-boat found the *S.S. Plasma*, of Fraserburgh, on the rocks. Her skipper said that he did not need help, but the life-boat stood by as the steamer was bumping. The skipper's efforts to refloat her failed, and he said that he would make another attempt on the next tide. The *Plasma* was now high and dry, and the life-boat anchored in the Mermouth. She put out again at 9.30 next morning and found that the steamer had run out a kedge anchor. With the life-boat standing by, she hauled herself clear, slipped her anchor and cable and made for Amble. The lifeboat picked up the anchor and cable and arrived back at her station at 12.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £27 19s. 6d.

OCTOBER 17TH. - ARBROATH, ANGUS. At 11.30 at night the coastguard reported a vessel ashore off Prail Castle, and at 11.45, in calm weather, the motor life-boat *John and William Mudie* was launched. She found the trawler *Lord Beaconsfield*, of Hull, on the rocks at Red Head. She was bound for Iceland, with a crew of seventeen. The life-boat stood by for a time and then took off

the crew and landed them at Arbroath at seven o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £17 12s.

OCTOBER 18TH. - DUNMORE EAST, CO. WATERFORD. At 12.30 in the afternoon the harbour master received a wireless message from the motor ship *Eagerfelgh*, of Oslo, that she was off the harbour, had trouble with her engine, and needed a pilot to take her to a safe anchorage. As the pilot boat was not available, the motor life-boat, *Annie Blanche Smith* was launched at one o'clock. A fresh east-south-easterly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat put a life-boatman on board the ship, and took her into harbour, returning to her station at 2.45. Later the pilot boat took her up the river and, next day, after repairing her engines, the *Eagerfelgh* went on her way to South Africa. - Property salvage case.

OCTOBER 19TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 5.25 in the morning the Deal coastguard telephoned that the East Goodwin Light-vessel had reported a vessel ashore on the Sands. An easterly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (*Civil Service No. 2*) was launched at 5.45, and an hour later found the Swedish steamer *Magna*, of Helsingborg, ashore on the South Caliper Sands. She was laden with silk pulp and had a crew of twenty-one. Several life-boatmen went on board her, and, with the help of the motor boats *Rose Marie* and *Golden Spray*, the life-boat laid out a kedge anchor. At six o'clock the steamer refloated, and, accompanied by the life-boat, went to the Downs, where she anchored at 9.10. The life-boat took off her men and returned to her station, arriving at ten o'clock that morning. - Property salvage case.

OCTOBER 19TH. - GOURDON, KINCARDINESHIRE. At 4.48 in the morning, the coastguard telephoned that a vessel was ashore one mile to the east, and at 5.50, in calm weather, the motor life-boat *Margaret Dawson* was launched. She found the Swedish motor fishing vessel *Zana* and stood by her until 7.30, when she refloated and made for Leith. The life-boat then returned to her station, arriving at 7.45. - Rewards, £29 11s. 6d.

OCTOBER 19TH.. - RHYL, FLINTSHIRE. About one o'clock in the afternoon, the coastguard reported that the local fishing boat *Lady Betty*, with only one man on board, had broken down and was drifting out to sea towards the Constables Light. The motor life-boat *The Gordon Warren*, with a crew of only three men, was launched at two o'clock in a choppy sea. A fresh south-easterly wind was blowing. The life-boat travelled about fifteen miles before she overtook the *Lady Betty*. The man on board was exhausted. The life-boat took the fishing boat in tow and brought her to her moorings at Rhyl at 7.30 that night. - Rewards, £17 0s. 6d.

OCTOBER 19TH. - PORT ASKAIG, HERRIDES. At 2.30 in the afternoon, the doctor on the island of Colonsay telephoned asking for the life-boat's help for a boy who had been badly injured and was in urgent need of surgical aid. A south-easterly gale was blowing, with very rough seas, and no other boat could have made the passage from Port Askaig to Colonsay. The motor life-boat *Charlotte Elizabeth* was launched at three o'clock, reached Colonsay at 5.45 and arrived back at Port Askaig with the boy at 8.15. There a waiting ambulance took him to the air ambulance at Islay and from Islay he was flown to Glasgow. But for the help of the life-boat the boy would have lost his life. A donation was made to the Institution. - Rewards, £17 5s., repaid to the Institution.

OCTOBER 19TH. - ABERDEEN. At 8.20 at night information was received from the coastguard that H.M. Minesweeper *1172* was disabled three miles east-south-east of Grogness and in need of help. The harbour tug was not available, and at 9.5 the No. 1 motor life-boat *Emma Constance* was launched. A moderate south-south-easterly wind was blowing, with a moderately rough sea. The life-boat towed the minesweeper to Aberdeen, arriving at 10.54 that night. - Property salvage case.

OCTOBER 20TH. - PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE. The coastguard had under observation the Aberdeen fishing boat *Fortunatus*, as her engine had failed. AT 5.35 in the evening she made distress signals, and at 5.55 the motor life-boat *Julia Park Barry of Glasgow* was launched. A fresh southerly breeze was blowing, and a heavy ground swell running. The life-boat found the fishing boat dragging her anchor and in great danger of drifting on to a dangerous reef, the Scours of Cruden. She took her in tow. She used the fishing boat's own ropes, and they parted six times, but the life-boat brought her into Peterhead at ten that night. - Property salvage case.

SILVER MEDAL SERVICE AT ST. IVES

OCTOBER 24TH. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. At 6.22 in the morning the coastguard reported that distress signals had been seen from the auxiliary ketch *Minnie Flossie*, of Bideford, which had dragged her anchor and was drifting across St. Ives Bay. A gale, with heavy squalls of wind and rain, was blowing from the west-south-west and raising a very rough sea. The motor life-boat *Caroline Oates Aver* and *William Maine* was launched at 6.43 and set course for Godrevy Island, searching along the shore as she went. She then turned to go outside the island and found the ketch at Hell's

Mouth Cove, lying on her beam ends very close inshore. The coxswain could see that she was sinking. Two people could be seen clinging to her. She might go at any moment. He must act at once, although he knew that he was taking a great risk. Without hesitation, he drove the life-boat straight at the ketch. At the same moment a heavy sea came in. It lifted the life-boat and swept her towards the cliffs, but fortunately it left her just as she was abreast of the ketch and the coxswain was able to turn her alongside the ketch on her weather side. On her lee side there was neither space nor water enough. The two people clinging to the ketch were the owner and his wife. Life-boatmen grabbed them and hauled them into the life-boat. The rescue had taken less than five minutes, and it had been completed only just in time. As the coxswain turned the life-boat away from the shore she met an exceptionally heavy sea. It swept over her. It went on and swept over the ketch and when the life-boatmen looked round she had gone. The life-boat reached St. Ives with the rescued man and woman at 8.15. The coxswain shewed courage, skill, and determination in carrying out the rescue so quickly in exceptionally bad weather.

The Institution made the following awards :

To COXSWAIN WILLIAM PETERS the silver medal for gallantry, with a copy of the vote inscribed on vellum.

To HENRY PETERS, second-coxswain, THOMAS S. ANDREWS, bowman, SAMUEL R. VEAL, motor-mechanic, DANIEL ROACH, assistant motor-mechanic, NICHOLAS PHILLIPS, signalman, and WILLIAM J. NINNIS, life-boatman, the thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum. - Rewards, £18 6s. 6d.

OCTOBER 24TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. At 9.15 in the morning, the coastguard reported that the local motor fishing coble *Jean and Barbara* was at sea and anxiety was felt for her. A south-south-east gale was blowing, increasing in strength, and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *The Cuttle* was launched at 9.25, found the coble behind Filey Brig and escorted her into the harbour. She returned to her station at 11.15. - Rewards, £12 9s.

OCTOBER 25TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT, AND SELSEY, SUSSEX. During a

south-westerly gale, with very rough seas, the naval authorities at Portsmouth asked the Bembridge life-boat to go to the help of two ships in distress off Horse Sands Fort, and at 9.57 at night the motor life-boat *Jesse Lumb* was launched. She found H.M. Tug *Swarthy* on the defence boom, between Horse Sands Fort and the mainland, and H.M.S. *Saltburn* foul of the boom. Her repeated and hazardous efforts to get alongside the tug were prevented by the stones and railway metals embedded in the boom, but with the rising tide the tug was swept across the boom and the life-boat was then able to go alongside and rescued fourteen men. It was then about midnight. The master and two seamen of the tug were on a Carley float. They were lost sight of. The life-boat searched and could not find them, but they came ashore near Longstone Harbour. The life-boat took the rescued men into Portsmouth.

At Selsey the news that the ships were in distress was received about 9.30 at night, and the motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched just before ten o'clock. She arrived a quarter of an hour after midnight to find that the Bembridge life-boat had just rescued the crew of the tug. She too made for Portsmouth.

After landing the rescued men at Portsmouth the Bembridge life-boat went out again to the *Saltburn*. The Selsey life-boat was also asked to go out, and the two boats reached her about 3.15 in the morning. She had now been swept across the boom and was badly holed. The life-boats stood by until daylight. As there was no improvement in the weather, orders were given to abandon ship. The Bembridge life-boat took off 63 men, the Selsey life-boat 25, and landed them at Portsmouth. It was then shortly after ten in the morning of the 26th. The Bembridge life-boat returned to her station, where she arrived shortly after two o'clock that afternoon. She had been on service for sixteen hours in very severe weather. The Selsey crew were given hot baths and breakfast by the Navy, which then took them home by lorry. They returned to Portsmouth next day for their life-boat. - Rewards : Bembridge, £24 5s. 6d. ; Selsey, £32 10s. 6d.

OCTOBER 28TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 2.50 in the morning, the naval authorities at Chatham telephoned the coxswain that the S.S. *Moorwood* had struck a wreck and was going to beach on the South-East Maplin Sands. She was a London steamer, with a crew of eighteen, bound, laden with coal, from the Tyne to the Thames. A strong southerly wind was blowing, the sea rough. The motor life-boat *Greater London (Civil Service No. 3)* was launched at 3.30 and one and a half hours later found the steamer ashore. She had been holed by the wreck. The life-boat stood by. About noon the life-boat laid out her own kedge anchor, and this held the steamer until a tug could get hold of her. With the aid of the anchor and the tug, the *Moorwood* refloated at five o'clock. She then anchored. With a hole in her and with the rough sea, she would not attempt to go up the Thames that night.

The life-boat remained with her until seven o'clock next morning, when she went up the Thames to London under her own power. The life-boat reached her station again at nine that morning. - Property salvage case.

OCTOBER 29TH. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. The fishing boat *Patriot*, with a crew of five, left in the early morning to take relief keepers to the Tuskar Rock Lighthouse. She had not returned by 8.30 that evening and anxiety was felt for her, although the westerly breeze was slight and the sea smooth. At 8.45 the motor life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* was launched and found the fishing boat at anchor near Calmines Buoy with her engine broken down. She towed her into harbour at 9.30 that night. - Rewards, £4 19s. Partly permanent paid crew.

OCTOBER 31ST. - KIRKCUDBRIGHT. At 8.5 at night the Portpatrick coastguard reported a fishing vessel making distress signals off the Isle of Whithorn. A strong southerly breeze was blowing, with heavy rain. The sea was very rough. The motor life-boat *Morison Watson* was launched at nine o'clock and searched for five hours, but in the darkness and rain she could not find the fishing vessel and returned to her station. She put out again at 2.30 next morning. This time she found the fishing vessel in a dangerous position. She was the *Norseman*, of Montrose, and her engine had broken down. The life-boat's motor-mechanic went on board and, after an hour's work on her engine, got it running again. The *Norseman* then set her course for Whitehaven, and the life-boat returned to her station, which she reached at 11.30 that morning. - Rewards, £44 2s.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

OCTOBER 4TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. A vessel had run ashore, but refloated. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

OCTOBER 5TH. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX. A vessel had been reported to be ashore, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £13 13s.

OCTOBER 6TH. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. A motor schooner had run ashore, but refloated. - Rewards, £2 12s. Partly permanent paid crew.

OCTOBER 9TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. A fishing boat was overdue, but she reached the harbour without help. - Rewards, £51 4s. 6d.

OCTOBER 10TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A motor boat's engine had broken down, but an R.A.S.C. motor boat took her in tow. - Rewards, £11 17s.

OCTOBER 10TH. - NORTH SUNDERLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND. A fishing vessel had broken down, but two other vessels towed her to harbour. - Rewards, £19 14s. 6d.

OCTOBER 11TH. - THE HUMBER, YORKSHIRE. A vessel had run ashore, but refloated. - Paid permanent crew.

OCTOBER 12TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. A landing craft had made SOS signals, but later found that she did not need help. - Rewards, £6 13s.

OCTOBER 18TH. - ARBROATH, ANGUS. A fishing boat was overdue, but she reached harbour without help. - Rewards, £8 1s.

OCTOBER 19TH. - MONTROSE, ANGUS. A small motor boat, attached to the Air Ministry, with only one man on board, had got lost in a dense fog, but she was eventually picked up by a Gourdon fishing boat, thirteen miles from her last known position, after being adrift for twenty hours. - Rewards, £9 1s.

OCTOBER 21ST. - STROMNESS, ORKNEYS. The S.S. *Kron Prinsen*, of Sweden, had run ashore, but refloated without help. - Rewards, £19 4s.

OCTOBER 23RD. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. A fishing boat had had difficulty in getting her nets on board, but did not need help. - Rewards, £8 10s.

OCTOBER 23RD. - DUNGENESS, KENT. The coastguard had reported a yacht in difficulties, but nothing could be found, and later she was reported to have passed Dover. - Rewards, £16 5s.

OCTOBER 25TH. - PORT ASKAIG, HEBRIDES. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but, as there was no possibility of anyone surviving, the life-boat was recalled. - Rewards, £10 9s. 6d.

OCTOBER 25TH. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. A naval pinnace had been reported waterlogged, but there was no one on board. - Rewards, £21 18s.

OCTOBER 25TH. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE. Flares had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £19 9s. 6d.

OCTOBER 29TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. Distress signals had been reported and it was thought that an aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £20 4s.

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NOVEMBER 1ST. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. At 7.21 in the evening, the Wyke Regis coastguard reported a vessel aground on Shambles Bank. She was the Swedish tanker *Ariston*, of 15,000 tons, laden with oil, from America for the United Kingdom, with a crew of about thirty. A light north-north-east breeze was blowing, and the sea was smooth. At 7.40 the life-boat crew

assembled, and at 8.40, at the request of the naval authorities, the motor life-boat *Hearts of Oak*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched. She stood by the steamer until 8.30 next morning and then returned to her station to refuel. At 10.30 she again put out and stood by the *Ariston* until three tugs arrived at 12.15. She then returned to her station, arriving at 1.15 that afternoon. The *Ariston* was towed off by the tugs at two o'clock. - Rewards, £19 16s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 6TH. - SALCOMBE, DEVON. At 4.56 in the afternoon the Hope Cove coastguard reported that a small War Department motor launch, with a crew of three, had broken down and was making distress signals east of Start Point. A light north-easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 5.15, found the motor launch *Cypress*, with her engine broken down, and towed her into Dartmouth harbour. She then returned to her station, arriving at one o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £8 2s.

NOVEMBER 8TH. - GALWAY BAY. At 9.5 at night the life-boat coxswain heard a ship's siren continually sounding, in the direction of Straw Island, and then saw distress rockets. A north-westerly breeze was blowing, but the sea was calm. The motor life-boat *K.C.E.F.* was launched at 9.25, and found the steam trawler *Bellerophon*, of Lowestoft, aground on a reef off Straw Island. The tide was ebbing. Her crew wished to abandon her, but the coxswain advised them to stay on board as they were in no immediate danger. The life-boat stood by until high water, when she passed lines from the *Bellerophon* to three other trawlers. With their help the *Bellerophon* refloated at eight o'clock next morning. When it was clear that she was not making water, the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 9.45.-Property salvage case.

NOVEMBER 16TH. - ANSTRUTHER, FIFESHIRE. About 3.45 in the afternoon word was received that a motor fishing vessel had gone on the rocks near Cellardyke. A light north-easterly breeze was blowing, with a moderate swell. There was a thick fog. The motor life-boat *Nellie and Charlie* was launched at 4.20 and found the *M.F.V.988*, a minesweeper, with a crew of four. She had gone over a reef and was trapped on the other side by the ebbing tide. Visibility had by this time been reduced to a few yards. The coxswain fired a line-carrying rocket. It landed on a reef, uncovered by the falling tide, on which some boys were watching the motor fishing vessel. Three of the vessel's crew got into a rubber raft, and, seizing the rocket line, hauled themselves ashore. The life-boat took off the fourth man by means of a breeches buoy and landed him at Anstruther. She returned to her station at 5.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £14 12s.

NOVEMBER 18TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 4.10 in the afternoon a steamer had been

seen to go ashore on the Goodwin Sands. A moderate north-east wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 4.45 and nearly an hour later found the steamer, about eight miles south-east of Walmer. She was the *Edam*, of Rotterdam, bound for that port from New York, and carrying passengers as well as cargo. Three life-boatmen boarded her, and her master asked the life-boat to stand by. This she did. At 6.15 the steamer got off without help and the life-boat escorted her to safety. She re-embarked the three life-boatmen and returned to her station, arriving at 7.40 that evening. - Rewards, \$41 8s.

NOVEMBER 24TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 5.50 in the evening, the Deal coastguard reported a vessel aground on the Goodwin Sands. Ten minutes later the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched, and found the American Liberty ship *Leland Stanford* on the southern part of the Sands, with several hundred troops on board bound for the United States. Six life-boatmen went on board and took soundings. The life-boat stood by until midnight. Then she laid out a kedge anchor and about 2.15 next morning the steamer refloated, but her propeller had been fouled by the wire of the kedge. Tugs were then engaged, and towed the *Leland Stanford* clear of the Sands. The life-boat accompanied her round the South Goodwin Lightvessel to an anchorage in the Downs, collected her six men and returned to her station, arriving at 6.30 that morning. - Property salvage case.

NOVEMBER 26TH. - NEWBIGGIN, NORTHUMBERLAND. During the morning seven cobsles were fishing north of Church Point. The northerly breeze was moderate, but the sea was very rough, and the weather was getting worse. At 10.20 the motor life-boat *Augustus and Laura* was launched, escorted the cobsles to safety, and returned to her station, arriving at 12.10 that afternoon. - Rewards, £12 13s.

NOVEMBER 28TH. - TEESMOUTH, YORKSHIRE. During the afternoon the motor life-boat *J. W. Archer* was out on exercise. She saw the tug *Charing Cross*, with two empty hoppers in tow, enter the Tees, and the second hopper, the *Normandy 2*, part her tow rope and drive ashore at Battery Point, South Gare Breakwater. The life-boat went to her help and fired a line to her. In this way she got another tow-rope fixed between the hopper and the tug, but the tug failed to haul the hopper off. The tug decided to stand by and make another attempt as the tide flowed, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 4.30. At 9.15 news was received from the lighthouse keeper that the hopper was badly holed ; she would not float; the two men aboard would have to be taken off. The life-boat left at 9.55, in a moderate sea, with a westerly wind blowing. She took off the men, put them on board the tug, and returned to her station at 10.30 that night.- Rewards, £22 8s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 28TH. - BROUGHTY FERRY, ANGUS. About two in the afternoon, four boys put out duck-shooting in a rowing boat. By seven o'clock they had not returned. The night was very dark, and a strong south-westerly breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. Enquiries were made, but there was no news of the boys, and at 7.45 the motor life-boat *Mona* was launched to search for them. She went close in along the south side of the river, using her searchlight. As she approached Lucky Scaup, she saw a light for a moment and found the boys there. Their boat had been driven ashore and, realising that they would be unable to get back, they were lighting a fire round which they intended to pass the night. They launched their boat and came aboard the life-boat, which took their boat in tow and reached Broughty Ferry at 9.10. - Rewards, £13 13s.

NOVEMBER 29TH. - WICK, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. About ten in the morning a doctor telephoned that he had heard from Stroma Island that a woman on the island had broken a leg. There was no doctor or nurse on the island, and the heavy westerly sea running in the Pentland Firth prevented any boat from the island crossing to the mainland. He asked for the life-boat, and at eleven o'clock the motor life-boat *City of Edinburgh* was launched, and made for Stroma, taking with her the doctor and the woman's husband, who was on the mainland. She returned to Wick with the injured woman at five in the afternoon, and the woman was taken to hospital. The doctor and the husband expressed their thanks and the husband made a donation. - Rewards, £10 8s. 6d. Repaid to the Institution.

NOVEMBER 30TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 11.30 at night the Deal coastguard reported a vessel aground on the Goodwin Sands. A south-easterly wind was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 11.50. She found two steamers aground on the South Goodwins, within 500 yards of each other. One, the American steamer *U.S.O.*, did not need help. The life-boat went to the other. She was the cargo steamer *Andre' Thome* of La Rochelle, of over 2,000 tons, bound, laden with pitch, from Middlesbrough to Dieppe. She had a crew of 28. Her master asked the life-boat to help him refloat her by laying out a kedge anchor. Six life-boatmen went on board her, and with the help of a motor boat, which had also put four men on board the steamer, the life-boat laid out the anchor. It was then half an hour after midnight. The sea was increasing, and the coxswain decided to lie off. The life-boat was tossing violently, and, as she was casting off the securing ropes, one of her crew, W. Willis, was thrown overboard between the life-boat and the steamer. The motor-mechanic, C. P. Cavell, saw him go, left his controls and sprang to the side just in time to seize him. They were both in danger of being crushed between the two vessels, but were hauled on board unhurt. As the weather was

getting rapidly worse, it was thought advisable that the motor boat should return ashore, and Willis was sent back in her.

At 8.20 next morning, the 1st of December, the American steamer *U.S.O.* refloated, and at 9.30 the *Andre' Thome* was also floating. If the kedge wire had been slipped at once she would probably have come clear of the Sands, but there was some hesitation, and she grounded again. The coxswain then decided, at the master's request, to stand by until next high water, and he tried to take the life-boat alongside, but she was caught in a tide rip, and although her engines were going full speed ahead, she was carried under the steamer's after quarter. Her main mast, which was stowed, was broken in two, and a stanchion was pulled out. After this the coxswain decided to lie off some distance from the steamer. Here she lay for that day, and the greater part of the night, and at three in the morning of the 2nd of December she again went alongside and again was flung against the steamer, hitting her with her stem head fitting, which was slightly strained, but she succeeded in taking off her six men and the four men of the motor boat. She then returned to Walmer to refuel, and put out again at seven o'clock. It was now impossible to go alongside the steamer. The wind had risen to a gale and the heavy seas were breaking right over her. She was continually flashing "Come," but it was impossible to go near her, and the coxswain decided to lie off until the flood-tide should ease. At 9.15 he saw that the seas were forcing the steamer along the sands, and half an hour later she had righted and was in deep water. She was able to get under way, and the life-boat escorted her clear of the Goodwins. She arrived back at her station at 11.55 that morning. She had been out for 36 hours.

For his prompt and plucky rescue of the life-boatman flung overboard, the Institution awarded to the motor-mechanic, C. PERCY CAVELL, its thanks inscribed on vellum. - Rewards, £96 3s.

The following life-boats were launched, hut no services were rendered for the reasons given :

NOVEMBER 1ST. - WALMER, KENT. Red lights, thought to be from a vessel aground, had been reported by the East Goodwin Lightvessel, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £33 1s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 2ND. - RAMSGATE, KENT. Two vessels, the motor ship *Phirsaparoea*, of Curacao, and the American steamer *Pomona Victory*, had been in collision, but did not need the life-boat. - Rewards, £11 17s.

NOVEMBER 4TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A motor fishing vessel had been drifting, but was taken in tow by a tug. - Rewards, £9 6s.

NOVEMBER 7TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. AN-TRIM. An airman had been reported in the

sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £8 13s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 7TH. - WALMER, KENT. The American steamer *Arthur Riggs* had been damaged in collision with the S.S. *Egton*, but the *Arthur Riggs* did not need help and the *Egton* could not be found. - Rewards, £31 5s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 8TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. Star shells fired from a naval vessel had been mistaken for distress signals. - Rewards, £12 2s.

NOVEMBER 8TH. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. The trawler *St. Jan Berchmans*, of Ostend, had stranded, but refloated without help. - Rewards, £5 12s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 9TH. - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. Two swimmers had been reported in difficulties, but the police rescued one and the other was drowned. - Rewards, £38 1s.

NOVEMBER 10TH. - THE HUMBER, YORKSHIRE. The steam trawler *Notre Dame de Montligeon*, of Boulogne, had gone aground, but refloated without help. - Paid permanent crew.

NOVEMBER 13TH. - BUCKIE, BANFFSHIRE. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea. An air-sea rescue launch picked up one body, but the life-boat found nothing. - Rewards, £15 12s. (See Naim, "Services by Shore-boats," 1946, page 71.)

NOVEMBER 14TH. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. An object leaving a smoke trail had been seen and an aeroplane was thought to have crashed in the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 15TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. A motor yacht had drifted ashore with her engine broken down, but her crew of two got ashore unaided. - Rewards, £16 2s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 22ND. - WICK, CAITHNESSSHIRE. A fishing boat had been reported overdue, but reached harbour unaided. - Rewards, £11 17s.

NOVEMBER 22ND. - LYTHAM-ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE. A motor fishing vessel had been overdue, but after spending the night aground she arrived next morning. - Rewards, £5 19s.

NOVEMBER 26TH. - ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW. A fishing vessel had been reported in distress, but got out of her difficulties without help. - Rewards, £15 10s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 28TH. - BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE. An aeroplane had been reported down in the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £10 6s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 29TH. - KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

An aeroplane had fallen in the sea, but the airmen had already reached safety in their rubber dinghy. - Rewards, £12 4s.

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DECEMBER 5TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 3.43 in the morning the coastguard reported a wireless message from the S.S. *Elizabeth Lysaght*, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, that she was aground on Corton Sands and in need of immediate help. The motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 4.15 in a fresh north-westerly wind, with a heavy sea running. She found the steamer on the north end of Holme Sand, bumping heavily. At the request of the master the life-boat stood by for a time. Then she took soundings, found deep water, and the master went full-steam ahead and refloated. Accompanied by the life-boat the *Elizabeth Lysaght* went to Yarmouth Roads and anchored. The master thanked the coxswain, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at eight that morning. - Rewards, £14 13s.

DECEMBER 7TH. - BOULMER, NORTH-UMBERLAND. At daybreak five motor fishing cobs put out lobster fishing. They had not been away very long when the southerly wind increased and the seas became heavy. Two of the cobs got back safely. Two made for the shelter of Boulmer Head. The fifth, the *Brighter Dawn*, attempted to get in, but so heavy was the broken water that she stood out to sea again, and at 10.20 in the morning the motor life-boat *Clarissa Langdon* was launched. She escorted the *Brighter Dawn* to Amble Harbour, arriving there just before noon, and reached her station again at one o'clock. - Rewards, £9 16s.

DECEMBER 8TH. - WALMER, KENT. The master of the American steamer *Kyle V. Johnson* was seriously ill with a heart attack, and in need of medical help. A north-easterly wind was blowing, with snow squalls. The sea was so rough that no ordinary shore-boat could put off, and at the request of the naval authorities the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 7.10 at night, with a doctor. She put him on board the *Kyle V. Johnson*, waited to bring him home, and reached her station again at 9.15. - Rewards, £28 14s. 6d.

DECEMBER 9TH. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. About eight at night some of the life-boatmen saw a ship signal SOS by morse and fire a rocket, and at the same time the coastguard reported a vessel in distress about six miles north-west of Cromer. The motor life-boat *Foresters Centenary* was launched at 8.15 in a light westerly wind, with a slight swell. She found the ship to be the *M.V. Lady Sophia*, bound from Scapa Flow to Rochester, with a crew of five. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat signalled for a tug, but as the *Lady Sophia* was drifting

helplessly towards the shoals off Cromer she took her in tow to keep her in deep water, and made for Great Yarmouth. The tug *Richard Lee Barber* met them off Haisborough, took the *Lady Sophia* in tow, and, with the life-boat in attendance, reached Great Yarmouth just before eight in the morning. After the life-boatmen had had breakfast the life-boat left Great Yarmouth at 10.45 and got back to Sheringham at 3.30 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

DECEMBER 10TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT.

At two in the afternoon a fisherman reported a fishing boat in distress about one mile south-south-west of Dungeness Lighthouse. She was seen to have a flag flying and had burned a flare. The motor life-boat *Charles Cooper Henderson* was launched at 2.15 in a moderate sea with a north-westerly wind blowing, and found the fishing boat *Minnie*, of Rye, with two men on board. Her engine had broken down. She had been drifting for some considerable time and the men were exhausted by their unsuccessful efforts to re-start the engine. The life-boat towed the *Minnie* to moorings in Rye harbour, and reached her station again at six in the evening. - Rewards, £23 13s. 6d.

DECEMBER 10TH. - SWANAGE, DORSET, AND BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

About ten at night the coastguard reported to the Swanage life-boat station that a steamer was ashore off Egmont Point, west of St. Albans Head. The motor life-boat *Thomas Markby* was launched at 10.30. The northerly wind was light and the sea smooth, but there were some patches of fog. The life-boat found the American Liberty ship *T. A. Johnston*, of Pensacola, and her master asked the life-boat to stand by. This she did all through the night. At nine o'clock next morning two tugs and a salvage vessel arrived. Towing began two hours later, but one tug grounded. The life-boat tried to refloat her, but the tide was ebbing and she failed. As she could do no more until high water she returned to her station at 4.30 that afternoon to re-fuel and to enable her crew to get a meal. At ten o'clock she left again, but found that the tug had refloated. The master of the *T. A. Johnston* again asked the life-boat to stand by and this she did through the night and until 3.30 in the afternoon of the 12th. Then she arranged with the salvage officer to return if needed, and left for Swanage, where she arrived at 5.30 that afternoon. At Bembridge the report was received that the steamer was aground on the south-east coast of the Isle of Wight, and the motor life-boat *Jesse Lumb* was launched at 10.37 on the night of the 10th, but when the correct position of the *T. A. Johnston* was reported she was recalled and arrived back at 1.46 next morning. - Rewards : Swanage, £56 16s. ; Bembridge, £16 14s. 6d.

DECEMBER 11TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. A crew from Whitby had gone to Bridlington to fetch the motor fishing boat *Gem*. As the seas were heavy the life-boat coxswain kept a look-out for her. At 6.40

in the evening the coastguard reported a vessel, believed to be the *Gem*, two miles to the east. Seas were then breaking very heavily, both inside and outside the harbour entrance, and a north-easterly wind was blowing, with showers of sleet. At 6.55 the No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched to await the arrival of the *Gem*, and escorted her into harbour. She got in safely, but had a very bad passage. The life-boat was back at her station again at eight o'clock. - Rewards, £15 18s. 6d.

DECEMBER 13TH. - FLAMBOROUGH, AND FILEY, YORKSHIRE.

During a north-westerly gale, with a very rough sea, the S.S. *Empire Tigaven* and the S.S. *Cormoat* came into collision about four miles off Flamborough. A message for immediate help was sent to the Flamborough Head signal station, and at three in the morning the Flamborough motor life-boat *Elizabeth and Albina Whitley* was launched. She found the vessels five miles north-north-east of Flamborough. The *Cormoat* had on board fifteen of the crew of eighteen of the *Empire Tigaven*. These she transferred to the life-boat as she wished to go to the Tyne, and she went, leaving the life-boat to stand by the *Empire Tigaven*. After about two hours her master, still on board her, asked the life-boat to return his engineers, but it was only with much difficulty that one was put on board. The life-boat was damaged in doing it, and drifting ropes fouled her propeller and stopped her engine. By this time the Filey motor life-boat, *The Cuttle*, which had been launched at 3.30, arrived. She towed the Flamborough life-boat to Filey, although the tow-rope twice parted. There the fourteen men from the *Empire Tigaven* were landed, and the Flamborough life-boat was hauled out of the water by the Filey helpers and her propeller cleared. Both life-boats then returned to stand by the *Empire Tigaven*, the Flamborough boat taking with her the steamer's chief engineer and boatswain. The master wanted both these men, and with difficulty the chief engineer was put on board, but the boatswain stayed in the life-boat. A tug arrived about two in the afternoon and the life-boats were able to leave, but there was too much sea for the Flamborough life-boat to return to her own station, so both boats made for Filey, where they arrived about 3.45, over twelve hours after they first put out.

It was a long and arduous service both for the two life-boat crews and for the helpers at Filey, and an increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to each member of both crews and each of the Filey helpers. Standard rewards to the Flamborough crew and launchers, £46 6s., additional rewards to the Flamborough crew, £9 ; total rewards to Flamborough, £55 6s. Standard rewards to the Filey crew and launchers, £39 1s. 6d. ; additional rewards to the Filey crew and launchers, £27 ; total rewards to Filey, £66 1s. 6d.

DECEMBER 15TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 4.50 in the afternoon the

coastguard reported that a motor fishing vessel near the Wallet Spit Buoy was flashing signals and might be in need of help, and the motor life-boat *Edward Z. Dresden* was launched to investigate. She left at 5.50 in a light south-westerly wind, with a slight sea, and found the *M.F.V.125*, with her engine broken down. At the request of the naval authorities at Harwich, the life-boat towed her to Brightlingsea. It was eleven o'clock before she was anchored there, and the life-boat remained at Brightlingsea for the night, returning to her station next morning. - Property salvage case.

DECEMBER 17TH. - ARBROATH, ANGUS. During the morning a number of fishing boats put to sea. They were overtaken by a southerly gale, with a very rough sea. Several of the boats returned, but as six were still out at one o'clock the motor life-boat *John and William Mudie* was launched and stood by the harbour bar. As the boats approached she escorted them in and finally returned to her station at 2.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £8 ls.

DECEMBER 17TH. - NEWBIGGIN, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 10.30 in the morning the coastguard reported that the sea was rising and that the coble *Provider* was still at sea. At 11.15 the motor life-boat *Augustus and Laura* was launched. A strong south-south-easterly wind was then blowing and the sea was rough. The life-boat found the coble four miles north-north-east of Church Point, and escorted her in, arriving at one o'clock. - Rewards, £26 3s.

DECEMBER 18TH. - PENLEE, CORNWALL. About 11.30 in the morning messages were received from the coastguard and the R.A.F. that a yacht off Newlyn was dragging her anchors in a dangerous position and in need of immediate help. The motor life-boat *W. and S.* was launched at 12.5. A south-south-westerly gale was blowing and the sea was rough. The life-boat found the auxiliary yacht *Diane*, bound from Cowes to the Mediterranean, with a crew of seven. They declined to leave her. She had one anchor down. The other had been lost. The life-boat passed her a rope, and towed her to Newlyn, where they arrived at 1.50 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

DECEMBER 19TH. - FALMOUTH, CORNWALL. Information was received from the coastguard at 12.10 in the morning that a ship in the harbour was showing signals of distress and at 12.25 the motor life-boat *Crawford and Constance Conybeare* was launched. A southerly gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. The life-boat found that the S.S. *Dunkery Beacon*, of London, had dragged her anchors. She had a crew of forty-five and had come, in ballast, from Cardiff to Falmouth for repairs. The captain said he wanted a pilot. This message the life-boat took to the pilot boat and then returned to stand by the steamer. Later she was told that she was no longer needed, and

returned to her station at two o'clock. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

DECEMBER 19TH. - FALMOUTH, CORNWALL. At 4.50 in the morning the coastguard reported distress signals from a tug in Cross Channel in Falmouth Harbour, and the motor life-boat *Crawford and Constance Conybeare*, which had returned from standing by the S.S. *Dunkery Beacon* three hours before, was launched again at 5.10. A southerly gale was still blowing and the sea was heavy. She found that the distress signals came from the tug *Empire Aid*. Earlier in the morning the tug had been preparing to go to the help of the *Dunkery Beacon*, but the heavy seas had washed her towing hawser overboard and it had fouled the propeller. She had dropped anchor and this had fouled the hawser. It was high water and she was near Mylor Point, drifting towards the shore. The life-boat took a message to the tug *Empire Polly*, which towed the *Empire Aid* to Falmouth docks. The life-boat arrived back at her station at 8.45 that morning. - Rewards, £10 8s. 6d.

DECEMBER 19TH. ~ ABERDEEN. At 1.54 in the morning information was received from the coastguard that the steam trawler *T. L. Devlin*, of Granton, had sprung a leak and needed help. A southerly gale was blowing, with heavy seas. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Emma Constance* was launched at 2.35, and set out to find the trawler, which was making for Aberdeen, but was many miles away in a south-easterly direction. Radio communication was maintained between the life-boat, the trawler, and the shore, and at 7.30 the life-boat found the trawler approximately twenty-two miles to the south-east of Aberdeen. Her fish hold was flooded and her pumps choked, but, escorted by the life-boat, she reached Aberdeen about 9.20 that morning. - Rewards, £21 13s. 6d.

DECEMBER 19TH. - AITH, SHETLANDS. At 3.45 in the afternoon the postmaster at Sandness telephoned that a woman was seriously ill on the island of Papa-Stour and that a doctor was urgently needed. A full gale had been blowing from the south-east, with a very rough sea, for three days, and no ordinary boat could make the passage. The motor life-boat *The Rankin* was launched at 4.30, with a doctor. She reached the island at six o'clock. The doctor found the patient too ill to be moved to the mainland in that weather. He did all that was possible, and the life-boat took him back to Aith, arriving at 10.20 that night. - Rewards, £16 15s. Repaid to the Institution.

BRONZE MEDAL SERVICE AT WALTON AND FRINTON

DECEMBER 21ST. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. At 5.30 in the afternoon the coastguard reported distress signals east-south-east of Walton.

The night was very dark, with rain. A strong east-south-east wind was blowing and the sea was very rough. It was nearly low water. At 6.15 the motor life-boat *E.M.E.D.* was launched and found the naval motor fishing vessels 96 and 611 stranded on the North East Gunfleet Sands, about five miles from Walton. They were about a hundred yards apart. There was just enough water for the coxswain to take his boat alongside one of the vessels on the inside of the sands. Heavy seas were breaking over her, but the senior seaman on board refused to leave. He asked the life-boat to stand by, but she was bumping heavily on the sands and the coxswain had to cast off and move to deeper water. Soon both fishing vessels again made distress signals but now the water was too shallow for the life-boat to approach them from inside the sands, so the coxswain took her round the end of the sands to try from the outside, but here there was no more water and the seas were heavier, so he returned to the inside. By this time the tide had started to flow, and he drove his boat over the sands and brought her alongside the first fishing vessel. At the same moment a sea lifted the fishing vessel's bow and brought it down on the life-boat's stern, smashing the rudder quadrant and putting the rudder out of action. Undaunted by this mishap the coxswain went astern and found himself near the second fishing vessel. He went alongside her, steering with his engines. He secured the life-boat alongside and the fishing vessel's crew of six jumped aboard her. The ropes were cut away and the life-boat moved clear. Still steering her by her engines, the coxswain then returned to the first fishing vessel, went alongside and rescued her crew of five. The rescue was complete. It had taken four hours. The coxswain again moved clear of the sands and into deeper water. There, with ropes, he got his rudder working again and made for Brightlingsea. He arrived about two in the morning and put the rescued men on board a naval vessel. The life-boat did not return to her station. She was sent straight to Rowhedge for repairs.

The coxswain, a man of sixty-five - ably supported by his motor-mechanics and crew - carried out this difficult service with skill, endurance and determination, and the Institution made the following awards :

To COXSWAIN THOMAS H. BLOOM a clasp to the bronze medal for gallantry which he already held, with a copy of the vote inscribed on vellum ;

To GILBERT BARRS, motor-mechanic, and FRASER T. BACON, assistant motor-mechanic, the thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum ;

To the coxswain and each member of the crew a special reward of £2 in addition to the reward of £2 16s. 6d. on the standard scale. Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £38 2s. 5d. ; additional rewards to crew, £20; total rewards, £58 2s. 5d.

DECEMBER 22ND. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. At 9.40 at night the coastguard reported distress signals from a vessel off Middleton, and at ten o'clock the motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched in a strong, northerly wind with a moderate sea running. She searched for over two hours, and it was not until half an hour after midnight that she saw red rockets and eventually found the vessel ashore one mile east of Middleton. She was the *S.S. Kaida*, of Leith, with a crew of eleven, bound, laden with maize, from London to Southampton. As it was nearly high water the life-boat was able to go alongside. She took off eight of the crew and landed them at Littlehampton at three in the morning. At low tide the remaining three members of the *Kaida's* crew waded ashore. The steamer looked like becoming a total wreck. The life-boat reached Selsey again at seven that morning. - Rewards, £22 9s.

DECEMBER 25TH. - GALWAY BAY. A British soldier coming to his wife in Aran on short leave from Italy arrived at Casla, Connemara, on Christmas Eve, but was unable to find any boat in Connemara to take him to Aran or in Aran to come and fetch him. His wife was very much distressed, and in these very special circumstances the Galway Bay motor life-boat *K.E.C.F.*, on Aran Island, was launched at mid-day to fetch the soldier from the mainland. A strong south-westerly wind was blowing, with a heavy sea. The life-boat arrived back with him at 2.35 that afternoon. - No expense to the Institution.

DECEMBER 28TH. - ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK. At 11.13 in the morning, the coastguard reported that North Foreland Radio had received an SOS call from the *S.S. Empire Gatehouse*, formerly the German steamer *Jutland*. She had a fire in her

bunkers and was carrying ammunition in her No. 2 hold. Her position was given as near the Shipwash Light-vessel. At 11.33 the No. 1 motor life-boat *Abdy Beauclerk* was launched in a strong north-north-easterly wind, with a choppy sea. In the meantime the steamer was making for Hollesley Bay and it was here that the life-boat found her about 12.30 in the afternoon. She stood by until the steamer's crew had got the fire under control and then left, taking with her, at the captain's request, six men of the crew of 26. She landed them at Harwich, and returned to her station next day. - Rewards, £52 19s. 6d.

DECEMBER 28TH. - WHITEHILLS, BANFFSHIRE. At 4.50 in the evening the coastguard reported signals from a vessel about five miles north-east of Whitehills, but the signals could not be understood. A northerly gale was blowing, with a rough sea, and at 5.20 the motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 4* was launched. She found the Admiralty drifter *Nairnside*. The drifter was on passage from Ireland to Buckie, had run past Buckie, and wanted a pilot to take her back. One of the crew of the life-boat went on board her, and the life-boat then piloted her to Macduff harbour. She returned to her station at 7.40 that night. - Rewards, £17 0s. 6d.

DECEMBER 29TH. - SEAHAM, DURHAM. About three in the afternoon a motor fishing coble was seen to be in distress to the south-east of Seaham, and at 3.43 the motor life-boat *Elizabeth Wills Allen* was launched, in a moderate north-north-westerly wind, with a moderate sea. She found the coble *Three Brothers*, of Sunderland, with her engine broken down, and no sail. There were three men on board. The life-boat towed her into Seaham harbour at 4.20 that afternoon. - Rewards, £7 11s.

DECEMBER 31ST. - BALTIMORE, CO. CORK. At 2.25 in the afternoon the civic guards at Goleen reported that a boat was sending up flares off Alderman Rock, and the motor life-boat *Shamrock* was launched at three o'clock. A moderate southerly gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. The life-boat found the fishing boat *Fineen*, of Crookhaven, with five men on board, at 5.30. Her engine had broken down and she was anchored in a perilous position on a lee shore, off Rock Island Lighthouse. The life-boat towed her to Crookhaven harbour, and reached her station again at ten o'clock that night. - Rewards, £22 18s. 6d.

The following life-boats were launched, but no services were rendered for the reasons given :

DECEMBER 6TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. A naval launch had gone ashore at Warren Point, but the life-boat was recalled as a destroyer had gone to the launch's help. - Rewards, £16 16s.

DECEMBER 8TH. - STORNOWAY, HEBRIDES. A trawler had been reported

ashore near Sheshader, but of her crew of thirteen, two got to land in the trawler's boat and the remainder were saved by a boat from the shore. - Rewards, £10 3s. (See Sheshader, "Services by Shore-boats," 1946, page 71.)

DECEMBER 12TH. - ANSTRUTHER, FIFESHIRE. A trawler had gone aground near Fifeness, but did not need the life-boat, as a tug came to tow her off. - Rewards, £9 4s.

DECEMBER 12TH. - BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE. A lady passenger on a tram asked the driver to report that she had seen an aeroplane crash in the sea, but the life-boat found nothing. - Rewards, £13 13s. 6d.

DECEMBER 12TH. - PENLEE, CORNWALL. Red flares had been seen from a trawler, but she was taken in tow by one of H.M. ships. - Rewards, £21 7s. 6d.

DECEMBER 13TH. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. An SOS had been received from a motor vessel on fire off Corsewall Point, but the fire was got under control, the injured members of the crew were taken off by a motor launch, and tugs arrived to help the vessel. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

DECEMBER 16TH. - PLYMOUTH, DEVON. A naval motor boat had foundered while going ashore from minesweeper H.M.S. *Tenby* in a gale, but the life-boat, which made a long search, found nothing. Of the eight men in the boat, seven were drowned. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

DECEMBER 17TH. - WALMER, KENT. Flares had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £23 12s. 6d.

DECEMBER 19TH. - CLOVELLY, DEVON. A naval officer had been cut off by the tide, but he decided to wait until it turned. - Rewards, £26 9s.

DECEMBER 19TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. Two fighter aeroplanes had crashed in the sea, but though wreckage was picked up by a motor launch, and oil patches were seen, no survivors could be found. - Rewards, £12 15s.

DECEMBER 19TH. - WALMER, KENT. The S.S. *Terborsch*, of Amsterdam, had run aground on the Goodwin Sands, but refloated on the rising tide without help. - Rewards, £31 17s. 6d.

DECEMBER 20TH. - CAISTER, NORFOLK. Signals by siren from a vessel believed to be on fire had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £12 13s.

DECEMBER 20TH. - WALMER, KENT. A boat had been reported capsized off Dover harbour, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £32 9s. 6d.

DECEMBER 20TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. A small steamer had been reported to have disappeared in a cloud of smoke, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £20 4s.

DECEMBER 21ST. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. A lighter, with one man in her, had broken away from a tug which had her in tow, but when she struck the beach he got safely ashore. - Rewards, £11 14s.

DECEMBER 21ST. - ABERDEEN. A fishing boat had been disabled by a net fouling her propeller, but she was able to clear it and went on her way. - Rewards, £14 14s. 6d.

DECEMBER 24TH. - PADSTOW, CORNWALL, AND APPLIEDORE, DEVON. During the afternoon information was received from the coastguard that a vessel appeared to be in difficulties about five miles west-north-west of Hartland Point. A rough north-west gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The Padstow No. 1 motor life-boat *Princess Mary* was launched at 4.45 and spoke a vessel. She was probably the one she was looking for, but she did not need any help. The life-boat returned to her station at 7.30 on Christmas morning. She had been out for fifteen hours. The Appledore motor life-boat *J. B. Proudfoot*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 5.30 and searched, but found nothing. She put into Clovelly Roads for shelter during the night and reached her station at 10.30 on Christmas morning. She had been out for seventeen hours. For these long and arduous trips an increase in the usual money awards on the standard scale was made to each member of the crews of both life-boats. Padstow : standard rewards to crew and helpers, £18

3s. ; additional rewards to crew, £6 1s. 6d. : total rewards, £24 4s. 6d. Appledore : standard rewards to crew and helpers, £26 19s. ; additional rewards to crew, £6 1s. 6d. ; total rewards, £33 0s. 6d.

DECEMBER 26TH. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. A steamer had gone aground, but later it was reported that help was not needed and the life-boat was recalled. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

DECEMBER 27TH. - WICK, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. An object having the appearance of a ship's boat had been reported, but it was found to be a large Admiralty buoy adrift. - Rewards, £6 13s.

DECEMBER 28TH. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX. A landing craft had drifted ashore in shallow water, but the life-boat, which went alongside, found no one on board. - Rewards, £13 13s.

DECEMBER 28TH. - SALCOMBE, AND TORBAY, DEVON. Two Admiralty trawlers had been reported in difficulties about fifteen miles in an easterly direction from Start Point, but one took the other in tow and the life-boats were recalled. - Rewards, Salcombe, £10 8s. 6d. ; Torbay, £10 17s. 6d.

DECEMBER 29TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A motor boat had been seen drifting, but the life-boat was recalled, and the steamer which had first reported it said later that there was no sign of life on the drifting boat. - Rewards, £4 2s.

DECEMBER 30TH. - WALMER, KENT. A vessel had been reported aground on the Goodwin Sands, but nothing could be seen, and it was assumed that she had got off on the rising tide. - Rewards, £31 17s. 6d.

Services by Shore-boats

JANUARY MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON WATER, HAMPSHIRE. At 6.30 in the evening of the 11th of October, 1944, six cadets set off from Millbrook Pier in a dinghy for the training-ship *Moyana*, 200 yards away. A strong south-west wind was blowing. The sea was rough. When the dinghy was 100 yards out a sudden squall struck it, and it foundered. On board the *Moyana* the accident was seen by Mrs. A. Monk, the purser. She had no experience of boats, except what she had picked up on board the *Moyana*, but at once, with the help of Cadet A. J. Gibbs, aged 16 1/2, she swung out and launched an open motor launch. Not only was the wind squally and the sea rough, but night was coming on and the engine of the launch was untrustworthy. In spite of all this the two rescuers reached three of the cadets, and at great risk of injuring herself and of capsizing the launch, Mrs. Monk hauled them on board and saved the dinghy. Two other boats had also put out at once to the rescue. One, an American launch, rescued the other three cadets. The other, a boat from a British landing-craft, was swamped immediately. - Rewards : to Mrs. A. J. MONK, the Institution's thanks inscribed on vellum and 15s. for damage to clothing ; to CADET A. J. GIBBS, a framed letter of appreciation.

EASTHAVEN, ANGUS. At 9.15 on the night of the 21st of November, 1944, the coastguard at Easthaven reported that a Barracuda aeroplane had crashed in the sea opposite the lookout post. A light west wind was blowing, with a moderate swell. With some difficulty four men launched a rowing boat, which had been laid up for the winter. It was a dark, moonless night, but the men worked quickly and skilfully and rescued the pilot, uninjured, but suffering from shock and exposure. The Broughty Ferry life-boat was launched, but was not needed.- Rewards, £5. (See Broughty Ferry, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," 1944, page 45.)

FEBRUARY MEETING

LISMORE ISLAND, ARGYLLSHIRE. Some American sailors belonging to a Greek ship in convoy absented themselves and went to a hotel at Port Appin on the mainland. By some means they arrived at Lismore Island, Loch Linnehe, and were eventually taken back to their ship by a trawler. But before this, it was learnt later, two of the men, at eight in the morning of the 10th of October, attempted to regain their ship by means of a raft from Achuaran. The raft capsized when about two hundred yards off shore and the men called for help. A light southerly breeze was blowing, but the sea was rough. In

answer to the men's calls, Miss Sarah MacPherson, aged 60, who recently had undergone an internal operation, and her sister Joan, aged 58, both described as being of frail physique, put out in their rowing boat. With great difficulty, and at great risk in that rough sea, and with the two men unable to help themselves, they rescued them and gave them hospitality in their home.- Rewards, £1 and a framed letter of appreciation to each of the two rescuers.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON. At five in the evening of the 30th of December, 1944, a report was received by the pier watchman that two people had been cut off by the tide at the foot of Hillsborough Cliffs. The sea was fairly heavy. Coxswain S. Williams and another man put out in the rowing boat *Polly*, found a soldier and a woman and with some difficulty took them off and brought them to harbour. - Rewards, £1.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 10.40 in the morning of the 1st of January, 1945, life-boat motor-mechanics McDonald and Hidden were working on the No. 1 life-boat when they heard someone calling. Off the promenade, on a bank which was rapidly being surrounded by the sea, they saw a woman with a dog. A light south-west breeze was blowing, with a slight sea. The two mechanics put off in the motor boarding boat. In trying to get ashore the woman had fallen, and when they reached her they found her almost submerged and unconscious. They took her into the boat, gave her artificial respiration and landed her at New Brighton stage. Here she regained consciousness and was taken to hospital. - Rewards, £1.

MARCH MEETING

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE. At 3.15 in the afternoon of the 3rd of February, 1945, an object was seen by the coastguard, about three-quarters of a mile off shore. The weather was fine, with a south-west wind ; the sea was calm. The two life-boat coxswains and the motor-mechanic put out at 3.15 in a rowing boat and found a partly submerged and water-logged pontoon. They were unable to tow it ashore, and returned at 4.50. Later in the day the naval authorities asked for the life-boat to go out and bring in the pontoon, but she could not find it in the darkness. - Rewards, £1 10s., and 2s. 6d. for a helper on shore. (See Blackpool, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 19.)

COLWYN BAY, DENBIGHSHIRE. At 4.15 in the afternoon of the 3rd of February, 1945, the naval authorities informed the Hoylake coastguard that a Mosquito aeroplane had crashed in the sea off Rhos-on-Sea. The

weather was fine, with a light southerly wind and a calm sea. Two rowing boats put out from Colwyn Bay. One was manned by four men, the other by two. The Llandudno life-boat and an R.A.F. launch also went out. The four men in one boat picked up two airmen and transferred them to the R.A.F. launch, but both died. As the wind and sea were increasing, the life-boat towed the rowing boat to more sheltered waters. The two men in the other boat found nothing. - Rewards, £6. (See Llandudno, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 19.)

New BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 1.30 in the afternoon of the 18th of February, 1945, the police reported that a child had been drowned and that other persons were in imminent danger near the New Brighton Bathing Pool. A fresh southerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The coxswain, second-coxswain and the two motor mechanics put out five minutes later in the life-boat's boarding boat, and 200 yards west of Perch Rock Lighthouse found an army raft being swept upriver. On board were four children and two adults. Two other adults were hanging on, exhausted. The life-boatmen rescued them and landed them at New Brighton Stage. Then they put out again, recovered the raft and returned it to the army authorities. - Rewards, £2, and £2 for cleaning of clothes.

APRIL MEETING

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. About seven in the evening of the 21st of March, 1945, two boys, aged 17 and 15, put off from the shore in a home-made canoe. The sea was calm, with some fog. About half a mile off shore, opposite the Redoubt Bandstand, the boys turned towards the beach and the canoe capsized. The elder boy managed to grip it, but the younger boy, who could not swim, was lost. The boys' cries for help had been heard by another boy on shore who told a fisherman. He, with another man, went out and saved the elder boy and brought him ashore. Then, with a police officer, they put out again and searched for the missing boy, but without success. - Rewards, £1.

MAY MEETING

LLANERCHYMR, FLINTSHIRE. At 12.15 in the afternoon of the 15th of March, 1945, an Anson aeroplane came down in the Dee Estuary, off Llanerchymor. A strong south-west wind was blowing, but the sea was calm. The crash was seen by Mr. N. Jones, who ran and told Mr. J. C. Meallor and Mr. S. Meallor, fishermen. All three went by car to the wharf and the two Meallors put out in their rowing boat *Flint Castle*. They sculled to the aeroplane, 300 yards out. It was sinking rapidly and the two airmen were up to their shoulders in the water, both exhausted, and one with his foot entangled in the wire controls. With difficulty the two fishermen rescued them and brought them ashore.

They went out again, fixed the aeroplane with anchors and rope, and later helped to salve her. For this they received £3.- Rewards, £1.

New BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 11.50 in the morning of the 2nd of April, 1945, two boys went out in a small boat. It capsized, and they got on to the broken girders of the damaged end of Egremont Landing Stage. The tide was rising over it. The sea was choppy, and a moderate west-north-west wind was blowing. The police told the life-boat station and the life-boat motor-mechanic and two other men put out in the life-boat's motor dinghy. They found the two boys exhausted, brought them ashore and sent them to hospital. - Rewards, £1 10s.

JUNE MEETING

LOSSIEMOUTH, MORAYSHIRE. At 11.25 in the morning of the 21st of December, 1944, the coastguard saw a Mosquito aeroplane crash in the sea near Covesea Skerries, two or three miles north-west of Lossiemouth. The Institution's auxiliary rescue-boat was at sea fishing. Six men put out in the motor fishing boat *Dayspring*, and reached the position at 12.5. They could find only some gear. Air-sea rescue-boats also searched, but found no survivors. - Rewards, £4 10s. and 10s. for fuel used. The men returned the money as a donation to the Institution.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. At ten in the morning of the 6th of March, 1945, a Lancaster aeroplane crashed on a sandbank four miles east-south-east of the river mouth, near Boston. It had come down through cloud over the Wash, had mistaken the sandbank for more cloud and attempted to go through it. The weather was fine and the sea smooth. The police told the motor fishing boat *Nancy*, which was about to go out fishing. With a crew of three she at once went to the sandbank and rescued three airmen who were in a dinghy. The police also told the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee's motor vessel *Witham*. She went out and recovered three bodies from the wreckage. The body of the remaining airman was picked up by H.M.S. *Wincliffe*. - Rewards : the crew of the *Nancy*, £3, and 15s. for fuel used, and £12 for loss of fishing ; to the skipper and crew of the *Witham*, a letter of appreciation.

KILKEEL, Co. DOWN. At four in the afternoon of the 12th of March, 1945, a Boston aeroplane crashed in the sea, one hundred yards off Derry Oge Point, near Greencastle. A light southerly wind was blowing, with a slightly choppy sea. The coastguard informed Mr. John Mitchell, who put out in his rowing boat, with four members of the U.S.A. Air Force, who took tools with them. They climbed into the cockpit of the aeroplane and extricated the body of the pilot. Four other men, two of them American airmen, put out in another boat, from Cranfield, and a launch put out from

Greencastle. The Air Ministry expressed their thanks. - Rewards, letters of appreciation to Mr. John Mitchell, and to Mr. J. Morgan and Mr. Gaffney, who took out the other two boats.

WHITSTABLE, KENT. At 5.30 in the afternoon of the 31st of March, 1945, a boy in a small open boat was carried out to sea. A strong south-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The boy was seen by the coast-guard, who told the police. They told a boatman, who, with a police sergeant, went to the rescue in his motor boat Jolly Roger. He found the boat nearly waterlogged, and the boy baling with his cap, four miles out, off Swalecliff. After three attempts he and the police sergeant rescued the boy and took his boat in tow. The boat sank, but was recovered later. The Margate life-boat was also launched, but was recalled by wireless when it became known that she was not needed. - Rewards, £1 10s., and 6s. for fuel used ; also £1 for a man engaged on shore by the boatman. (See Margate, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 24.)

HILBRE ISLAND, CHESHIRE. At four in the afternoon of the 16th of April, 1945, the keeper on Hilbre Island saw a dinghy capsize in Hilbre Pool some fifty yards from the island. A fresh westerly wind was blowing, but the sea was smooth. The keeper put out in his rowing boat single-handed. He found that three boys had been in the capsized boat. One of them was swimming and was helped to some rocks ; another clinging to the up-turned boat was rescued. The keeper took both of them to the island and he and his wife gave them a meal and dried their clothes. The third boy had swum to another boat. The keeper's boat was damaged, but was repaired at the expense of the father of one of the boys. - Rewards, £1 5s.

HELMSDALE, SUTHERLAND. At 6.30 in the evening of the 16th of April, 1945, a Liberator aeroplane crashed in the sea four miles south-south-west of Helmsdale harbour. The weather was fine, the sea calm. Fishermen, who had just unloaded the day's catch, at once put out in the auxiliary rescue-boat *Hazel*, followed by three other boats. A total of seventeen men manned the four boats. When the first boats reached the scene the aeroplane had already broken in two, and each part was burning furiously. Two of the boats each picked up a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, but one died. - Rewards : to the crew of the auxiliary rescue-boat, £4 15s. and 5s. for fuel used ; to the crews of the other boats, £7 10s., and 5s. to each boat for fuel used. (See Helmsdale, "Services by Auxiliary Rescue-boats," page 65.)

FRASERBURGH, ABERDEENSHIRE. At ten at night on the 24th of April, 1945, the Kin-naird Head coastguard reported a motor boat near Sandhaven, with her engine broken down. A light south-south-west wind was blowing. The sea was calm. It was unnecessary, in that weather, to launch the

life-boat, and some of her crew were sent out in the motor fishing boat *Dove*. Meanwhile, about 9.30 the information had reached the crew of the motor boat *Harmony*, and they had put out. They found the disabled boat, the *Liberty*, and towed her into Fraserburgh, escorted by the *Dove*. The *Liberty*'s owners gave £10 10s. to the Institution in gratitude. - Rewards : to the crew of the *Dove*, £3 15s., and 6s. 3d. for fuel used ; to the crew of the *Harmony*, £8 15s. and 6s. 3d. for fuel used.

ARRANMORE, Co. DONEGAL. On the 24th of April, 1945, the S.S. *Monmouth Coast* was mined or torpedoed east of Tory Island. The Tory Island auxiliary rescue-boat put out and made a long search but found no survivors. At 8.45 in the morning of the 26th of April a man on Arranmore saw a raft about three miles off shore. A north-west wind was blowing, with a fairly choppy sea. Two men put out in a small sailing boat and found a damaged raft with one man, the sole survivor of a crew of fourteen. Had not the rescuers acted at once on seeing the raft the man would have been lost, for it was drifting towards the cliffs, where it would have been wrecked. - Rewards, £1 5s. (See Tory Island, "Services by Auxiliary Rescue-boats," page 65.)

ABERSOCH, CAERNARVONSHIRE. While out sailing in a hired boat on the 28th of April, 1945, the chaplain of H.M.S. *Glendower* - a camp - got into difficulties and signalled for help. A moderate north-west wind was blowing. The sea was smooth. Two men put out in a rowing boat and brought the chaplain and his boat to Abersoch - Rewards, £1.

HOPEMAN, MORAYSHIRE. At 3.25 in the afternoon of the 2nd of May, 1945, an R.A.F. Wellington aeroplane was seen to crash in the sea half a mile north of Hopeman. A light north-north-east wind was blowing, with a slight sea. Two men who were working on their motor boat in Hopeman harbour at once put out, found the six men of the crew of the aeroplane in their rubber dinghy drifting towards a rocky shore, and rescued them. During the service the magneto of the motor boat was put out of action. - Rewards, £1, with £11 6s. 1d. for repairs to magneto, and £10 for loss of fishing.

HELVICK HEAD, Co. WATERFORD. On the 2nd of May, 1945, three boats were fishing seven or eight miles south-south-east of Helvick Head, when, about 11.30 in the morning, the fishing boat *Naom Garban* was blown to pieces by a mine, which she had picked up in her trawl. The weather was fine, with a light north wind, and a calm sea. On two other boats near-by, the *Betsie* and *An Comluadar*, the crews had been knocked down by the blast, but they at once cut away their gear, made for the spot, and reached it while timbers were still falling. Each boat picked up a man, but one was dead. They could not find the other two members of the crew. They searched for a time and left when a third boat arrived. The Helvick

Head life-boat was also launched, but found only oil and wreckage. - Rewards, £8. (See Helvick Head, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 29.)

The war ended on the last minute of the 8th of May.

FILEY, YORKSHIRE. At 1.30 in the afternoon of the 13th of May, 1945, it was reported to the life-boat coxswain that the sailing boat *Lilian*, with a party of visitors on board, was being blown out to sea off Filey Brig. A westerly wind was blowing, with a rough sea. The coxswain and four other men put out in the motor fishing coble *Isabella*. They picked up the sailing boat two miles out and towed her back to Filey. - Rewards : £2 10s. and 5s. for fuel used, and 15s. for helpers on the shore.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 10.40 on the night of the 9th of June, 1945, the stage-man at New Brighton reported that the sea cadet boat *Free Lance* was dragging her anchors north of New Brighton pier. A fresh westerly wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. Life-boat motor mechanics Macdonald and Bray hailed the boat, found that she was in need of help and put off in the life-boat's boarding boat, with the bowman. They tried to tow the boat but failed, and took off the two officers and seven scouts on board. Later the life-boat put out and saved the *Free Lance*. - Rewards, £1 17s. 6d. (See New Brighton, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 30.)

JULY MEETING

CLONTARF, Co. DUBLIN. On the evening of the 2nd of June, 1945, a sailing boat from the Clontarf Boat Club capsized north of North Bull. A moderate south-west wind was blowing with a moderate sea, and the weather was thick. Four sea scouts, seventeen to fifteen years old, and a man of forty put out in a rowing boat, and, with the help of members of the yacht club, who were out in sailing boats, picked up the two occupants of the capsized sailing boat, who had climbed on the rocks. They also brought in their boat. The Poolbeg life-boat was called out but she was not needed. - Rewards, £2 10s. (See Poolbeg, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 31.)

COVE, EAST LOTHIAN. During the afternoon of the 13th of June, 1945, eight soldiers went out for pleasure in a rowing boat. A strong north-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The wind carried them out to sea. Five men put out in a motor fishing boat and rescued the soldiers, by now exhausted, about two miles off Cove harbour. The soldiers were landed and given hospitality by fishermen. The St. Abbs and Dunbar life-boats were launched, but they were not needed. - Rewards, £2 10s., and 2s. 6d. for fuel used. (See St. Abbs, and Dunbar, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 32.)

ROCKFIELD, ROSS AND CROMARTY. At five in the afternoon of the 18th of June, 1945, a Barracuda aeroplane crashed in the

sea a mile east of Rockfield. A moderate south-west wind was blowing, with a slight sea. No one saw the accident, but on seeing smoke rising from the sea four men put out in a rowing boat. They found only a rubber dinghy and a seat. A destroyer, an air-sea rescue-boat and aeroplanes also searched. - Rewards, £2.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET. At 4.45 in the afternoon of the 23rd of June, 1945, the Minehead life-boat coxswain received an urgent telephone call from Blue Anchor that a child on a rubber float was being blown out to sea. A light southerly wind was blowing, the sea calm. With another man he put out in a motor boat and went the four miles to Blue Anchor Bay, but the child had already been rescued by people from the shore. - Rewards, 15s., and 5s. for fuel used.

NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. On the evening of the 26th of June, 1945, the police reported to the coastguard that wreckage had been seen a mile and a half east of the harbour. Mr. E. Giles, honorary secretary of the life-boat station, which had been recently closed, heard at six o'clock. He enlisted the help of the ex-second-coxswain and his motor boat, and the two put out within fifteen minutes. A fresh north-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. They found wreckage, apparently of a canoe, close in shore, but that was all. - Rewards, a letter of thanks to Mr. Giles and 12s. 6d. to the ex-second-coxswain.

PORTH-Y-NANT, CAERNARVONSHIRE. At 9.47 in the evening of the 28th of June, 1945, the Porthdinllaen coastguard received a message from Mr. E. A. Dean, quarry manager, that two boys were in difficulties on a raft about one mile seaward from Porth-y-Nant Pier. The sea was calm, with a light easterly wind blowing. At the request of the coastguard, Mr. Dean and his son put off in his motor boat. They picked up the two boys, and their raft - made out of barrels and wood taken from the quarries - and towed it to Porth-y-Nant. - Rewards, £1, and 4s. for fuel used.

HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. At five o'clock in the afternoon of the 6th of June, 1945, a small boat with four people, one a small boy, on board, capsized near Black Perch, in Holyhead outer harbour. A light south-west wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. Two men put off from the shore in a rowing boat and hurried to the spot some 300 yards away. The small boy was hanging on to a boat. A woman was being supported by a man, who, after the woman had been picked up, joined the small boy. The woman's husband was then picked up. Three more men put out in another boat and brought in the two persons clinging to the boat. But for the prompt rescue of the woman and the efforts of the men to revive her while still in their boat, her life might have been lost. - Rewards, £1 5s. to the crew of the first boat ; and £1 2s. 6d. to the crew of the other boat.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

EGLINTON, Co. LONDONDERRY. About 12.15 in the afternoon of the 16th of December, 1944, the Eglinton coastguard received an SOS from the R.N.A.S. Eglinton, that a Corsair aeroplane had crashed into the sea 200 yards off Lough Foyle foreshore at Eglinton. A moderate north-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. Two auxiliary coastguardmen at once put out in their rowing boat and reached the spot, three miles away, in an hour and a quarter. They found that another man, who lived only a quarter of a mile from the scene of the crash, had launched a flat-bottomed boat, pulled 200 yards and rescued the pilot unhurt, but shaken. An air-sea rescue-boat arrived at the same time. The water was too shallow for it to get close to the aeroplane, so the coastguardmen took its captain to the aeroplane, and then put him on board his own boat again. - Rewards, £2 5s.

BOWNESS, CUMBERLAND. On the evening of the 8th of June, 1945, two fishermen got into difficulties while stake net fishing opposite Bowness, about three-quarters of a mile from the Scottish coast. A westerly wind, was blowing. They had got into deep water, but managed to cling to their nets and keep afloat although drifting and unable to make the shore. Their danger was seen by two men at Bowness, who had also been fishing. They dragged a small motor boat three-quarters of a mile to the water's edge and, already almost exhausted by their efforts, they put out with a third man. Their boat was small, they were encumbered with big waders, and the rescue was not easy in a tidal river, but they acted promptly and skilfully. They got one fisherman into their boat and, with the other clinging to it, brought them both ashore, but one died shortly afterwards. - Rewards, letters of appreciation to the three men, Mr. E. O. Percival, Mr. J. Borrodale and Mr. J. H. Jefferson ; and £2 10s.

TORBAY, DEVON. At 6.30 in the evening of the 11th of June, 1945, the assistant motor-mechanic of the life-boat and another man were trawling in the motor boat *Tudor II*, when they saw a rowing boat some six miles off shore between Hope's Nose and Teignmouth. On board were an old man and a boy. A squally north-west wind was blowing, the sea was too rough for this small open boat, and she was drifting helplessly seawards. The motor boat towed her into Oddicombe. - Rewards, £1, and 1s. 6d. for fuel used.

TORBAY, DEVON. At 2.45 in the afternoon of the 29th of June, 1945, while working single-handed in the motor trawler *Owen*, a fisherman saw six women in a rowing boat about two and a half miles south-east from Oddicombe, drifting helplessly. A westerly off-shore breeze was blowing, with a moderate swell. The fisherman got his gear aboard and towed the boat to Oddicombe beach. - Rewards, 10s., and 1s. for fuel used.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND. At nine in the morning of the 30th of June, 1945, a boatman on shore saw a small canvas canoe about a mile and a quarter off shore. A few minutes later he noticed that the canoe had disappeared. The weather was fine, but a fairly strong north-west wind was blowing and the sea was choppy. The boatman called on two beach patrol men to go with him and they put off in a rowing boat. They found a man in the water, much distressed, and rescued him. Another young man who was with him was drowned when the canoe sank. - Rewards, £1 10s.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL. On the 1st of July, 1945, three sea scouts went out fishing in a small rowing boat a mile east of Gear Rock. A moderate westerly wind was blowing, with a slight sea, and the tide was ebbing. A coastguardman kept the boat under observation, and, when he saw that she would not get in without help, asked for a boat to go out. A one-legged fisherman and another coastguard put out in a motor boat about noon and brought the boys and their boat into Penzance harbour. Each man received 7s. 6d. from the parents of the rescued boys. - Rewards, letters of appreciation to the fisherman, Mr. F. Williams, and to coastguardman L. Tripp.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. At 4.35 in the afternoon of the 19th of July, 1945, the coastguard telephoned the honorary secretary of the life-boat station that two visitors had got into difficulties while bathing in Cayton Bay. A light south-to-south-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat coxswain and two other lifeboatmen put out in a motor coble, but found that the bathers had already been rescued from the shore. - Rewards, £1 10s. and 2s. 6d. for fuel used.

NEWPORT, PEMBROKESHIRE. At 3.30 in the afternoon of the 22nd of July, 1945, three young men were out in a small sailing boat in Newport Bay. The sea was choppy, with a south-west wind blowing. The boat capsized 300 yards from the shore, and the three men were thrown into the sea. A member of the life-saving corps saw the accident and at once put off in a rowing boat, accompanied by another, unknown, man. Their boat was leaking, but they succeeded in towing the capsized boat, with the three men clinging to it, to the shore. - Rewards, £1.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE. About 12.40 in the afternoon of the 22nd of July, 1945, the Bridlington coastguard informed the life-boat coxswain and the R.A.F. rescue section that the small sailing yacht *Scamp* had capsized half a mile south-east of the coastguard station. A moderate but squally westerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The R.A.F. launch, with her crew of two, the life-boat coxswain, the harbour master and a ferryman went out to the rescue, and found a man and his two sons clinging to their submerged yacht. They were very exhausted. The launch rescued

them and brought in their yacht. - Rewards, 10s. each to the coxswain, harbour master and ferryman.

BEER, DEVON. On the 26th of July, 1945, the owner of the motor boat *Victory*, of Beer, had business in Exmouth and made up a party for the trip by sea. On the return journey the engine broke down about two miles south-west of Beer Head, and at 10.40 that night the coastguard saw a signal made by electric torch, and four men put out from Beer at 11.15 in the motor boat *Ena II*. A moderate north-north-east wind was blowing, and there was a slight swell. Both wind and sea were increasing. The four men brought the disabled boat into Beer at two o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £4, and 10s. for fuel used.

BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE. At 1.40 in the afternoon of the 27th of July, 1945, the coastguard telephoned to the life-boat coxswain that he was leaving the station to go to the help of a bather in difficulties at the mouth of Bar Bach channel, and asked the coxswain to put out in a boat. A strong northerly wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The coxswain, with his brother, put out in a motor boat, but their services were not needed, as the coastguard had already rescued the bather. - Rewards, £1, and 3s. for fuel used.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. At 10.30 in the afternoon of the 1st of August, 1945, the Whitby coastguard telephoned to the life-boat coxswain that a motor fishing boat was flashing SOS two miles north-north-east of Whitby. A strong north-west wind was blowing, with a very heavy ground swell. Visibility was bad. The coxswain, and four other men, put out in the motor fishing boat *Venus*. They found the motor fishing vessel *Courage*, of Scarborough, four miles east of Whitby. She had a crew of seven. Her engine had become overheated and failed and she had been drifting. When the rescuers arrived the engine had been re-started and was working slowly. Accompanied by *Venus* the *Courage* reached Whitby harbour at one o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £5 and 10s. for fuel used.

WALTON - ON - THE - NAZE, ESSEX. At three in the afternoon of the 2nd of August, 1945, two men and two girls who were wading and bathing suddenly found themselves in deep water under the pier. There was a slight swell and a flowing tide. They were in danger of losing their lives. One girl reached the shore and called for help. Her cries were heard by the life-boat's second-coxswain, who was out with passengers in his boat. He called to life-boat motor-mechanic Barrs, who swam out, reached the other girl, swam with her to a pile, and hung on. The second-coxswain came through the pier with his boat and rescued one man just as he was disappearing. The second man had then reached a pile. The second-coxswain first picked up the girl from the motor-mechanic and then the second man, and brought them

to the beach. Artificial respiration was given to one of the men by the rescuers. - Rewards, £1 10s.

FRASERBURGH, ABERDEENSHIRE. At 7.30 in the evening of the 4th of August, 1945, the Kinnaird Head coastguard reported to the life-boat motor-mechanic that the motor fishing boat *Silver Tweed* was in need of help. The sea was calm, with a moderate northerly breeze. Watch was kept on the *Silver Tweed*. It was seen that she could not get her engine started, so Captain Andrew Stephen, joint honorary secretary of the life-boat station and harbour master, put out in the pilot boat with two other men. At the same time the life-boat coxswain, with the motor-mechanic and another man, went out in the motor boat *Stephen*. The pilot boat took the disabled boat in tow and, with the help of the *Stephen*, towed her into harbour. - Rewards, £4 10s., and 6s. 3d. for fuel used.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET. During the afternoon of the 10th of August, 1945, a man and a woman, visitors to the district, were cut off by the tide three miles west of Minehead. An attempt to reach them by land failed, and they were in danger of being washed off a ledge on which they had taken refuge. About seven o'clock the coastguard informed the honorary secretary of the life-boat station, and he decided to send a shore boat rather than the life-boat. The weather was fine and the sea smooth, with a light, west-north-west wind blowing. The life-boat head launcher, who was taking out visitors in his motor boat, stopped doing it, and with another man went to the rescue. He took the man and woman off the ledge, but in doing so his boat hit a submerged rock and cracked a plank. - Rewards, £1, 6s. for fuel used, £2 10s. for repairs to boat and £1 for loss of business.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON. At three o'clock in the afternoon of the 13th of August, 1945, two men in a small rowing boat got into difficulties on Teignmouth Bar. A fresh easterly wind was causing the sea to break on the bar. In answer to the men's shouts for help three men put out in a motor launch, rescued the two men, and towed their almost waterlogged boat into harbour. - Rewards, £1 10s., 5s. for fuel used, and £1 for loss of business.

REDCAR, YORKSHIRE. At eight in the evening of the 14th of August, 1945, it was reported that a bather was in danger of drowning between Marske and Redcar. A moderate easterly wind was blowing, with a rough sea. Two men put out in a motor boat, but their help was not needed as the bather had been rescued from the shore. - Rewards, £1, and 3s. for fuel used and £1 for loss of business.

NEW QUAY, CARDIGANSHIRE. About 4.40 in the afternoon of the 15th of August, 1945, two boys were in the sailing boat *Corinna*, off Llanina Point, about a mile from New Quay Pier. A squally westerly wind was blowing,

with a moderate sea. The boat was swamped and the two boys hung on inside. They were seen by the coastguard and Mr. Graham put out in his motor boat *Osprey*, with another man. They towed the *Corinna* to Cei Bach beach and landed the two boys, unhurt, at six o'clock. - Rewards, a letter of appreciation to Mr. Graham, 10s. to the other man and 5s. for fuel used.

COVERACK, CORNWALL. At 3.30 in the afternoon of the 21st of August, 1945, the sailing boat *Endeavour*, of Falmouth, was seen to capsize a mile and a half north-east of Coverack. She had on board three visitors who, ignoring the advice of an experienced boatman, had gone out in a strong, squally, south-west wind and a rough sea. The life-boat was under overhaul and five men put out in the motor boat *Bessey* and rescued the three visitors. - Rewards, £2 10s. and 5s. for fuel used.

BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE. At one in the afternoon of the 25th of August, 1945, the coastguard reported three bathers in difficulties at the mouth of the Bar Bach Channel. A strong north-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea. The life-boat motor-mechanic and two other men put out in a motor boat, followed by a second motor boat manned by the coxswain and another man. The first boat rescued the three bathers, but her seams were opened going through the heavy surf. - Rewards : £2 5s. to the crew of the first boat, 2s. for fuel used, and £2 for loss of business while they were repairing their boat ; £1 to the crew of the second boat and 2s. for fuel used.

REDCAR, YORKSHIRE. At 6.49 in the evening of the 27th of August, 1945, the Saltburn coastguard reported to the honorary secretary of the life-boat station that the small boat *Andy* had capsized off Marske. A slight sea was running, with a light south-east wind. The life-boat coxswain was asked to send a shore-boat, and he had a signal made to a motor boat, the *Lily*, which was already at sea. She had a crew of three. Their services were not needed as the three men in the capsized boat had got ashore. - Rewards, £1 10s., 4s. for fuel used, and £1 for loss of business.

NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. At 1.50 in the afternoon of the 31st of August, 1945, the R.A.F. reported that an aeroplane had come down in the sea in Perran Bay. Mr. E. Giles, the honorary secretary of the life-boat station recently closed, went by car to the harbour, and put out, with ex-second coxswain Hoare, in a motor boat. A fresh south-west wind was blowing, with a moderate to fairly heavy sea running. The two men searched for a long time, but found nothing, and returned at five o'clock that afternoon. - Rewards, £4 to the ex-second-coxswain, including cost of fuel used and loss of business.

OCTOBER MEETING

ST. ABBS, BERWICKSHIRE. About mid-day on the 13th of July, 1945, it was reported that an aeroplane had crashed in the sea off St. Abbs Head. A light north-east wind was blowing, with a slight sea, and the weather foggy. Two fishing boats, the *Freedom* and the *Laurel*, put out, and, keeping close in-shore, saw smoke rising from the cliff near St. Abbs Head Lighthouse. Men landed from the boats and climbed to a ledge where they found the badly burned and mutilated bodies of four airmen. The boats returned to St. Abbs for blankets and stretchers, and the men took them out to the cliffs in a flat-bottomed salmon punt. At risk from exploding ammunition and falling rock they again climbed to the ledge, lowered the bodies to the rocks, carried them to the punt, and brought them to St. Abbs. Later it was learned that two airmen were unaccounted for, and on the following day, another boat, the *Violet*, put out. Men from this boat found the bodies in a crevice under part of the burnt-out aeroplane, and brought them to St. Abbs. Altogether 20 men took part in the service. - Rewards, £20, £3 of which was returned to the Institution as donations. See St. Abbs, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 35.)

TROON, AYRSHIRE. During the afternoon of the 16th of July, 1945, three fishermen were returning to Troon in the motor fishing boat *Wag*, of Greenock, with lobster pots, when a squall from the north-west sprang up suddenly, bringing heavy rain and causing a rough sea. The *Wag* was in danger of capsizing or being dashed against rocks some quarter of a mile away and half a mile south of Troon harbour, and flew a pair of trousers as a distress signal. The Troon life-boat was under overhaul ; the Girvan life-boat could not arrive for several hours ; no naval or R.A.F. craft were available. Two H.M. landing craft, which were at sea, attempted to help, but could do nothing owing to the rocks. Two pilots employed by the London Midland and Scottish Railway then put out in a motor pilot boat belonging to the railway. They passed a tow-line to the *Wag*, but this fouled their own propeller and put their boat out of action. The pilots then lashed the *Wag* to the pilot boat, let go their anchor, and skilfully paid out the cable until all the men in the two boats could jump on to the rocks. It was a rescue carried out successfully at considerable risk, and the pilot boat was dashed to pieces against the rocks and completely wrecked, but her engine was salvaged later. - Rewards, £4.

KILMORE, Co. WEXFORD. While two men were out fishing to the west of Big Saltee Island on the 25th of July, 1945, in the motor fishing boat *Guillemot*, their engine failed. They were last seen at seven o'clock in the evening to seaward of the Coningbeg Lightship, drifting westwards. The sea was rough, with a fresh easterly breeze blowing. Thunder-storms threatened. As the boat had been out since two in the morning, people

on shore became anxious, and at eight o'clock the life-boat coxswain and three other men put out in the motor boat *Water Lily*, as the Kilmore life-boat was under survey. They picked up the *Guillemot* six miles south of the Hook and towed her into Kilmore at six o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £5, and 12s. for fuel used.

KILMORE, CO. WEXFORD. On the evening of the 26th of July, 1945, two inexperienced men were out fishing in an ill-found sailing boat south of Big Saltee Island. They were caught in a fresh easterly breeze, with a rough sea running, and had no chance of reaching harbour under sail. As the Kilmore life-boat was under survey the coxswain, with two other men, put out in the motor boat *Helvic* and brought the boat in. - Rewards, £1 17s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. for fuel used.

FERRYSIDE, CARMARTHENSHIRE. At five o'clock on the afternoon of the 28th of August, 1945, the life-boat motor-mechanic was fishing in the estuary of the River Towy in a motor boat when he saw a red flag being waved from an American "duck," an amphibious craft. It was low water. A light wind was blowing and the sea was smooth, but there was some swell on the banks. The motor-mechanic found the "duck" bedded in the sand. She had six men on board and they were afraid that she would not float with the rising tide. At their request the motor-mechanic ran out an anchor for them and then stood by. The "duck" refloated as the tide rose and was able to go to her base. - Rewards, 12s. 6d., and 2s. 6d. for fuel used.

ST. COMBS, ABERDEENSHIRE. On the evening of the 29th of August, 1945, the small motor fishing boat *Mary*, with three men on board, was upset while trying to make the shore at St. Combs Beach. A fresh northerly wind was blowing and the sea was rough for small boats. Two men in a fishing boat were nearby. They heard a shout from the shore that the *Mary* had disappeared and at once pulled in the direction in which they had last seen her. They found her submerged, and were in time to rescue two of her crew who were clinging to her gunwale. The third man had been swept away and drowned. - Rewards, £2.

BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE. On the morning of the 30th of August, 1945, four visitors, in a rowing boat, were sinking at the mouth of Barbach. The wind was light, but there was a heavy swell on the beach. The visitors were waving oars. The coastguard reported it to the life-boat coxswain, and four life-boatmen put out in a motor boat and rescued the visitors. Their boat was salvaged later. A Royal Marine craft also went out. - Rewards, £2 10s.

PADSTOW, CORNWALL. Between one o'clock and 1.30 in the afternoon of the 31st of August, 1945, an aeroplane landed on the sea about eleven miles west of Trevoze Head. A moderate southerly wind was blowing. The

sea was choppy. In a motor fishing vessel, some three miles away, were the coxswain and the motor-mechanic of the Padstow No. 2 life-boat, and another man. They cast off their gear and made for the spot. The aeroplane had disappeared, but they picked up the pilot and his dinghy and brought them to Padstow. It was learnt later that the navigator had baled out some miles away, and been saved by a steamer and put on board an air-sea rescue launch. Boats also put out from Newquay and Portreath, but were not needed. - Rewards, £1 17s. 6d., 15s. for fuel used, 5s. for a hat lost, and £1 10s. for loss of fishing.

PORT ERIN, ISLE OF MAN. While out fishing in the morning of the 12th of September, 1945, a fisherman saw a large steamer either on the north side of the Calf of Man or lying in a dangerous position. The weather was very foggy. A light southerly breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. The fisherman came in and reported to the honorary secretary of the life-boat station at 7.30, who sent out the motor boat *Jean* manned by the owner of the boat, the fisherman and another fisherman. They searched for an hour but found nothing. - Rewards, £1 17s. and 5s. for fuel used. (See Port Erin, and Peel, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 41.)

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE. On the 28th of September, 1945, two men were fishing in the motor trawler *Pretty Polly*, in Carmarthen Bay. A strong north-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. About two in the afternoon they saw two men waving from the motor boat *Hope*. They hauled in their trawl and went to her. She had run out of fuel and was being blown out to sea. They brought her in to Tenby. - Rewards, £4 10s. for fuel used and loss of fishing.

NOVEMBER MEETING

INCHCOLM ISLAND, FIFESHIRE. On the evening of the 15th of July, 1945, five men and women of the Services went out on pleasure in a naval dinghy intending to sail from Aberdour to Inchcolm. They started in calm weather, but before they could reach the island they were overtaken by a fresh wind with squalls of gale force, which raised a very choppy sea. They decided to make for Inverkeithing Bay, some two miles from Inchcolm, but at about eight o'clock, when they were a mile and a half from Inchcolm, a squall capsized the dinghy. The accident was seen by an army officer on Inchcolm, and he sent out a small rowing boat. It was manned by two non-commissioned officers of the Royal Artillery and the custodian at Inchcolm Abbey, who had the use of only one arm. In spite of the rising wind and choppy sea they reached the upturned dinghy and rescued three men and a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service. The fifth member of the party, a gunner, lost his life in attempting to swim to an aircraft carrier, a mile and a half away, to get help. - Rewards, £3.

WICKLOW. On the evening of the 24th of August, 1945, the life-boat coxswain, with a boy aged 13, was out fishing in a rowing boat when he saw a small rowing boat three miles south-east of Wicklow harbour and apparently drifting out to sea. A fresh west-north-west breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea, and the three people in the rowing boat, two women and a man, were waving. The coxswain rowed over to them and found that they had broken a rowlock and were unable to make headway against wind and tide. He took the two women into his boat, and leaving the man in the disabled boat, toned it to harbour. - Rewards, £1.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE. At 8.10 in the evening of the 11th of September, 1945, the coastguard reported that a vessel appeared to be on fire one mile south-east of Flam-borough Head. A light south-south-west wind was blowing, with a slight sea. Four men put out in the motor coble *Frances*, and the life-boat coxswain asked the R.A.F. to send out its air-sea rescue launch. She went out with the coxswain on board. The men found that the "fire" was from smoke flares, which had been jettisoned by an R.A.F. tender. - Rewards, £3 15s.

BOGNOR, SUSSEX. At 6.30 in the evening of the 11th of September, 1945, a fisherman learned that two boys had gone out in a rowing dinghy half an hour earlier. The weather was calm but there was fog. As it was increasing and the boys were young, he decided to go out and look for them. With another man he put out in an outboard motor boat and searched for an hour and a half before he found the boys and towed them ashore. - Rewards, £1 10s. (See Selsey, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 41.)

WICKLOW, Co. WICKLOW. At 3.30 in the afternoon of the 12th of September, 1945, the sailing boat *Ria*, of Wicklow, with five on board, was struck by a squall and capsized half a mile north of Wicklow harbour. The five men were thrown into the water but clung to the upturned boat. A strong south-west wind was blowing and the sea was choppy. The men were seen from the shore and five fishermen put out in a rowing boat. They picked them up, but were unable to tow the sailing boat, which was brought in later by a motor torpedo boat. - Rewards, £3 2s. 6d. and £1 for rope lost.

LITTLEHAMPTON, SUSSEX. When two men were returning on the morning of the 19th of September, 1945, in their motor fishing boat *Theresa*, heavily laden, the boat was holed on a submerged defence post and sunk three hundred yards south-east of Littlehampton harbour. It was then about 11.30. A moderate west-by-south wind was blowing. The two men were able to cling to the mast, which floated when the boat sank. The accident was seen by a fisherman on the pier. He quickly enlisted the help of two other men. They put out in a motor boat, and

within ten minutes had rescued the two men. - Rewards, £1 17s. 6d.

FALMOUTH, CORNWALL. At 3.30 in the afternoon of the 23rd of September, 1945, a gig from the Falmouth Naval Base, with seven men on board, capsized while sailing off Restronquet, Carrick Roads. A strong, squally, south-west wind was blowing and the sea was rough. A man put out in his motor boat and first rescued one of the men, who could not swim. Another man, who was already out in a motor boat, also went to the rescue, and by their combined efforts the two rescued the remaining six men and brought them ashore. The man who had put out to the rescue supplied hot drinks and dry clothing for the seven men, and they were then taken to their depot by a naval motor ambulance. - Rewards, letters of appreciation.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 10.20 on the night of the 11th of October, 1945, the Wallasey police reported a white flare off shore between New Brighton pier and the Battery. A light easterly wind was blowing. The sea was smooth. The life-boat motor boarding boat was sent out, manned by the coxswain and motor-mechanic. They made a search, but found nothing. Some lifebuoy canisters were found to have been washed ashore, and one of them may have become ignited and caused the flare. - Rewards, £1.

ABERDEEN. About 1.20 in the afternoon of the 21st of October, 1945, the coastguard reported to the harbour master that a small boat was in difficulties off Girdleness Light-house, and shouts for help had been heard. A moderate south-east wind was blowing, with a rough, choppy sea. Three men put out in a pilot boat, found the small boat waterlogged, took off the three on board her, and towed her into Aberdeen. - Rewards, £2 17s. and 6s. for a helper on the shore.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 10.20 in the morning of the 23rd of October, 1945, a boy in a canvas dinghy was seen by motor-mechanic Bray in difficulties about two hundred yards north of Egremont Ferry. The sea was rough and a strong, squally, westerly wind was blowing. The mechanic

third man put out in the life-boat's boarding boat, rescued the boy and towed in his boat. - Rewards, £2 17s.

DECEMBER MEETING

RONALDSWAY, ISLE OF MAN. At 2.30 in the afternoon of the 2nd of October, 1945, an Anson aeroplane came down in the sea near Ronaldsway, about 440 yards off shore. The weather was calm. Captain D. G. Pickard, of the Irish Guards, was out fishing with another man, in the sailing boat *Cushag*. He made for the aeroplane and found the crew of five airmen in their dinghy and in no immediate danger. He brought them

ashore. - Rewards, a letter of appreciation to Captain D. G. Pickard.

GOURDON, KINCARDINESHIRE. At six in the evening of the 18th of October, 1945, it was learned at Montrose that a small motor boat, working from an Air Ministry vessel in Lunan Bay, was lost in the fog. A light south-west wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. The Montrose life-boat was

launched, but failed to find the missing boat. She was found by four men in the Gourdon motor fishing boat *Rosaleen* about 7.30 next morning, three miles east of Tod Head. She was then thirteen miles from her last known position. The man in her had been adrift for twenty hours and was exhausted.- Rewards, £2 10s., £1 for fuel used, and £10 for loss of fishing. (See Montrose, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 46.)

Services by Auxiliary Rescue-boats

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ISLE OF WHITHORN, WIGTOWNSHIRE. At 1.3 in the afternoon of the 2nd of February, 1945, the naval officer in charge at Stranraer reported that an Anson aeroplane was in the sea in Luce Bay, five miles from the Mull of Galloway, in a north-easterly direction. The Whithorn auxiliary rescue-boat was called out. There was a lorry at Isle of Whithorn with a working party of Italian prisoners of war, and the skipper enlisted the services of the lorry and driver to take the boat overland to Port William to save time. On arrival at Port William it was learned that the aeroplane had crashed during the night. As there were no survivors the boat was not launched. - Rewards, £4 5s., of which 10s. allowed to the lorry driver was returned by him as a donation.

TEELIN, Co. DONEGAL. While the Teelin auxiliary rescue-boat *Star of Teelin* was out fishing on the 10th of April, 1945, the wind came on to blow strongly from the south-east. At three in the afternoon she began to haul in her lines, but she had to leave them and make for port. When she was three miles north-west of Carrigan Head and five miles from home she saw distress signals from the rowing boat *Morning Star*, which was loaded with fish and had a crew of six. Although rowing hard her crew were unable to make any against the strong headwind and were in danger of being driven on to the rocky coast. The *Star of Teelin* took her in tow and brought

her into Teelin, which was reached about seven o'clock. - Rewards, £2 10s., with 17s. 6d. for fuel used.

HELMSDALE, SUTHERLAND. On the evening of the 16th of April, 1945, the auxiliary rescue-boat put out to the help of a Liberator aeroplane which had crashed in the sea at 6.30. Three other boats also put out. All four were manned by fishermen who had just unloaded their day's catch. The aeroplane was found broken in two and each part burning furiously. The auxiliary rescue-boat and one of the other boats each picked up an injured woman belonging to the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, but the one on board the rescue-boat died. - Rewards, £4 15s. and 5s. for fuel consumed. (See Helmsdale, "Services by Shore-boats," page 57.)

TORY ISLAND, Co. DONEGAL. On the afternoon of the 24th of April, 1945, the S.S. *Monmouth Coast* was wrecked by an explosion when eight miles east, of Tory Island. The sea was calm, with an east-by-north wind blowing. The auxiliary rescue-boat went out at 4.30 and searched for several hours, but found only pieces of wreckage. She returned at 1.30 next morning. Two days later a survivor was rescued from a raft by two men from Arranmore. - Rewards, £7 10s., with £2 2s. for fuel used. (See Arranmore, "Services by Shore-boats," page 57.)