

# Services by the Life-boats of the Institution, by Shore-boats and by Auxiliary Rescue- boats during 1946

During the year life-boats were launched 631 times.

## The Record Month by Month

1946	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 .	51	103	4	15	-
February . .	61	72	4	9	-
March . . .	33	136	5	13	-
April. . . .	42	16	6	4	-
May . . . .	41	27	7	6	4
June . . . .	45	29	5	-	-
July . . . .	64	28	16	16	-
August . . .	70	107	23	-	-
September .	75	31	14	30	-
October . . .	33	14	5	8	-
November . .	62	8	6	23	-
December . .	54	76	3	15	-
Totals . . .	631	647	98	139	4

## **Four Medals for Gallantry**

### **WHITBY, YORKSHIRE**

On the 23rd February, 1946, the Whitby life-boat rescued a member of the crew of the fishing boat *Easter Morn*, who was washed overboard.

LIFE-BOATMAN JOHN ROBERT HARLAND was awarded the silver medal.

Also awarded the Miss Maud Smith's reward for courage in memory of John, 7th Earl of Hardwick, given for the bravest act of life-saving of the year by a life-boatman.

COXSWAIN HARRY MURFIELD was awarded the bronze medal.

### **CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE**

On the 16th March, 1946, the Campbeltown life-boat rescued fifty-four persons from the American steamer *Byron Darnton*.

COXSWAIN DUNCAN NEWLANDS was awarded a clasp to his bronze medal.

### **PADSTOW, CORNWALL**

On the 12th August, 1946, the Padstow life-boat rescued the crew of ten of the S.S. *Kedah* of Singapore.

COXSWAIN JOHN T. MURT was awarded the silver medal.

# List of Services by Life-boats

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

	1946	Time of Launching		Persons rescued from shipwreck
Jan.	1.	9.30 a.m.	Galway Bay life-boat took a priest to Inisheer Island.	
"	4.	6.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Glad Tidings</i> , of Wick. Wick life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	3
"	8.	12.24 p.m.	Eight fishing cibles of Newbiggin. Newbiggin life-boat escorted vessels.	
"	10.	1.25 p.m.	S.S. <i>Amethyst</i> , of Belgium. Ramsgate life-boat gave help.	
"	14.	11.45 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>White Squall</i> , of Aberdeen. Campbeltown life-boat stood by boat.	
"	16.	8.40 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Number One</i> , of Shoreham. Eastbourne life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2
"	17.	5.0 a.m.	Landing craft <i>L.C.T. 972</i> . Angle life-boat escorted vessel.	
"	18.	2.45 a.m.	The Humber Light-vessel. The Humber life-boat landed an injured man.	
"	18.	9.10 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Kinuna</i> , of Southampton. Dungeness life-boat -	4
"	20.	2.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Dunsley</i> , of Whitby. Redcar life-boat stood by vessel.	
"	20.	2.55 p.m.	Fishing cibles <i>B. S. Collings</i> , <i>Premier</i> , and <i>Hilda</i> , of Scarborough. Scarborough life-boat escorted cibles.	
"	20.	8.23 p.m.	Steam trawler <i>Spurs</i> , of Grimsby. Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat gave help.	
"	20.	10.47 p.m.	Admiralty motor fishing vessel No. 1165. Lowestoft life-boat stood by vessel.	
"	21.	2.0 a.m.	Steam trawler <i>Spurs</i> , of Grimsby. Aberdeen, Torry Life Saving Company, landed 16.	
"	21.	7.10 a.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Facility</i> , of London. Redcar life-boat landed 8.	
"	21.	4.12 p.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Facility</i> , of London. Redcar life-boat put ship's officers on board.	
"	23.	7.5 a.m.	Admiralty minesweeper No. 2051. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help and landed 22.	
"	23.	12.45 p.m.	Galway Bay life-boat took a sick girl to Galway, thereby saving a life - - - - -	1
"	24.	12.20 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Fisher Boy</i> , of Wick. Thurso life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	5
"	28.	11.45 p.m.	H.M.S. <i>Rhyl</i> . Walton and Frinton life-boat - - - - -	36
"	30.	9.45 p.m.	S.S. <i>Luray Victory</i> , of America. Walmer life-boat stood by vessel.	
"	31.	9.30 a.m.	Aith life-boat brought a sick man from Foula thereby saving a life - - - - -	1
"	31.	3.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Luray Victory</i> , of America. Walmer life-boat - - - - -	49
"	31.	5.55 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Trust On</i> , of Peterhead. Peterhead life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2
Feb.	1.	12.54 a.m.	Yacht <i>Puffin</i> , of Rochester. Clacton-on-Sea life-boat saved yacht and rescued - - - - -	
"	1.	4.0 a.m.	Motor vessel <i>Edina</i> , of Leith. Lerwick life-boat gave help.	
"	1.	12.15 p.m.	Motor fishing boat No. 95, of Portrush. Portrush life-boat escorted boat.	
"	1.	7.5 p.m.	S.S. <i>Fort Massac</i> of London. Walton and Frinton life-boat -	
"	3.	3.40 a.m.	Motor vessel <i>Rian</i> , of Holland. Ramsey life-boat landed 6 and a dog.	
"	3.	6.20 a.m.	Motor vessel <i>Fauvette</i> , of London. Coverack life-boat stood by vessel.	
"	3.	9.0 a.m.	S.S. <i>Fort Massac</i> , of London. Walton and Frinton life-boat took out ship's officers.	
"	3.	4.25 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Peterborough Trader</i> , of London. Peterhead life-boat escorted vessel.	
"	4.	8.50 p.m.	S.S. <i>Wicklow Head</i> , of Belfast. Torbay life-boat landed a dead body.	
"	4.	12.15 a.m.	H.M. Submarine <i>Universal</i> . St. David's life-boat gave help.	
"	4.	2.45 p.m.	H.M. Submarine <i>Universal</i> . Fishguard life-boat - - - - -	1
"	5.	4.0 a.m.	H.M. Submarine <i>Universal</i> . Fishguard life-boat - - - - -	16

		Time of Launching		Persons rescued from shipwreck
1946	Feb.	5.	6.20 a.m. H.M. Submarine <i>Universal</i> . New Quay, Cardigan, pulling and sailing life-boat stood by vessel.	
	"	5.	8.25 a.m. H.M. Submarine <i>Universal</i> . Aberystwyth life-boat - - - -	11
	"	6.	6.40 a.m. H.M. Submarine <i>Universal</i> . Aberystwyth life-boat gave help.	
	"	6.	2.25 p.m. S.S. <i>Eriksborg</i> , of Landskrona. Torbay life-boat landed an injured man.	
	"	6.	9.8 p.m. S.S. <i>Jellicoe Rose</i> , of Liverpool. St. Ives life-boat - - - -	12
	"	8.	9.30 p.m. Admiralty motor fishing vessel No. 1067. Buckie life-boat stood by vessel.	
	"	9.	6.38 a.m. S.S. <i>Coulgorm</i> of Glasgow. Barry Dock life-boat stood by vessel.	
	"	9.	7.0 a.m. St. Govan's Lightship. Angle life-boat took out provisions and landed 2.	
	"	9.	5.45 p.m. S.S. <i>Jellicoe Rose</i> , of Liverpool. St. Ives life-boat put captain and 2 men aboard.	
	"	10.	11.0 a.m. Motor fishing boat <i>Tiger Lily</i> , of Blyth. Blyth life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - -	6
	"	11.	1.40 p.m. Motor fishing coble <i>Ocean Maid</i> , of Holy Island. Holy Island life-boat gave help.	
	"	11.	2.30 p.m. Lytham-St. Annes life-boat secured a drifting mine.	
	"	11.	2.45 p.m. Motor fishing boats <i>Easter Morn</i> , <i>Gem</i> , <i>Pilot Me</i> , <i>Jessie Ann</i> , and <i>Mona</i> , of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted boats.	
	"	11.	10.0 p.m. Motor boat <i>Three Brothers</i> , of Polruan. Plymouth life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - -	2
	"	15.	3.50 a.m. S.S. <i>Edward R. Squibb</i> , of U.S.A., and motor vessel <i>Tyger</i> , of Holland. Ramsgate life-boat landed 14 from the East Goodwin Lightship.	
	"	15.	4.15 p.m. S.S. <i>Edward R. Squibb</i> , of U.S.A. Ramsgate life-boat gave help.	
	"	15.	4.15 p.m. S.S. <i>Empire Conleith</i> , of London. Thurso life-boat gave help.	
	"	19.	2.45 p.m. Motor fishing boat <i>Violet</i> , of Fraserburgh. Girvan life-boat stood by vessel.	
	"	20.	11.5 a.m. Trawler <i>Kunishi</i> , of Fleetwood. Fleetwood life-boat - - -	10
	"	20.	5.15 p.m. Sailing barge <i>Bassildon</i> , of London. Southend-on-Sea life-boat saved vessel.	
	"	23.	9.10 a.m. S.S. <i>Fort Frederica</i> , of Portland. Walmer life-boat gave help.	
	"	23.	10.45 a.m. Fishing boat <i>Easter Morn</i> and 7 other fishing boats of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted boats and rescued - - - -	1
	"	23.	2.45 p.m. S.S. <i>Blair Devon</i> , of Glasgow. Teesmouth life-boat put pilot aboard and stood by vessel.	
	"	23.	6.5 p.m. Fishing boat <i>Provider</i> , of Whitby. Scarborough life-boat escorted boat.	
	"	26.	2.20 a.m. Tug <i>Empire Clara</i> . Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
	"	26.	3.20 a.m. Motor vessel <i>Caribia</i> , of Holland. Caister life-boat - - - -	8
	"	27.	1.12 p.m. Motor vessel <i>Caribia</i> , of Holland. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat - - - -	1
	"	27.	3.55 p.m. Rosslare Harbour life-boat landed a sick man from the Tuskar Lighthouse.	
Mar.	2.	8.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>Ria de Cormes</i> , of Spain. Walmer life-boat escorted vessel.	
"	2.	12.25 p.m.	Fishing boats <i>Alex</i> and <i>Gratitude</i> . Scarborough life-boat escorted boats.	
"	2.	2.20 p.m.	A small boat of Lancing. Shoreham Harbour life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - -	3
"	4.	11.30 a.m.	Trawler <i>Marjory M. Hastie</i> , of Granton. Anstruther life-boat escorted vessel.	
"	5.	11.5 a.m.	Motor vessel <i>Caribia</i> , of Holland. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat - - - -	3
"	5.	11.0 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>William and Mary</i> , of Jersey. St. Helier life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - -	8
"	7.	5.5 a.m.	S.S. <i>Corcrest</i> , of London. Cromer No. 1 life-boat helped to save vessel and rescued - - - -	22
"	9.	midnight	Motor trawler <i>St. Jan Berchmans</i> , of Belgium. Helvick Head life-boat saved vessel and rescued - - - -	7
"	13.	9.35 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Old Knude</i> , of Denmark. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted boat.	
"	15.	9.30 a.m.	North Sunderland life-boat landed 3 workmen from the Inner Farne Lighthouse.	



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Mar. 15.	noon	S.S. <i>Tordensk Jold</i> , of Norway. Montrose No. 1 life-boat gave help.	
„ 16.	11.40 p.m.	S.S. <i>Byron Darnton</i> , of U.S.A. Campbeltown life-boat — — —	54
„ 18.	9.0 p.m.	R.A.S.C. barge <i>M.O.B.A.</i> Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, life-boat gave help.	
„ 19.	11.35 a.m.	Ship's boat from motor vessel <i>Wilja</i> , of Holland. St. Ives life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	3
„ 25.	8.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>John P. Doe</i> , of U.S.A. Walmer life-boat gave help.	
„ 26.	3.15 a.m.	S.S. <i>George Vickers</i> , of U.S.A. The Mumbles life-boat landed 2 sick men.	
„ 26.	7.40 a.m.	S.S. <i>Lancashire Coast</i> , of Liverpool. Tobermory life-boat gave help.	
„ 27.	6.30 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Penguin</i> , of Dartmouth. Shoreham Harbour life-boat gave help.	
„ 27.	4.0 a.m.	S.S. <i>Nicolaou Virginia</i> , of Greece. Tenby life-boat — — — —	6
„ 28.	9.0 a.m.	S.S. <i>Nicolaou Virginia</i> , of Greece. Angle life-boat — — — —	30
Apr. 1.	2.35 p.m.	Fishing coble <i>Fisher Lass</i> , of Newbiggin. Newbiggin life-boat gave help.	
„ 1.	5.0 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Pioneer</i> , of Amble. Amble life-boat escorted boat.	
„ 2.	1.30 p.m.	Port Askaig life-boat took a sick man from Colonsay to Islay.	
„ 5.	7.11 a.m.	S.S. <i>Samuel Parker</i> , of America. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
„ 5.	3.10 p.m.	Southend-on-Sea life-boat rescued 7 men marooned on the defence boom — — — — —	7
„ 6.	5.0 p.m.	Fishing vessel <i>Bent Erik</i> , of Denmark. Buckie life-boat — — —	3
„ 7.	1.25 p.m.	A skiff, of Dublin. Poolbeg life-boat saved boat.	
„ 10.	9.25 a.m.	Fishing vessel <i>Provider</i> , of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted boat.	
„ 12.	9.30 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Pride of Kilmichael</i> , of Arklow. Rosslare Harbour life-boat gave help.	
„ 13.	3.40 p.m.	Drifter <i>Industry</i> , of Dundee. Berwick-on-Tweed life-boat gave help.	
„ 15.	8.42 p.m.	A man fell over a cliff. Torbay life-boat — — — — —	1
„ 17.	11.45 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Press Home</i> , of Castlebay. Barra Island life-boat gave help.	
„ 20.	10.19 p.m.	Motor launch <i>Minnetonka</i> , of Leith. Dunbar life-boat gave help.	
„ 21.	3.10 p.m.	Motor pleasure boat <i>Skylark</i> , of Poole. Poole and Bournemouth life-boat — — — — —	1
„ 21.	5.15 p.m.	A motor boat, of Douglas. Port St. Mary life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 22.	4.10 p.m.	Two ships' boats. Holyhead life-boat saved 2 boats.	
„ 26.	5.0 p.m.	Aith life-boat brought an injured man from Papa Stour to Aith.	
„ 28.	2.0 a.m.	Motor vessel <i>Thea</i> , of Groningen. Bridlington life-boat salvaged a ship's boat.	
„ 28.	10.17 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Provider</i> , of Barmouth. Fishguard life-boat saved and rescued — — — — —	2
May 1.	2.14 a.m.	S.S. <i>Georgetown Victory</i> , of U.S.A. Newcastle, Co. Down, life-boat landed 132 and rescued — — — — —	9
„ 1.	4.11 a.m.	S.S. <i>Georgetown Victory</i> , of U.S.A. Cloughey life-boat landed 400.	
„ 1.	6.55 a.m.	S.S. <i>Georgetown Victory</i> , of U.S.A. Donaghadee life-boat landed 42.	
„ 1.	3.35 a.m.	S.S. <i>Saintfield</i> , of Belfast. Flamborough life-boat gave help.	
„ 1.	5.45 p.m.	Rowing boat <i>Dot</i> . New Brighton No. 2 life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 1.	8.7 p.m.	Ex-naval pinnace. St. Abbs life-boat saved vessel and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 2.	3.5 a.m.	Sailing barge <i>Astrild</i> , of London. Southend-on-Sea life-boat saved barge and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 3.	2.0 a.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Castle</i> . Walmer life-boat took out a doctor and landed a sick man.	
„ 3.	3.25 a.m.	S.S. <i>Pomerol</i> , of Le Havre. Ramsgate life-boat gave help.	
„ 4.	8.20 p.m.	Motor cruiser <i>Yvonne</i> , of Cardiff. St. David's life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 4.	8.40 p.m.	A boy fell over a cliff. Torbay life-boat landed an injured boy.	
„ 4.	10.27 p.m.	Motor cruiser <i>Maádi</i> . Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	

		Time of Launching			Persons rescued from shipwreck
1946	May	5.	1.40 p.m.	Motor coble <i>Premier</i> , of Scarborough. Scarborough life-boat escorted coble.	
	"	5.	5.45 p.m.	Yacht <i>Carlotta</i> , of Cowes. Fleetwood life-boat saved yacht and rescued	5
	"	10.	12.45 a.m.	Motor boat <i>Flora McDonald</i> , of Troon. Troon life-boat landed 2.	
	"	13.	1.35 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Skylark</i> , of Newhaven. Hastings life-boat gave help.	
	"	13.	5.15 p.m.	S.S. <i>Edwin D. Howard</i> , of U.S.A. Walmer life-boat took out a doctor.	
	"	13.	6.45 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Loa Ronn</i> , of Denmark. Lowestoft life-boat gave help.	
	"	16.	9.15 a.m.	Five fishing cobsles, of Whitby. Whitby No. 2 pulling life-boat escorted cobsles.	
	"	18.	4.50 p.m.	Galway Bay life-boat took a doctor to Inisheer.	
	"	23.	5.53 p.m.	Two rubber dinghies. Clacton-on-Sea life-boat saved 2 dinghies and rescued	5
	"	24.	8.15 a.m.	Three fishing boats of Sheringham. Sheringham life-boat escorted boats.	
	"	27.	8.50 a.m.	Fishing coble <i>Premier</i> and fishing boat <i>Brighton Hope</i> , of Scarborough. Scarborough life-boat escorted boats.	
	"	30.	5.45 a.m.	Steam tug <i>Nancy Moran</i> , of London. Walmer life-boat landed 13 and gave help.	
June					
	"	1.	4.45 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Bullfinch</i> , of Paignton. Torbay life-boat gave help.	
	"	2.	12.15 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>Pride of Lambay</i> , of Rush. Arklow life-boat gave help.	
	"	2.	5.18 a.m.	Small boat <i>Wizard</i> , of Sandwich Bay. Ramsgate life-boat saved boat and rescued	2
	"	3.	6.25 p.m.	Motor cruiser <i>Lu II</i> , of Bradwell-on-Sea. Walton and Frinton life-boat salved cruiser.	
	"	4.	12.30 p.m.	Beaumaris life-boat landed 2 men stranded on Puffin Island.	
	"	4.	1.10 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Gael-na-Mara</i> , of Southampton. Dun Laoghaire life-boat saved yacht and rescued	5
	"	4.	8.0 p.m.	Two R.A.S.C. motor vessels. Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, life-boat	15
	"	5.	11.30 a.m.	Motor yacht <i>Aileena</i> , of Glasgow. Port St. Mary life-boat gave help.	
	"	5.	3.45 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Gannet</i> , of Glasgow. New Brighton No. 2 life-boat saved yacht and rescued	3
	"	6.	4.22 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>El Alamein</i> . Fraserburgh life-boat gave help.	
	"	8.	2.30 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Swan</i> , of Skibbereen. Ballycotton life-boat gave help.	
	"	9.	9.0 p.m.	Rowing boat of Cwmyreglwys. Fishguard life-boat gave help.	
	"	10.	9.45 a.m.	Motor yacht <i>Viking O</i> , of London. Dun Laoghaire life-boat gave help.	
	"	10.	1.23 p.m.	Sailing yachts <i>Puffin</i> , <i>Sheila</i> , <i>Induna</i> , and <i>Pastime</i> , of Egremont. New Brighton No. 2 life-boat escorted yachts.	
	"	10.	2.40 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Pierrette</i> . Clacton-on-Sea life-boat saved yacht and rescued	4
	"	16.	6.0 p.m.	A yacht and dinghy of Dungarvan. Helvick Head life-boat gave help.	
	"	25.	4.21 p.m.	Ex-German yacht <i>Pirol</i> . Ramsgate life-boat stood by yacht.	
	"	26.	9.15 p.m.	Tobermory life-boat took a sick woman to Oban.	
	"	27.	11.20 a.m.	S.S. <i>Radwinter</i> , of London. Angle life-boat stood by vessel.	
	"	27.	4.25 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Doris</i> , of Shoreham. Clacton-on-Sea life-boat gave help.	
	"	28.	12.30 a.m.	A motor fishing boat of Bembridge. Bembridge life-boat gave help.	
	"	30.	2.30 a.m.	A sailing boat of Keyhaven. Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, life-boat gave help.	
July					
	"	2.	7.49 a.m.	S.S. <i>Dorelian</i> , of Liverpool. Campbeltown life-boat escorted vessel.	
	"	2.	11.0 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Elna</i> , of Esbjerg. Boulmer life-boat gave help.	
	"	4.	3.30 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>Favourite</i> , of Hastings. Hastings life-boat gave help.	
	"	13.	9.30 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Storm Cock</i> , of Padstow. Clovelly life-boat gave help.	

		Time of Launching			Persons rescued from shipwreck
1946	July 14.	10.15 a.m.	Motor boat <i>Zamaya</i> , of Dartmouth.	Weymouth life-boat	
			gave help.		
	„ 14.	11.35 a.m.	Fishing skiff <i>S.V. 107</i> , of Christchurch.	Poole and Bourne- mouth life-boat saved boat.	
	„ 14.	1.9 p.m.	Yacht <i>Vaila</i> .	New Brighton No. 2 life-boat saved yacht.	
	„ 16.	11.20 p.m.	Yacht <i>Susanna</i> , of Portsmouth.	Ramsgate life-boat gave help.	
	„ 17.	8.45 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Peggy</i> , of Troon.	Troon life-boat gave help.	
	„ 18.	10.20 a.m.	Yacht <i>Curlew</i> , of Osea Island.	Ramsgate life-boat gave help.	
	„ 18.	11.14 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>Harriett</i> , of Rochford.	Clacton-on-Sea life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	3
	„ 18.	2.50 p.m.	S.S. <i>Denham</i> , of Liverpool.	New Brighton No. 2 life-boat landed an injured man.	
	„ 18.	4.43 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Zem Zem</i> , of London.	Clacton-on-Sea life-boat saved yacht and rescued — — — — —	2
	„ 18.	11.40 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Miss Ann</i> , of Paignton.	Torbay life-boat gave help.	
	„ 19.	6.20 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>Greyhound</i> , of Liverpool.	New Brighton No. 2 life-boat — — — — —	1
	„ 19.	11.0 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>Greyhound</i> , of Liverpool.	New Brighton No. 2 life-boat saved boat.	
	„ 19.	8.35 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Empire Lundy</i> , of Goole.	Fishguard life-boat stood by vessel.	
	„ 21.	1.30 p.m.	Four sailing yachts of Wexford.	Rosslare Harbour life-boat gave help.	
	„ 21.	4.15 p.m.	Sailing dinghy of Fowey.	Fowey life-boat saved dinghy.	
	„ 22.	9.15 p.m.	A float of Rhyl.	New Brighton No. 2 life-boat salved float.	
	„ 23.	3.38 p.m.	A float of Rhyl.	New Brighton No. 2 life-boat salved float.	
	„ 23.	4.15 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Salvenio</i> , of North Shields.	Cullercoats life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	4
	„ 23.	5.15 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Dolphin</i> , of Clyde.	Beaumaris life-boat gave help.	
	„ 24.	9.25 a.m.	A Carley float.	Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat salved float.	
	„ 24.	10.32 p.m.	Motor cruiser <i>Daphne</i> .	Ramsgate life-boat gave help.	
	„ 25.	12.35 a.m.	Motor yacht <i>Mary Bowers</i> , of Chichester.	St. Helier life-boat escorted yacht.	
	„ 25.	11.22 a.m.	S.S. <i>Kentwood</i> , of London.	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat landed an injured man.	
	„ 26.	11.15 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Calvur Forayar</i> , of Thorshavn.	Wick life- boat escorted vessel.	
	„ 27.	1.0 p.m.	Sailing dinghy <i>Melody</i> , of Babbacombe.	Torbay life-boat saved yacht and rescued — — — — —	2
	„ 27.	4.35 p.m.	Yacht <i>Pactolus</i> .	Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, life-boat gave help.	
	„ 27.	5.30 p.m.	A boat of Benllech.	Moelfre life-boat saved boat and rescued —	4
	„ 29.	2.25 a.m.	Yacht <i>Hildgund</i> .	Walmer life-boat saved yacht and rescued —	4
	„ 30.	12.45 p.m.	A fishing coble.	Llandudno life-boat saved coble and rescued —	2
	„ 30.	5.10 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Tarka</i> , of Fareham.	Bembridge life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	2
	„ 30.	6.15 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Coya</i> , of Greenock.	Clacton-on-Sea life-boat saved yacht and rescued — — — — —	4
Aug.	3.	3.30 p.m.	A rowing boat of Port St. Mary.	Port St. Mary life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	2
	„ 5.	10.15 p.m.	Motor launch <i>Trilby</i> , of Benllech.	Moelfre life-boat saved launch and rescued — — — — —	5
	„ 7.	10.59 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Windgap</i> , of London.	Ramsgate life-boat landed 2.	
	„ 7.	9.20 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Seafarer</i> , of New York.	Ramsgate life-boat gave help.	
	„ 7.	11.0 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Harmonious</i> .	Aberdeen No. 1 life-boat gave help.	
	„ 10.	3.15 p.m.	Tug <i>Adur II</i> , of Liverpool.	Clovelly life-boat — — — — —	6
	„ 12.	4.15 a.m.	Yachts <i>Zecarend</i> , of Holland, and <i>Valeria</i> .	Plymouth life-boat escorted yachts.	
	„ 12.	5.10 a.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Sea Gull</i> , of Dublin.	Wicklow life-boat saved yacht and rescued — — — — —	5
	„ 12.	7.0 a.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Foam</i> , of Dun Laoghaire.	Wicklow life-boat gave help.	
	„ 12.	11.1 a.m.	Motor boat <i>Ann</i> , of Ramsgate.	Ramsgate life-boat escorted boat.	
	„ 12.	5.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Kedah</i> , of Singapore.	Padstow No. 1 life-boat — — — — —	10
	„ 13.	2.27 a.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Slör</i> , of Blyth.	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat saved yacht and rescued — — — — —	2

		Time of Launching		Persons rescued from shipwreck	
1946	Aug. 15.	7.10 p.m.	Rowing boat <i>Seagull</i> , of Port St. Mary. Port St. Mary life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2	
	" 16.	12.25 p.m.	Sailing boat, of Selsey. Selsey life-boat gave help.		
	" 17.	7.30 a.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Ragna R.</i> , of London. Selsey life-boat saved yacht and rescued - - - - -	5	
	" 18.	6.0 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Skua</i> , of Yarmouth. Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, life-boat gave help.		
	" 18.	7.10 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Duck</i> , of Cowes. Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, life-boat gave help.		
	" 19.	11.20 a.m.	Fishing vessel <i>La Nievre</i> , of Boulogne. Walmer life-boat saved vessel and rescued - - - - -	6	
	" 20.	11.50 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Argo</i> , of Port St. Mary. Port St. Mary life-boat gave help.		
	" 25.	10.15 p.m.	Motor cruisers <i>Rambling Rose</i> and <i>Cynthia</i> , of Amble. North Sunderland life-boat gave help.		
	" 25.	11.30 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Ece</i> , of Eastbourne. Eastbourne life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2	
	" 28.	7.45 a.m.	Yacht <i>Zair</i> , of Maldon. Walton and Frinton life-boat gave help.		
	" 28.	8.35 a.m.	Fishing coble <i>Lily</i> , of Scarborough. Scarborough life-boat saved coble and rescued - - - - -	5	
	" 28.	9.30 a.m.	A small boat. Courtnacsherry life-boat salvaged a boat.		
	" 28.	10.10 a.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Capella</i> , of Faroe Islands. St. Mary's life-boat escorted vessel.		
	" 28.	10.55 a.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Ziska</i> , of Liverpool. Lowestoft life-boat saved yacht and rescued - - - - -	7	
	" 28.	1.45 p.m.	Yachts <i>Modvena</i> and <i>Sandpiper</i> . Southend-on-Sea life-boat saved yachts and rescued - - - - -	4	
	" 28.	2.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Devonbrook</i> , of London. Blyth life-boat - - - - -	15	
	" 28.	2.45 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Forban</i> , of London. St. David's life-boat saved yacht and rescued - - - - -	5	
	" 28.	2.55 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Gem</i> , of Crail. Anstruther life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	3	
	" 28.	4.57 p.m.	Rowing boat <i>Pop</i> . Bembridge life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	5	
	" 28.	8.10 p.m.	S.S. <i>James H. Price</i> , of U.S.A. Walmer life-boat stood by vessel.		
	" 28.	11.0 p.m.	Motor cruiser <i>Silver Spray</i> . Skegness life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2	
	" 29.	3.45 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Delia</i> . Llandudno life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2	
	" 29.	6.40 p.m.	Motor boat <i>White Heather II</i> . Amble life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	2	
	" 30.	10.50 a.m.	Rowing boats <i>Dorothy II</i> , and <i>Howdale</i> . Whitby No. 1 life-boat saved 2 boats and rescued - - - - -	5	
	" 30.	9.35 p.m.	Motor launch <i>Cakbornne</i> and dinghy, of Falmouth. Falmouth life-boat saved 2 boats and rescued - - - - -	7	
	" 30.	11.50 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Union</i> , of Fraserburgh. Peterhead life-boat gave help.		
Sept.	1.	4.55 p.m.	Sailing boat <i>St. Brendon</i> , of Dungarvan. Helvick Head life-boat gave help.		
	" 2.	4.8 p.m.	Fishing vessel <i>Silver Scale</i> , of North Sunderland. North Sunderland life-boat gave help.		
	" 5.	12.22 p.m.	Yacht <i>Elinor</i> . St. Peter Port life-boat stood by yacht.		
	" 6.	12.25 a.m.	Two youths fell over a cliff. Torbay life-boat landed 2.		
	" 7.	3.10 a.m.	A motor launch. Stromness life-boat gave help.		
	" 10.	6.12 p.m.	Fishing smack <i>Majestic</i> , of Ramsey. Ramsey life-boat - - -	4	
	" 10.	6.30 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Irian</i> , of Girvan. Girvan life-boat gave help.		
	" 12.	2.20 p.m.	S.S. <i>Helena Modjeska</i> , of New Orleans. Walmer life-boat landed 21.		
	" 12.	5.0 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Lilian</i> . The Humber life-boat saved yacht and rescued - - - - -	2	
	" 12.	7.0 p.m.	Converted fishing boat <i>Diana III</i> , of Appledore. Padstow No. 1 life-boat saved boat and rescued - - - - -	5	
	" 13.	11.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Helena Modjeska</i> , of New Orleans. Walmer life-boat stood by vessel.		
	" 13.	3.0 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Annie</i> , of Troon. Troon life-boat landed 3.		
	" 14.	6.30 p.m.	Yacht <i>Alexandra</i> , of Whitstable. Southend-on-Sea life-boat -	2	
	" 14.	8.50 p.m.	Sailing dinghy, of Dun Laoghaire. Poolbeg life-boat gave help.		



		Persons rescued from shipwreck	
1946	Time of Launching		
Sept. 15.	9.5 a.m.	S.S. <i>Leonidas N. Condylis</i> , of Greece. Douglas life-boat gave help.	
„ 15.	8.47 p.m.	Motor cruiser <i>Athene</i> , of Bristol. Weston-super-Mare life-boat gave help.	
„ 18.	12.21 p.m.	Herring drifter <i>Manx Lass</i> , of Peel. Port Erin life-boat escorted vessel.	
„ 18.	9.15 p.m.	Fifteen fishing boats. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted boats.	
„ 20.	7.0 a.m.	Fishing boat <i>Mary</i> , of Wicklow. Wicklow life-boat escorted boat.	
„ 20.	9.10 a.m.	Four fishing boats of Youghal. Youghal life-boat saved 4 boats and rescued — — — — —	4
„ 20.	12.45 p.m.	Sailing barge <i>Monarch</i> , of Rochester. Walmer life-boat helped to save barge and rescued — — — — —	3
„ 20.	2.10 p.m.	Yachts <i>Memory</i> and <i>Western Lady</i> . Torbay life-boat gave help.	
„ 20.	4.20 p.m.	Motor boat <i>O. B. Joyful</i> , of Weymouth, and a fishing boat. Weymouth life-boat saved 2 boats and rescued — — —	3
„ 20.	5.25 p.m.	S.S. <i>Brightside</i> , of Dundee. Lowestoft life-boat gave help.	
„ 20.	6.5 p.m.	Yacht <i>Diadem</i> , of Southampton. Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, life-boat saved yacht.	
„ 20.	6.25 p.m.	Ketch <i>Mary Stewart</i> , of Greenock. Weston-super-Mare life-boat gave help.	
„ 21.	3.59 p.m.	S.S. <i>Freden</i> , of Stockholm. Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat took out a doctor.	
„ 21.	10.45 p.m.	Motor boat <i>King John</i> , of Dover. Ramsgate life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 24.	12.30 a.m.	A punt. Margate life-boat — — — — —	1
„ 24.	12.55 a.m.	A motor boat. Portrush life-boat gave help.	
„ 27.	4.45 p.m.	Two dinghies. Llandudno life-boat saved 2 dinghies and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 29.	noon	Sailing yacht <i>Kismet</i> , of Preston. Lytham-St. Annes life-boat gave help.	
„ 29.	2.10 p.m.	Yacht <i>Zarefa</i> , of Brixham. Holyhead life-boat saved yacht and rescued — — — — —	3
„ 29.	2.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>Torni</i> , of Liverpool. Whitby No. 1 life-boat landed 1.	
„ 29.	4.15 p.m.	Schooner <i>Happy Harry</i> , of Dublin. Youghal life-boat gave help.	
„ 29.	6.5 p.m.	S.S. <i>Fort Vermillion</i> , of London. Walmer life-boat gave help.	
„ 30.	3.25 p.m.	S.S. <i>Torni</i> , of Liverpool. Whitby No. 1 life-boat landed 11.	
Oct. 3.	9.35 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Jessica</i> , of Newhaven. Newhaven life-boat gave help.	
„ 8.	12.25 a.m.	Motor boat <i>Secret</i> , of Littlehaven. St. David's life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	3
„ 11.	5.23 a.m.	S.S. <i>Glamorgan Brook</i> , of London. Scarborough life-boat landed 15.	
„ 12.	2.50 p.m.	R.A.S.C. vessel <i>M.O.B.7</i> . Ramsey life-boat escorted vessel.	
„ 12.	7.35 p.m.	Tobermory life-boat took an injured man to Oban.	
„ 14.	11.0 a.m.	Motor ketch <i>Viking</i> , of Denmark. Berwick-on-Tweed life-boat saved vessel and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 14.	4.14 p.m.	Sailing barge <i>Monarch</i> . Swanage life-boat gave help.	
„ 14.	9.7 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Finisterre</i> , of Lowestoft. St. Helier life-boat gave help.	
„ 21.	3.35 a.m.	Schooner <i>Trinité</i> , of Göteborg. Thurso life-boat escorted vessel.	
„ 23.	6.55 p.m.	Motor cruiser <i>Lenora Venture</i> , of London. Margate life-boat saved vessel and rescued — — — — —	4
„ 26.	3.10 a.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Polly</i> . Barrow life-boat gave help.	
„ 26.	2.30 p.m.	Sailing yacht, of Chichester. Selsey life-boat escorted yacht.	
„ 26.	6.0 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Artistic</i> , of Macduff. Whitehills life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	1
„ 27.	1.55 p.m.	Sailing boat <i>Chums</i> . Lowestoft life-boat gave help.	
„ 27.	4.0 p.m.	Sailing yacht <i>Arrow</i> , of Derbyhaven. Port St. Mary life-boat saved yacht and rescued — — — — —	2
„ 27.	10.50 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Shamrock</i> , of Wick. Wick life-boat gave help.	
„ 28.	8.15 a.m.	Rowing boat <i>Kittywake</i> , of Deal. Walmer life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	2
Nov. 2.	7.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Belgique</i> , of Antwerp. Torbay life-boat landed an injured man.	

		Time of Launching		Persons rescued from shipwreck
1946	Nov. 3.	12.20 a.m.	Ex-naval motor torpedo boat <i>Sea Serpent</i> . Selsey life-boat saved boat.	
	„ 5.	11.25 a.m.	Drifter <i>Coreopsis</i> . Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat gave help.	
	„ 5.	12.11 p.m.	Cutter from H.M.S. <i>Lundy</i> . Walmer life-boat landed 3 injured men.	
	„ 6.	10.30 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Cranmere</i> , of Poole. Cloughey life-boat landed 5.	
	„ 7.	12.15 a.m.	A fishing boat of Youghal. Youghal life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	1
	„ 7.	12.15 p.m.	Motor fishing cobsles <i>Doreen May</i> and <i>Pioneer</i> , of Flamborough. Flamborough life-boat gave help.	
	„ 7.	2.0 p.m.	Motor fishing cable <i>Jean</i> and <i>Barbara</i> . Filey life-boat escorted cable	
	„ 9.	2.8 p.m.	The Owers Lightship. Selsey life-boat landed a sick man.	
	„ 10.	9.30 a.m.	Motor yacht <i>Fluminense</i> , of London. Dungeness life-boat saved yacht and rescued — — — — —	2
	„ 10.	5.0 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Edith</i> , of Portrush. Cloughey life-boat gave help.	
	„ 12.	2.45 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Don't Know</i> . Lowestoft life-boat gave help.	
	„ 12.	5.50 p.m.	Motor fishing cable <i>Pioneer</i> , of Flamborough. Flamborough life-boat saved cable and rescued — — — — —	3
	„ 14.	1.20 p.m.	Four motor fishing vessels, of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted vessels.	
	„ 16.	11.56 a.m.	The Humber Light-vessel. The Humber life-boat landed an injured man.	
	„ 17.	12.39 p.m.	Rowing boat <i>Y.H.193</i> . Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat saved boat and rescued — — — — —	2
	„ 19.	4.15 p.m.	Fishing cobsles <i>Hilda</i> and <i>Kathleen</i> , of Scarborough. Scarborough life-boat escorted cobsles.	
	„ 19.	4.15 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Success</i> , of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted vessel.	
	„ 19.	7.40 p.m.	Motor trawler <i>St. Colman</i> , of Arklow. Dun Laoghaire life-boat gave help.	
	„ 20.	11.40 a.m.	Motor fishing vessels <i>Provider</i> , <i>Pilot Me</i> , and <i>Gem</i> , of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted vessels.	
	„ 21.	11.30 a.m.	Two sand barges of Courtmacsherry. Courtmacsherry life-boat gave help.	
	„ 23.	8.25 p.m.	Motor boat <i>Celia</i> , of Guernsey. St. Peter Port life-boat escorted boat.	
	„ 24.	5.45 a.m.	S.S. <i>Ayrshire Coast</i> , of Liverpool. Torbay life-boat escorted vessel.	
	„ 24.	12.30 p.m.	S.S. <i>J. P. Cressey</i> , of London. St. David's life-boat gave help.	
	„ 24.	3.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Stephen W. Kearny</i> , of San Francisco. Walmer life-boat took out a doctor.	
	„ 24.	8.10 p.m.	S.S. <i>J. P. Cressey</i> , of London. Fishguard life-boat escorted vessel.	
	„ 27.	8.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>Eminence</i> , of Rochester. Torbay life-boat landed an injured man.	
	„ 28.	10.15 a.m.	Fishing cobsles <i>Silver Line</i> and <i>Star of Hope</i> , of Staithes. Runswick life-boat escorted cobsles.	
	„ 28.	10.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Valborg</i> , of Copenhagen. Fowey life-boat escorted vessel.	
Dec.	4.	1.30 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Pilot Me</i> , of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted vessel.	
	„ 5.	11.35 p.m.	Fishing drifter <i>Westward Ho</i> , of Torquay. Torbay life-boat gave help.	
	„ 6.	2.35 p.m.	Motor fishing cable <i>Sheila</i> , of Filey. Filey life-boat gave help.	
	„ 7.	6.0 a.m.	Drifters <i>Loranthus</i> , of Banff, and <i>Harvest Reaper</i> , of Buckie. Flamborough life-boat stood by vessels.	
	„ 7.	11.5 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Rose Mary</i> , of Hartlepool. Hartlepool life-boat gave help.	
	„ 8.	11.30 a.m.	S.S. <i>Irma</i> , of Sweden. Falmouth life-boat stood by vessel.	
	„ 10.	2.30 p.m.	Ex-naval ketch. Dunbar life-boat gave help.	
	„ 10.	3.20 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Bilsdale</i> , of Middlesbrough. Sheringham life-boat escorted vessel.	
	„ 11.	3.30 p.m.	Fishing boat <i>Mary Joy</i> , of Scarborough. Scarborough life-boat escorted boat.	
	„ 12.	9.5 p.m.	Motor yacht <i>Platypus</i> . Hartlepool life-boat gave help.	
	„ 13.	8.45 a.m.	S.S. <i>Empire Kinsman</i> , of Sunderland. Walmer life-boat stood by vessel.	
	„ 13.	2.45 p.m.	Fishing cable <i>Windsor Lad</i> . Filey life-boat gave help.	
	„ 16.	11.35 a.m.	Yacht <i>Harbinger</i> . Torbay life-boat gave help.	

1946	Time of Launching		Persons rescued from shipwreck
Dec. 17.	7.0 a.m.	Two lighters, of London. Southend-on-Sea life-boat landed 2.	
„ 17.	5.45 p.m.	Motor fishing vessel <i>Helping Hand</i> , of Lowestoft. Lowestoft life-boat helped to save vessel and rescued — — — — —	7
„ 18.	4.12 p.m.	Motor vessel <i>Esso Ottawa</i> , of Liverpool. Lowestoft life-boat —	8
„ 19.	1.30 p.m.	Fishing cöbles <i>Peggy II</i> and <i>Jean and Barbara</i> . Filey life-boat escorted cöbles.	
„ 21.	2.5 p.m.	Motor fishing boat <i>Faithful</i> , of St. Abbs. St. Abbs life-boat gave help.	
„ 22.	6.37 a.m.	Ex-naval motor fishing vessel <i>No. 1503</i> . Cloughey life-boat —	5
„ 22.	5.18 p.m.	Landing craft <i>No. 723</i> . Weymouth life-boat saved vessel and rescued — — — — —	11
„ 23.	5.0 a.m.	Barge <i>Glencoe</i> , of Rochester. Walton and Frinton life-boat saved barge and rescued — — — — —	
„ 24.	5.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>North Eastern Victory</i> , of San Francisco. Walmer life-boat — — — — —	36
„ 24.	9.0 p.m.	S.S. <i>North Eastern Victory</i> , of San Francisco. Walmer life-boat — — — — —	7
„ 28.	2.0 p.m.	Motor fishing coble <i>Jane and Ann</i> , of Whitby. Whitby No. 1 life-boat escorted coble.	
„ 29.	midnight	S.S. <i>Fosdyke Trader</i> , of London. Whitby No. 1 life-boat gave help.	

# Summary of the Year's Work

## Launches of Life-boats.

Total number of launches, including those in which for various reasons no services were rendered	- - - - -	631
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## Lives rescued.

Lives rescued by life-boats	- - - - -	647
Lives rescued by shore-boats, auxiliary rescue-boats, and in other ways, for whose rescue the Institution gave rewards	-	143
Total of lives rescued	- - - - -	<u>790</u>

## Persons landed.

Persons landed who had been, or might have been, in danger or distress	- - - - -	740
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## Vessels and boats helped.

Vessels and boats which life-boats saved or helped to save from destruction	- - - - -	98
Vessels or boats which life-boats stood by, escorted to safety or helped	- - - - -	244



# Accounts of Services by Life-boats

## JANUARY

Launches 51 Lives rescued 103

JANUARY 1ST. - GALWAY BAY. The priest of the Inisheer Island was at Kilonan on Inishmore, where the Galway Bay life-boat is stationed. It was necessary that he should return to Inisheer on New Year's Day. A very strong south-easterly wind was blowing, with a very rough sea, and as no other boat could make the passage the motor life-boat *K.E.C.F.* was launched to take the priest. She left at 9.30 in the morning and arrived back an hour later. - No expense to the Institution.

JANUARY 4TH. - WICK, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. At 5.48 in the evening the coastguard reported a boat burning flares close to rock on the north side of Wick Bay, and the motor life-boat *City of Edinburgh* was launched at six o'clock, in a fresh south-westerly wind, with a slight sea. She found the fishing boat *Glad Tidings*, with a crew of three. Her engine was not working properly. She had already struck against the rocks. The life-boat took her in tow and brought her into harbour at 6.30. - Rewards, £11 5s.

JANUARY 8TH. - NEWBIGGIN, NORTH-UMBERLAND. At 12.10 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that eight fishing cobs were out. A strong southerly wind was blowing. The sea was very rough and rising. At 12.24 the motor life-boat *Augustus and Laura* was launched and found the cobs about two miles off Church Point. She first escorted into the bay the coble *Ethel*, whose engine had broken down. She then escorted in six more cobs. Only the *Adventure* remained. She also was having trouble with her engine, but the life-boat brought her safely in at 1.30. - Rewards, £24 18s.

JANUARY 10TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 8.10 in the morning information was received from the pier that a steamer was in danger of grounding in Pegwell Bay, and the motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched at 8.25. A moderate west-south-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat found the steamer, the *Amethyst* aground half a mile south-west of Ramsgate harbour. No one was on board. She returned at 9.26. At 1.10 in the afternoon the harbour master pointed out the danger if the steamer, with no one on board, refloated on the rising tide, and the life-boat was again launched at 1.25, and put life-boatmen on board the steamer. It was found later that she had been on her way to Antwerp for repairs in tow of a tug. The tug had anchored her in the Downs, but her anchors had dragged. At 2.45 a salvage tug arrived and took her in tow for the

Downs, escorted by the life-boat. The towing wire parted, but a fresh wire was fixed. After seeing the steamer and the tug safely in the Downs, the life-boat reached her station at 8.8 that evening. Rewards : first service, £8 3s. ; second service, £1 3s. and property salvage case.

JANUARY 14TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. Information was received at 11.35 in the morning from the naval signal station on Davaar Island that a fishing boat was flying a signal of distress and drifting towards the shore. At 11.45 the motor life-boat *City of Glasgow* was launched. The southerly wind was fresh, but the sea very rough. The life-boat found the Aberdeen fishing boat *White Squall* about one mile north of Davaar Lighthouse, with a crew of six. Her engine had broken down, her anchor was not holding, and she was drifting towards a rocky shore. Her crew succeeded in starting her engine again and she got under way, but the master decided to return to harbour to complete repairs and, escorted by the life-boat, she came into harbour at 12.45 that afternoon. - Rewards, £6 19s.

JANUARY 16TH. - EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. At 8.15 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that a motor boat was in distress about four miles south of the life-boat station. The motor life-boat *Jane Holland* was launched at 8.40. A strong north-easterly wind was blowing, with a rough sea. She found the Shoreham fishing boat *Number One*, with two on board. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her to Newhaven and arrived back at her station at 2.15 that afternoon. - Rewards, £16 17s.

JANUARY 17TH. - ANGLE, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. At 4.20 in the morning the Tenby coastguard telephoned that a landing craft was in need of help off St. Ann's Head, and at five o'clock the motor life-boat *Elizabeth Elson* was launched in an east-north-easterly wind and a moderate sea. Six miles south-west of St. Ann's Head she found *L.C.T. 972* with her back broken, and escorted her into harbour, where she was taken over by tugs. The life-boat returned to her station at nine o'clock that morning. - Rewards, £12 12s.

JANUARY 18TH. - THE HUMBER, YORK-SHIRE. A messenger came from the signal station at 1.22 in the morning with a message from the Trinity House superintendent at Great Yarmouth : Would the life-boat go to the Humber Lightvessel, eight miles east of Spurn, where there was an injured man ? The motor life-boat *City of Bradford II* was launched, with a doctor on board, at 2.45. A strong easterly wind was blowing, with a very rough sea. The life-boat went alongside the lightvessel with some difficulty, and

put the doctor on board her. She waited, embarked the doctor and the injured man, and made for Grimsby, where the man was sent to hospital. She reached her station again at 9.30 that morning. - Permanent paid crew. Expenses met by the Trinity House.

JANUARY 18TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT. At 7.5 at night the Lade coastguard reported a small vessel ashore east-by-north of Lade, but not in need of help. A strong south-easterly wind was blowing, with a very choppy sea. The weather was bitterly cold, with snow. The life-boat crew assembled, and at 8.40 saw the vessel refloat, go a short way, stop, and burn distress signals. At 9.10 the motor life-boat *Charles Cooper Henderson* was launched and found that the vessel was the motor cabin cruiser *Kinuna*, of Southampton, homeward bound from Rochester with two men and two girls, the daughters of the master. She had sprung a leak and her engine-room was flooded. The master asked for a tow, and a rope was passed to him. After half an hour he decided to abandon the cruiser, as she was now unmanageable, with her bow almost under water. The girls were the first to be rescued, and were almost exhausted through exposure to the wet and cold. All the four were landed at 11.45 at Dungeness and taken to the life-boat house to be revived with rum and biscuits. The cruiser foundered, and the rescued left for Southampton in the morning by train. - Rewards, £35 3s. 6d.

JANUARY 20TH. - REDCAR, YORKSHIRE. At 6.10 in the morning the coastguard reported that a vessel was close inshore, and at 6.34 that she was ashore on East Scar. The motor life-boat *Louisa Polden* was launched at 7.8. A westerly breeze was blowing, the sea was heavy, and there was fog. The life-boat found the S.S. *Dunsley*, of Whitby, of 800 tons, in ballast from Leith to Middlesbrough, with a crew of thirty-seven. The crew were in no danger, but the master asked that the life-boat should come back at two o'clock. The life-boat reached her station again at 9.41 and put out for the second time at 2.15. Her coxswain intended to bring the crew ashore, but the master decided to keep them aboard. The life-boat stood by for some time in a heavy sea, and then returned to her station, arriving at 4.20 that afternoon. - Rewards, first service, £10 5s. 6d. ; second service, £9 13s. 6d.

JANUARY 20TH. - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. The fishing cobsles *B. S. Callings*, *Premier*, and *Hilda* were at sea. A north-easterly wind was blowing, and by the afternoon a heavy ground swell was breaking across the bay. At 2.55 the motor life-boat *Herbert Joy II* was launched, and met the cobsles a mile and a half east of Castle Hill. She passed life-belts to their crews and escorted them into harbour. She was back at her station by four o'clock. - Rewards, £21 10s.

JANUARY 20TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. After dark the naval motor fishing vessel *1165* ran on Corton Beach, and the

mate scrambled ashore to get help. At 10.35 the coastguard informed the life-boat station, and at 10.47 the motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched. The coastguard's life-saving apparatus was also called out. A north-north-easterly wind was blowing, with a moderate swell. Owing to shallow water the life-boat could not get alongside the vessel. Three of the crew of six scrambled ashore unaided and the life-saving apparatus rescued the other three. The life-boat stood by during the rescue and until two o'clock next morning, when she returned to her station, arriving at 2.30. The vessel became a total wreck. - Rewards, £11 5s.

JANUARY 20TH and 21ST. - ABERDEEN, ABERDEEN NORTH PIER LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS, AND ABERDEEN TORRY LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS. At 7.30 in the evening the steam trawler *Spurs*, of Grimsby, on her way to the fishing grounds, but trying to get into Aberdeen to land a sick man, was seen to go aground on the north bank of the navigation channel, at the eastern end of the north pier, and the No. 1 motor life-boat *Emma Constance* was launched at 8.23. The south-easterly wind was moderate, but there was a heavy swell. The north pier life-saving apparatus was assembled and the tug *St. Machar* put out. Several attempts were made to tow the *Spurs* into the tidal basin, but five ropes were carried away and she grounded again, east of the south jetty. There a pilot went on board her and a wire was taken to the north pier by the life-boat and made fast by the L.S.A. In the meantime the tug *St. Machar* had grounded off the south jetty. The life-boat tried to refloat her, but got a rope round her starboard propeller. She returned, bringing with her part of the tug's crew, and another tug brought in the *St. Machar*.

Meanwhile the trawler had refloated again, but was unable to manoeuvre, owing to a damaged propeller, and eventually ran on the beach on the south bank, west of the old south breakwater. It was now one o'clock in the morning of the 21st. The Torry life-saving apparatus was at once called out and fired a line to the trawler, but it was thought safer for her crew to wait for the life-boat. It was then three o'clock. As her fouled propeller could not be cleared, the life-boat went out again on one engine. The trawler's crew put their gear aboard the life-boat, but preferred not to jump and decided to wait for low water, so the life-boat returned at seven o'clock. About ten o'clock the Torry L.S.A. landed eleven of the crew, and the pilot, by breeches buoy, and a few minutes later three others waded ashore. At 4.30 in the afternoon another four of the crew were taken off by the Torry L.S.A. This left on board the master, and he was taken off by a salvage vessel on the following day, the 22nd. - Rewards : life-boat, £15 10s. 6d. ; North Pier L.S.A., £11 10s. 6d. ; Torry L.S.A., £35.

JANUARY 21ST. - REDCAR, YORKSHIRE. At 6.30 in the morning the coastguard reported that a vessel half a mile to the north-west had fired a rocket and hoisted a

signal, and the motor life-boat *Louisa Polden* was launched at 7.10. A westerly wind was blowing, the sea was heavy, and there was fog. The life-boat found the *S.S. Empire Facility*, of London, loaded with scrap, ashore on Saltscar Rocks, took off her crew of eight and landed them at 7.40. At 10.30 fishing boats took the crew back to their ship, but, after laying out an anchor, they came ashore again at one in the afternoon. The seas were too heavy for them to remain on board. About 3.30, as the tide was rising, a tug went alongside the abandoned ship, put men on board her and refloated her. Seeing this the master and mate were very anxious to return to her. No suitable boat was available, so the life-boat again went out at 4.12 and put the master and mate, and a life-boatman, on board. She returned at six o'clock. - Rewards : first service, £10 5s. 6d. ; second service, property salvage case.

JANUARY 23RD. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. About 6.55 in the morning the coastguard telephoned a message from the naval authorities at Lowestoft that a vessel in Corton Roads was in need of help and the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 7.5. A strong south-easterly wind was blowing, with heavy seas. She found the minesweeper *B.Y.M.2051*, with a crew of about thirty, aground on the South Holm Sands. She took off 22 of the crew, landed them at Lowestoft, and then returned to the minesweeper. The minesweeper was then afloat again, but was making a lot of water, and the life-boat stood by. Another minesweeper arrived to take the *2051* in tow and the life-boat took a pump and six men from her to the *2051*. The second minesweeper took the *2051* in tow, but the rope parted, and the tow was continued by a tug from Lowestoft. The life-boat then took back the pump and the men to the second minesweeper, and escorted them to Lowestoft, where they arrived at 9.54. She returned to Gorleston at noon. - Rewards, £7 10s.

JANUARY 23RD. - GALWAY BAY. At 12.20 in the afternoon the honorary secretary of the life-boat station (on Inishmore Island) was told that a girl on the island was dangerously ill and that the only chance of saving her life was to take her at once to Galway Hospital, on the mainland. No other boat was available and the motor life-boat *K.E.C.F.* was launched at 12.45. A strong south-westerly wind was blowing and the sea was rough. The life-boat reached Galway, with the girl on board, at four that afternoon and got back to her station again at one the following morning. - Rewards, £20 13s. 6d.

JANUARY 24TH. - THURSO, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. At 12.5 in the afternoon a fisherman telephoned from Melvick that a fishing boat was in distress about seven miles east of Port Skerra, and the motor life-boat *H.C.J.* was launched at 12.20. A whole southerly gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. She made a wide search, going as far as Hoy Head, but found nothing. About six

o'clock, while she was still searching, she received a wireless message from the steamer *St. Ninian* that she had taken a fishing boat in tow seven miles north-west of Dunnet Head. The boat was the *Fisher Boy*, of Wick. A net had fouled her propeller. She had a crew of five. The tow-rope had parted and the *Fisher Boy* had been damaged. Another tow-rope was made fast, but the *St. Ninian* had found the tow too much for her and had cast the *Fisher Boy* adrift. She stood by her until, at seven o'clock, the life-boat arrived. They were then fourteen miles north-north-west of Dunnet Head. With difficulty, the life-boat passed a rope to the *Fisher Boy* and towed her to Scrabster, where they arrived at 11.20 that night. - Property salvage case.

JANUARY 28TH. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. During a south-westerly gale with a very rough sea *H.M.S. Rhyl*, a minesweeper, parted her tow from a tug off Felixstowe. She anchored, but the anchors dragged and she was drifting towards a lee shore. The coastguard reported it at 10.45 at night, and a few minutes later the naval authorities at Harwich asked that the crew should be taken off. At 11.45 the motor life-boat *E.M.E.D.* was launched, and after a search found the minesweeper half a mile south of Felixstowe pier. The weather had improved a little and the officer-in-charge did not want to abandon ship, but on orders from Harwich the life-boat took him off and his thirty-five men and landed them at Harwich about 3.40 next morning. She returned to Walton at 11.15 that morning. The officer-in-charge at Harwich expressed thanks for her excellent work. - Rewards, £33 10s. 6d.

JANUARY 30TH - 31ST. - WALMER, KENT. At 9.20 at night, just after the life-boat had returned from the American steamer *Am-Mer-Mar*, which had gone aground on the Goodwin Sands, but had got off without help, the Deal coastguard reported another vessel aground. A moderate west-north-west wind was blowing and the sea was rough. At 9.45 the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (*Civil Service No. 2*) was launched, and found another American steamer, the *Luray Victory*, of Los Angeles, aground on the Goodwin Sands, near South Goodwin Buoy. She was in a very bad position. The life-boat could not go alongside owing to the heavy seas. She signalled that she would anchor close by for the night. At six next morning, the 31st of January, she weighed anchor and took a wire from the steamer to a tug, but the weather became worse and it was impossible to run wires to another tug without damage to the life-boat. Efforts were made to refloat the *Luray Victory* at high tide, but they were unsuccessful. The steamer was now listing to port and she asked the life-boat to stand by. As it seemed probable that she would again have to stand by all night, the coxswain decided to return to Walmer and refuel. He signalled this to the *Luray Victory* and left her at 11.45 that morning. During the whole time on service the life-boat had not been able to get near enough to

the *Luray Victory* to obtain food, although repeatedly signalled by her to do so. At three in the afternoon the life-boat again put to sea. Owing to the state of the tide she had to set her course round the south part of the Goodwins and reached the *Luray Victory* at four o'clock. She saw that the steamer's boats were being lowered and preparations made to abandon her. She was beginning to break up. The life-boat's first attempts to go alongside failed, but in the end the coxswain brought her, and held her, close enough for her crew of forty-nine to jump aboard. The rescue took just half an hour. The sands round the stern of the steamer were beginning to dry and the work had to be quickly done if the life-boat herself were not to be stranded. The life-boat then made for Walmer, where she arrived at 5.50 that evening. - Rewards : first service, £48 16s. 6d. ; second service, £24 12s.

JANUARY 31ST. - AITH, SHETLANDS. On the evening of the 30th of January, a doctor reported that a man was seriously ill on the Island of Foula and in urgent need of a doctor. He was a merchant seaman, recently repatriated from a prisoner-of-war camp in Japan. For some days gales had prevented the ferry-boat making the passage between the island and Aith, and no other boat was available. That night the seas were too rough at the island for a boarding boat to be able to put out to the life-boat, when she arrived, but in the morning the postmaster telephoned to Aith that the seas had moderated, and at 9.30 in the morning of the 31st the motor life-boat *The Rankin* was launched. A west-north-west gale was blowing, with a very heavy sea. She took the doctor with her and arrived at Foula at one in the afternoon. It was decided that the only hope of saving the man's life was to bring him to hospital at Aith, and the life-boat left the island with him at four o'clock. She reached Aith at 7.30 and the man was sent at once to hospital. - Rewards, £19 18s. 6d. Repaid to the Institution.

JANUARY 31ST. - PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE. At 5.30 in the evening, the coastguard reported a boat showing distress signals a mile and a half north of Peterhead, and the motor life-boat *Julia Park Barry of Glasgow* was launched at six o'clock. A fresh southerly wind was blowing, with a heavy swell. She found the motor boat *Trust On*, of Peterhead. She had been towing a derelict drifter. Her engine broke down ; the drifter was washed ashore ; she herself anchored to hold her until help came. The life-boat took her in tow and, with difficulty, brought her round the North and South Heads into harbour at 7.30 that evening. - Rewards, £11 17s.

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

JANUARY 1ST. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. Red rockets had been reported, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £14 5s.

JANUARY 1ST. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. A tug had been disabled by an explosion on board, but was taken in tow by another tug. - Rewards, £27 6s. 4d.

JANUARY 3RD. - MARYPORT, CUMBERLAND. An aeroplane had been reported down in the sea, but it had crashed near Glasgow after the pilot had baled out. - Rewards £29 19s.

JANUARY 4TH. - POOLBEG, CO. DUBLIN. A boy in a rowing boat had got into difficulties, but was helped by a dredger. - Rewards, £12 7s. 6d.

JANUARY 7TH. - WALMER, KENT. Flares had been reported, but no vessel in distress was found, and it was assumed that the flares were connected with military exercises on shore. - Rewards, £33 1s. 6d.

JANUARY 9TH. - DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN. Three boys had taken a ship's boat without permission and had got into difficulties, but the boat was carried against the east pier and smashed, and they were able to get ashore. - Rewards, £18 1s. 6d.

JANUARY 10TH. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE, AND KIRKCUDBRIGHT. A landing craft had been reported missing, but nothing was found. Then bodies were washed ashore. The landing craft had foundered in a gale and all her crew of twelve were drowned. - Rewards, £20 1s. 6d.

JANUARY 10TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A fishing boat had been reported overdue, but before putting out to sea the life-boat found her in the outer harbour. - Rewards, £14 6s. 6d.

JANUARY 11TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. The naval authorities had asked the life-boat to bring an injured man ashore from a steamer, but the steamer could not be found. - Rewards, £12 4s.

JANUARY 11TH. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. The coastguard had passed on a message from Ostend Radio that a steamer had signalled that she had struck a mine, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £10 6s.

JANUARY 12TH. - BERWICK - ON - TWEED, NORTHUMBERLAND. A man had been reported to have baled out from an aeroplane, but it was a target drogue that had been released by the aeroplane. - Rewards, £3 15s.

JANUARY 12TH. - PORT ERIN, ISLE OF MAN. An aeroplane had been seen to be losing height and to hit the sea, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £13 10s.

JANUARY 12TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. A man had jumped overboard from a steamer, but he could not be found. - Rewards, £13 7s. 6d.

JANUARY 13TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A motor trawler's engine had broken down, but another trawler helped her. - Rewards, £14 6s. 6d.

JANUARY 13TH. - FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE. A ship's raft had been seen drifting, but there was no one on board. - Rewards, £6 18s.

JANUARY 18TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. A Warwick aeroplane had been seen in difficulties and flying low, but she reached her base. - Rewards, £11 6s. 6d.

JANUARY 22ND. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. A landing craft had gone aground in Luce Bay, but the life-boat was not needed. - Rewards, £26 2s.

JANUARY 22ND. - TROON, Ayrshire. A steamer had anchored as her boiler was giving trouble, but she was able to repair it and went on her way. - Rewards, £6 19s.

JANUARY 24TH. - WALMER, KENT. The American steamer *Carnifex Ferry* and another steamer had been in collision, but they did not need the help of the life-boat. - Rewards, £13 19s.

JANUARY 26TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT. The motor vessel *Monica*, of Gothenburg, had stranded, but the tide was ebbing and the crew were in no danger. - Rewards, £17 9s.

JANUARY 29TH. - NEW QUAY, AND ABERYSTWYTH, CARDIGANSHIRE. An airman had been reported to have baled out from a Spitfire aeroplane, but nothing could be found. - Rewards : New Quay, £22 7s. ; Aberystwyth, £48 8s.

JANUARY 30TH. - CROMER, NORFOLK. A steamer had run aground on the Haisborough Sands, but she refloated without help. - Rewards, £41 2s.

JANUARY 30TH. - WALMER, KENT. The American steamer *Am-Mer-Mar* had gone ashore on the Goodwin Sands, but she got off without help. - Rewards, £31 17s. 6d.

JANUARY 31ST. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. A vessel had been reported in difficulties, but she got under way before the life-boat reached her. - Rewards, £18 6s.

## FEBRUARY

### Launches 61 Lives rescued 72

FEBRUARY 1ST. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 12.24 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that red flares had been seen four miles south-west-by-west of Clacton pier, and half an hour later the motor life-boat *Edward Z. Dresden* was launched. A strong south-south-west wind was blowing, with a rather rough sea. The life-boat found the auxiliary yacht *Puffin*, of Rochester, half a mile off Jaywick Beach, with a crew of three. Her engine had broken down, her

pumps had failed, and her anchors had dragged. The life-boat rescued the crew-one of the men falling into the sea, but being quickly pulled aboard - returned to Clacton and remained alongside the pier until day-light. She left again at 7.15, picked up the *Puffin*, towed her to Brightlingsea, and returned to her station at 3.45 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

FEBRUARY 1ST. - LERWICK, SHETLANDS. At 3.7 in the morning the coastguard reported a vessel ashore on Holm of Cruester, Lerwick Harbour, and signalling by siren. She was asking for a pilot and the life-boat. She was the motor ship *Edina*, of Leith. At four o'clock the motor life-boat *Lady Jane* and *Martha Ryland* was launched in a strong south-by-east wind, with a moderate sea. She took a pilot with her and put him on board the *Edina*, and he asked the life-boat to try to refloat her. She made two attempts, without success, but later the ship refloated herself, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 6.56 that morning. A donation to the funds of the Institution was made by the owners. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 1ST. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. Just before mid-day the coastguard reported a fishing boat three miles north-north-east of Ramore Head, lying broadside on to the seas and apparently in difficulties. The motor life-boat *T.B.B.H.* was launched at 12.15. A moderate south-westerly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. On her way the life-boat met the Portrush fishing boat *No. 95*, with a crew of four, making for home. Her engine had been flooded by a heavy sea, but her crew had been able to start it again. The life-boat escorted her into harbour, which they reached at 1.55 that afternoon. - Rewards, £7 11s.

FEBRUARY 1ST - 3RD. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. About 6.40 in the evening the coastguard reported an SOS from a vessel which was sinking about two miles north-west of the Sunk Lightvessel. The motor life-boat *E.M.E.D.* was launched at 7.5. The south-westerly wind was moderate, but the sea was very rough. The sinking vessel was the *S.S. Fort Massac*, of London. She had been in collision with the British steamer *Thornaby*, while bound, laden, from Middlesbrough to South Africa. She had a crew of thirty-eight. While on her way to the steamer the life-boat received another message that the steamer had been abandoned, and she was told to search for survivors. This she did, and found two ship's boats and a raft, but no one on board them. She then made for the steamer, arriving at 9.40, and spoke the Trinity House vessel *Patricia*. The *Patricia* and other vessels had taken off thirty-four of the steamer's crew, but there were three missing and the captain was still on board the steamer. He refused to leave, so the life-boat stood by throughout the night. At daybreak she took him off and returned to her station, arriving at nine o'clock in the

morning of the 2nd. She had been out for fourteen hours.

On the morning of the 3rd of February she was launched again at nine o'clock and took out some of the ship's officers to recover the ship's papers. She found the steamer with her bow submerged and the captain's cabin under water. The papers could not be recovered. She landed the officers at Harwich and arrived back at her station at four that afternoon. - Rewards : first service, £33 10s. 6d. ; second service, £9 15s.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - RAMSEY, ISLE OF MAN. At 2.45 in the morning the coast-guard reported vessels in collision three miles east-by-north of Queen's Pier. The motor life-boat *Lady Harrison* was launched at 3.40. The south-westerly wind was moderate, but the sea rough. The life-boat found that the Dutch motor vessel *Rian*, of Groningen, laden with coal and bound from Maryport to Par, had been sunk in collision with the Dutch minesweeper *Jan Van Gelder*, while anchored in Ramsey Bay. Her crew of six had taken to their boat and, with their dog, were picked up by the minesweeper. The life-boat took them off the minesweeper and landed them at Ramsey at 5.30 that morning. - Rewards, £28 11s.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - COVERACK, CORNWALL. At 6.5 in the morning a man reported a steamer in distress near Lowland Point, and the motor life-boat *The Three Sisters* was launched at 6.20. A strong west-south-westerly wind was blowing, with a rough sea. She found the motor vessel *Fauvette*, of London, aground one mile east-by-north of the life-boat station. She had a crew of nineteen and was bound for Falmouth, laden with ammunition. The life-boat stood by for a time, but as the tide was falling, and the crew would be able to get ashore at low water, she returned to her station at 9.15. - Rewards, £12 12s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE. At four in the afternoon the coxswain saw a vessel putting up distress rockets about two miles east-south-east of Peterhead, and at 4.25 the motor life-boat *Julia Park Barry of Glasgow* was launched. The southerly wind was light, but there was a heavy swell. The life-boat found the motor vessel *Peterborough Trader*, of London, bound from Glasgow to the Tyne. Her captain wanted to get into the bay for shelter, but was afraid that his cargo of zinc plates might shift should he come broadside on to the heavy swell. The life-boat escorted her into the bay, and reached her station again at 5.10. - Rewards, £10 9s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 4TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At six in the evening the harbour master reported to the life-boat station a wireless message from the S.S. *Wicklow Head*, of Belfast, that she was making for Torbay to land a badly injured man. A local shipping agent also telephoned asking for the services of the life-boat, as the weather was too bad for other

boats. With a doctor on board, the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at 8.50 in a strong, squally westerly wind, with a heavy swell. She found that the man had died, and brought the body ashore, arriving at 11.10 that night. A donation was received to cover the expenses. - Rewards, £12 9s.

FEBRUARY 4TH - 6TH. - ST. DAVID'S AND FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE, AND NEW QUAY, AND ABERYSTWYTH, CARDIGANSHIRE. H.M. submarine *Universal* was on her way to the breaker's yard. Late on the night of the 3rd of February her engines broke down, off the Welsh coast, and she sent out a distress call. A moderate gale was blowing from the west, and the sea was rough. Her call for help was passed by the coastguard to the St. David's life-boat station at 11.30 and, at 12.15 in the morning of the 4th of February, the motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 6* was launched. She found the submarine nine miles west of the South Bishop Lighthouse with the Irish steamer *Lanahrone* standing by. By means of her line-throwing gun the life-boat connected the *Universal* with the *Lanahrone*, and the steamer started to tow, but the submarine broke away. Another rope was then connected. This also broke. At 8.45 H.M. destroyer *Southdown* arrived. The *Lanahrone* was no longer needed, and went on her way. A third attempt was made, and this time, with the life-boat's help, the destroyer was able to get the submarine in tow. The life-boat then left, sheltered for a time in the lee of Ramsey Island, and reached her station at 4.15 that afternoon.

In the afternoon of the same day, the 4th of February, a message reached Fishguard from the destroyer that the submarine was in need of immediate help. She was now off the Fishguard station, twenty-five miles north-west of the point where the St. David's life-boat had found her. The Fishguard motor life-boat *White Star* was launched at 2.45, reached the submarine at 3.30, and stood by her until 10.46 that night, when she left to refuel, taking with her one seaman who had been washed overboard from the *Universal* and whom she had rescued. She reached her station again at 1.45 in the morning of the 5th of February, and after refuelling left again at four o'clock, and reached the *Universal* at 8.50. All this time the submarine had been drifting up Cardigan Bay. At 5.20 that morning, the 5th of February, the lights of both the destroyer and submarine were seen from New Quay, and at 6.20 the pulling and sailing life-boat *William Cantrell Ashley* was launched and she was standing by when the Fishguard life-boat arrived.

Aberystwyth heard from the coastguard, just before midnight on the 4th of February, that the *Universal* was approaching, and at 8.25 in the morning of the 5th the life-boat *Frederick Angus* was launched. All three life-boats were now standing by.

It was now the third day. All this time the gale had been blowing and heavy seas running, and the submarine, now off Aberystwyth, was sixty miles from where the St. David's life-boat had first gone to her help.

The New Quay life-boat returned to her station at eleven that morning, the 5th, leaving the other two life-boats and the destroyer with the submarine. She arrived back at 2.30 in the afternoon. In the meantime the Fishguard and Aberystwyth life-boats advised the submarine commander to abandon ship, but another attempt was first made by the destroyer to take her in tow. When this failed the crew were taken off, sixteen by the Fishguard life-boat and the remaining eleven by the Aberystwyth life-boat. The Fishguard life-boat put one officer on board the destroyer and brought the other rescued men into Fishguard at 5.15 that afternoon. The Aberystwyth life-boat got back to her station at 12.15. But still the work was not ended. On the morning of the 6th, the naval authorities at Plymouth asked the Aberystwyth life-boat to go out again, and she left at 6.40. She reached the *Universal* at 7.55, took seventeen men to her from the destroyer and two from a tug, and passed lines to her from the tug. When the tug had the submarine in tow she left for her station, arriving at 11.30 that morning, the 6th of February, sixty hours after the first life-boat had been called out.

The commander-in-chief, Plymouth, wrote sending his thanks. Letters were also received from the officers of the *Universal* and the district officer of coastguard. The Town Clerk of Fishguard wrote a special letter of appreciation to each member of the Fishguard crew. The Institution made the following awards :

An increase in the usual money award on the standard scale to each member of the crew of the New Quay pulling and sailing life-boat. Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £32 3s. 6d. ; additional rewards to crew, £15 ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £47 3s. 6d. ;

An increase in the standard reward to the crew of the Aberystwyth life-boat for the second service. Standard rewards to crew and helpers for the first service, £17 3s. ; standard rewards to crew and helpers for the second service, £27 4s. 6d. ; additional rewards to crew, £8 ; total rewards to crew and helpers for second service, £35 4s. 6d. ;

Standard rewards to the Fishguard crew and helpers for the first service, £20 11s., and for the second service, £24 ; special rewards to the full-time coxswain and mechanic, £12 5s. ; total rewards to crew and helpers for the two services, £56 16s. ;

Standard rewards to the St. David's crew and helpers, £19 2s. 6d. ;

Total rewards for the six services by the four life-boats, £175 9s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 6TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At eleven in the morning a message from a doctor, through a local shipping agent, asked for the services of the life-boat to land a man who had been seriously injured on board the Swedish steamer *Eriksborg*, of Landskrona, which was anchored in Torbay. As no other suitable boat was available, and the weather was threatening, the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at 2.25 that afternoon, in a westerly wind, with a heavy swell. She put the doctor on board the steamer, took off the

injured man on a stretcher and landed him. He was then sent by ambulance to the Royal Naval Hospital at Newton Abbot. The life-boat arrived back at her station at 3.48. A donation was received to cover the expenses. - Rewards, £4 2s.

FEBRUARY 6TH and 9TH. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. At 8.40 at night the coast-guard telephoned that red rockets had been fired by a vessel three miles north-west of St. Agnes Head, and the motor life-boat *Caroline Oates Aver* and *William Maine* was launched at 9.8. A strong west-north-westerly wind was blowing. The sea was very rough. The life-boat found the Liverpool steamer *Jellicoe Rose* bound, laden, from Garston to Dartmouth, with a crew of twelve. She had a serious defect in her boiler, and a Swedish vessel had already attempted to take her in tow, but the tow rope had parted and the Swedish vessel had gone on her way. The master of the *Jellicoe Rose* wished to abandon ship, and the life-boat took off the whole crew. She left the *Jellicoe Rose* with her anchors down, and reached her station again at two o'clock next morning.

Three days later, on the 9th, the weather was moderating and the captain was very anxious to get back to his ship. A light north-north-west breeze was now blowing, but the sea was still heavy. It was too heavy for an ordinary boat, and the captain's appeal for the use of the life-boat was granted. She left at 5.45 in the afternoon, with the captain and three of his crew on board. After three attempts the life-boat got alongside the *Jellicoe Rose* and the captain and two of his men got aboard her. The third man failed and returned in the life-boat, which got back to her station at 11.30 that night. Next day a tug took the steamer in tow. Thanks and a donation were received from the owners.- Rewards : first service, £23 16s. 6d. ; second service, £22 6s.

FEBRUARY 8TH and 9TH. - TENBY, AND ANGLE, PEMBROKESHIRE. Just before noon the Trinity House at Swansea telephoned to the life-boat station at Tenby, asking if the life-boat could be sent to the St. Govans Light-vessel as the head keeper was seriously ill and provisions were urgently needed. At 12.35 that afternoon the motor life-boat *John R. Webb* was launched. A south-westerly gale was blowing and the sea was heavy. She had eighteen miles to go. When she was out of the shelter of Caldy Island, and within two or three miles of the light-vessel, a particularly big sea broke aboard her. It wrecked the steering wheel and bent the steering shaft. Almost at once the life-boat was nearly overwhelmed by another sea. The coxswain, the second-coxswain and the motor-mechanic were all injured, and the acting assistant motor-mechanic was seriously injured. He had his pelvis and ribs fractured. He was F. Hooper, aged 71. In spite of the injuries the crew temporarily repaired the steering gear, and the life-boat was able to get back to her station, arriving about five that afternoon.

At 5.40 the Tenby coastguard telephoned

to the Angle life-boat station, asking, on behalf of Trinity House, if the Angle life-boat would go to the light-vessel as soon as the weather moderated. At seven o'clock next morning the 9th of February, the motor life-boat *Elizabeth Elson*, with the second coxswain in command, was launched. The gale was now blowing from the north-west, and the sea was still rough. The life-boat was able not only to put the provisions on the light-vessel, but to take off the sick man and a workman who had been weather-bound there for two weeks. She landed the men at Milford Haven and reached her station again at one that afternoon.

Trinity House expressed "their best thanks for the assistance rendered by the life-boats." In view of the arduous services of the Tenby life-boat the Institution made an increase in the usual money award on the standard scale to each member of the crew. Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £28 ; additional rewards to crew, £9 ; total rewards to Tenby crew and helpers, £37. Rewards to Angle crew and helpers, £16 3s. A permanent allowance was made to F. Hooper.

FEBRUARY 8TH - 9TH. - BUCKIE, BANFFSHIRE. At nine at night the coastguard telephoned that a vessel with her engine broken down was lying to the north-west of Buckie, and at 9.30 the motor life-boat *K.B.M.* was launched. A north-north-westerly gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. The life-boat found the naval motor fishing vessel *No. 1067*, which asked for a tug. She returned to her station and on the way sent a message to the coastguard saying that a tug was wanted. The life-boat arrived at 12.35 next morning, and remained in harbour. Later a destroyer came to the motor fishing vessel and asked that the life-boat should go out again. This she did at 4.30 and was asked to stand by until dawn. While she was standing by her propeller was fouled by a rope which the destroyer was passing to the motor fishing vessel, but she was able to clear it. Shortly afterwards another destroyer arrived. As the weather was moderating and the crew of the motor fishing vessel were in no immediate danger, and as there appeared to be something wrong with her own propeller shaft the life-boat returned to have it examined and arrived in harbour at 10.30 that morning. Later it was learned that a destroyer had taken the motor fishing vessel in tow. - Rewards, £23 4s.

FEBRUARY 9TH. - BARRY DOCK, GLAMORGANSHIRE. At 4.44 in the morning the Royal Naval Shore Signal Station at Nells Point telephoned that Burnham Radio had picked up a message from the *S.S. Coughorm*, of Glasgow, that she was aground on the south-west corner of the Cardiff Grounds and wanted a tug. At 5.30 a message from the staff officer at Plymouth, asked for the life-boat to go out and stand by, and the motor life-boat *Rachel and Mary Evans* was launched at 6.38. A moderate north-westerly wind was blowing, and the sea was smooth. The life-boat reached the vessel, about nine miles away, at 7.10, and stood by. At eight o'clock the

*Coughorm* refloated under her own power and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at nine o'clock. - Rewards, £11 6s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 10TH. - BLYTH, NORTHUMBERLAND. About 10.45 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that a fishing boat was in difficulties half a mile east of Blyth pier, and at eleven o'clock the motor life-boat *Joseph Adlam* was launched. A strong squally westerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. She found the motor boat *Tiger Lily*, of Blyth, with a crew of six. Her engine had failed, and, although her anchor was down, she was driving rapidly out to sea. The life-boat took her in tow and brought her into Blyth at noon. - Rewards, £7 11s.

FEBRUARY 11TH. - HOLY ISLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 1.15 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a fishing coble was showing a signal of distress three miles east of Holy Island. The motor life-boat *Milburn* was launched at 1.40, in a light north-westerly wind, with a swell. She found the coble *Ocean Maid*, of Holy Island, with her engine broken down. The life-boat towed her to Holy Island, arriving at 3.10. - Rewards, £8 3s.

FEBRUARY 11TH. - LYTHAM-ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE. About mid-day the police reported that a drifting mine had grounded on the south side of the Ribble estuary by the six-and-a-half-mile light. If the mine were not secured the port would have to remain closed and several ships were waiting to come in on the evening tide. No other boat was available, so the Port of Preston harbour master asked if the life-boat could be used, and at 2.30 the motor life-boat *John and Mary Meiklam of Gladswood*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched. A strong south-south-west breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat secured the mine and reached her station again at five o'clock. A donation to cover the expenses was received. - Rewards, £7 5s.

FEBRUARY 11TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. During the morning the fishing boats went to sea. The sea got up and made it very dangerous for the boats to cross the bar on their return. At 2.45 in the afternoon the No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched in a north-north-west wind, with a rough sea. She escorted into harbour the motor fishing boats *Easter Morn*, *Gem*, *Pilot Me*, *Jessie Ann*, and *Mona*, and returned to her station at five o'clock. - Rewards, £8 10s.

FEBRUARY 11TH. - PLYMOUTH, DEVON. At 9.30 at night the King's harbour master telephoned that Portwrinkle coastguard had reported flashes. Further reports were received from other coastguards, but it was uncertain whether they were signals of distress or lights on board fishing boats, so the motor life-boat *Ministre Anseele*, a Belgian life-boat, then stationed at Plymouth, was launched at ten o'clock to investigate. She



saw a light about midnight, and six miles west-south-west of Rame Head found the motor boat *Three Brothers*, bound from Plymouth to Polruan. The light seen had been a distress signal. It was made by the last match that the crew of two men had on board. Their engine had broken down. The men were exhausted. The life-boat towed them into Plymouth, arriving at 2.50 next morning. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 15TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 3.15 in the morning the coastguard reported a message from the East Goodwin Light-vessel. She asked for the life-boat to be sent as she had on board survivors from a vessel which had been in collision. She also asked that the life-boat should keep a look-out for a missing boat. The motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched at 3.50. The westerly wind was light, the sea smooth, but there was dense fog. The life-boat found that the Dutch motor vessel *Tyger* had sunk after having been in collision with the American steamer *Edward R. Squibb*. The American steamer had launched two boats, and one had picked up the *Tyger's* crew of seven and put them aboard the light-vessel, but the other boat had disappeared. The life-boat took on board the seven men of the *Tyger*, and the crew of seven of the ship's boat which had rescued them. She then returned to Ramsgate, towing the ship's boat, and arrived at 8.15 that morning. Lloyds' agent at Dover telephoned at 3.25 in the afternoon that the *Edward R. Squibb* had been found at anchor in the South Downs, and that her missing boat had been picked up by a cross-channel steamer and taken to Dover. He asked that the life-boat should take the men of the *Edward R. Squibb* and their boat back to their ship. The life-boat *Prudential* put out again at 4.15 with the seven men and their boat, but she could not find the steamer. She searched for a long time and decided to go to Dover. Just then she saw a light through a break in the fog. It was the *Edward R. Squibb*, at anchor, six miles east-north-east of the South Goodwin Light-vessel. She handed over to her the men and the boat at nine o'clock, and got back to Ramsgate at 11.30 that night. - Rewards : first service £19 11s. ; second service, no expense to the Institution.

FEBRUARY 15TH. - THURSO, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. At 4.5 in the afternoon the Wick coastguard reported that the S.S. *Empire Conleith*, of London, bound with coal for Iceland, had broken down three miles north of Dunnet Head and was in need of help. Ten minutes later the motor life-boat *H.C.J.* was launched. A westerly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The life-boat found that the steamer did not need her help. What she wanted was a tug. The tug arrived and took her in tow, intending to make for Lyness, but she got into difficulties near Swona. Her master consulted the life-boat coxswain, who advised him to go to Sinclair's Bay and anchor there. He did not know the way, so the life-boat guided him and brought the tug and the steamer, which

only just managed to keep clear of the Skerries, safely to anchorage in Sinclair's Bay at 11.5 that night. She got back to her station at 2.40 next morning. - Rewards, £21 8s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 19TH. - GIRVAN, AYRSHIRE. At 2.30 in the afternoon the life-boat coxswain saw a fishing boat heading for the harbour from the south. A gale was blowing from the north-west and the seas were very heavy on the harbour bar, so he launched the motor life-boat *Lily Glen* - Glasgow at once and went outside the harbour. Here he met the Fraserburgh motor fishing boat *Violet*, with a crew of six and a load of herrings, and stood by until she was safely in harbour. The life-boat returned to her station at 3.10. - Rewards, £6 19s.

FEBRUARY 20TH. - FLEETWOOD, AND BARROW, LANCASHIRE. At 12.20 in the morning news was received at Fleetwood life-boat station from the harbour staff that a trawler was showing distress signals. A north-westerly gale was blowing, with a very heavy sea. The life-boat was unable to launch owing to gravel piled by the seas on the slipway. The message was passed on to Barrow, and the Barrow motor life-boat *N.T.* was launched at 1.15. She found the trawler *Kunishi* aground on the Pilling Sands, east of the Wyre Lighthouse. She had a crew of ten on board and was returning from service with the Navy, to be converted into a trawler again. The water was so shallow that the life-boat could not get within a mile of the trawler, so she went to Fleetwood to report and returned to her station, arriving at 9.30 that morning. At Fleetwood five men of the National Fire Service and of the London Midland and Scottish Railway were called out. They succeeded in clearing the slipway with hoses and the Fleetwood motor life-boat *Ann Letitia Russell* was launched at 11.20. She was able to reach the *Kunishi* and rescued the crew, returning to her station at 12.50 in the afternoon. - Rewards : Fleetwood, £20 0s. 8d. ; Barrow, £14.

FEBRUARY 20TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At five in the evening the life-boat coxswain received a message from the pier-master that a barge with all her sails blown away was driving towards the pier. A west-north-west gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Greater London* (Civil Service No. 3) was launched at 5.15 and a quarter of an hour later met the sailing barge *Bassildon*, of London, half a mile west of the pier. With great difficulty she went alongside her, but found no one in her. Three life-boatmen then boarded the barge and the life-boat towed her to a safe anchorage. She reached her station again at 6.45. - Property salvage case.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - WALMER, KENT. A strong west-south-west gale was blowing and the sea was very rough. In the early morning a ship was seen to be in difficulties. She tried to move to a safe anchorage and grounded on

the Goodwin Fork Sands. At 9.10 the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched, and found the ship to be the American steamer *Fort Frederica*, of Portland, of 10,480 tons, loaded with petrol. She was bound from Trinidad for Hull and had a crew of 46, and three passengers. She was lying with a big list and the seas were breaking right over her. The life-boat went alongside and put her second-coxswain and three life-boatmen on board, but it was impossible for her to remain alongside. She lay off until, as the tide rose, the steamer righted herself and refloated. The life-boat then escorted her clear of the sands, and the second-coxswain piloted her to an anchorage in the Downs. The life-boat went alongside, took off her second-coxswain and three life-boatmen, and returned to her station, where she arrived at 1.20 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

### SILVER MEDAL SERVICE AT WHITBY

FEBRUARY 23RD. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. The records of the life-boat service are full of stories of gallantry, but it is nearly always gallantry of coxswains and crews working together. The opportunities for personal gallantry by single men are much rarer, but there was one on this day, at Whitby, and the opportunity was taken at once. In the morning the fishing fleet had gone out. Three hours later a gale sprang up, the seas were rising fast, and at 10.45 the No. 1 life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched to be ready outside the harbour, to escort the fishing boats in as they returned. It is always a dangerous entrance in heavy weather, for there is a bar outside and the distance between pier and pier is only 80 yards. On this morning, with the gale blowing from the north-north-west, the seas were breaking right into the harbour mouth and were coming over the piers. The life-boat successfully escorted five fishing boats across the bar and between the piers, and then put out again to meet another boat, which was just coming in, the *Easter Morn*. The coxswain saw a great sea break over her and bury her. When she appeared again he saw men on board waving, saw men on the pier above waving too, and heard the crowd shouting. He knew that it must mean only one thing, that one of the men on the fishing boat had been

washed out by that sea. He opened out his engines to full speed, and as the life-boat was lifted on the crest of a wave he could see a man in the water. He had a life-buoy ready with a line attached and it was flung, but the man in the water made no attempt to seize it and the coxswain saw him drifting astern of the life-boat. He shouted that he must be unconscious and, without hesitation, one of his crew, John Robert Harland, jumped overboard in his oilskins and life-belt. He seized the unconscious man. The crew hauled in the buoy and flung it to him. Both men were pulled on board, and the life-boatmen worked on the unconscious man with artificial respiration until the harbour was reached. There a doctor came to him and he was quickly brought round. There is no doubt that Robert Harland, by jumping without hesitation into those cold and tumultuous seas pouring between the piers, had saved the man's life.

The life-boat then put to sea again and escorted in two more fishing boats. There was one still to come. As she was seen approaching the life-boat again put out, but the fishing boat altered course and made for Scarborough, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at six that evening.

To JOHN ROBERT HARLAND the Institution awarded its silver medal for gallantry, with a copy of the vote inscribed on vellum. It also awarded him the Miss Maud Smith reward for courage, in memory of John, 7th Earl of Hardwicke, for the bravest act of life-saving of the year by a life-boatman. The King awarded him the silver medal for gallantry in saving life at sea, and the Carnegie Hero Fund an honorary certificate and £15. The Whitby magistrates, and others, presented him with a cheque.

To COXSWAIN HARRY MURFIELD, the Institution awarded its bronze medal for gallantry, with a copy of the vote inscribed on vellum ;

To the coxswain and each member of the crew it made a special money award in addition to the ordinary award on the standard scale, and to J. R. Harland an allowance of £3 for damaged clothing. Standard rewards

to crew and helpers, £13 15s. ; additional rewards to crew, £14 3s. 6d. ; allowance to J. R. Harland, £3 ; total rewards, £30 18s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - TEESMOUTH, YORKSHIRE. At 12.15 in the afternoon the South Gare Lighthouse telephoned that a vessel was in difficulties 200 yards north-east of the lighthouse. A northerly gale was blowing and the sea was rough. The life-boat crew assembled. They learnt that the steamer was the S.S. Blair Devon, of Glasgow, that her engine had broken down, and that she was holding by two anchors. At 2.45 the motor life-boat *J. W. Archer* was launched and put a pilot on board the steamer. A tug tried to take her in tow, but failed and left. The *Blair Devon* then got up her anchors and tried to make an offing, but failed. It was evident that she would not clear the Saltscar Rocks. The life-boat then came to Teesmouth entrance, called for a tug and went back with her to the steamer. The tug towed the steamer to Hartlepool and the life-boat made for Middlesbrough, where she was left until the weather moderated. - Rewards, £15.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. At 5.45 in the evening the coastguard reported that a fishing boat, which had been unable to enter Whitby harbour owing to heavy seas, was making for Scarborough to shelter, and at 6.5 the motor life-boat *Herbert Joy II* was launched. A north-by-west gale was blowing, with heavy seas and snow. Three miles north-north-east of Castle Hill the life-boat found the Whitby fishing boat *Provider*. One of her crew had been lost overboard. The life-boat gave her the course to steer and escorted her safely through the heavy seas into harbour. She arrived back at her station at 7.20. - Rewards, £43 15s.

FEBRUARY 26TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 1.32 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that a vessel was aground on the east side of Scroby Sands, but not showing distress signals, and at 2.20 the Gorleston motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched, in a light east-north-east wind with a moderate sea. Before she reached the east side she found the tug *Empire Clara* aground on the west side of the sands, put a man aboard, and signalled for a tug. When the tug, the *Richard Lee Barber*, approached, she also grounded, but got clear, and the life-boat passed a rope from her to the *Empire Clara*. It parted, but was reconnected. The *Richard Lee Barber* started to tow at 4.45, but without success. Fresh efforts were made ; the life-boat sounded for deep water and gave advice ; and at 2.25 in the afternoon the *Richard Lee Barber* pulled the *Empire Clara* off and made for Great Yarmouth with her. The life-boat arrived back at her station again at 3.30. - Property salvage case.

FEBRUARY 26TH - 27TH. - CAISTER, AND GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON,

NORFOLK. About 2.45 in the morning the coastguard telephoned to Caister that the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston life-boat had just launched to a vessel on the east side of Scroby Sands, and that there was another vessel aground on the west side. The Caister motor life-boat *Jose' Neville* was launched at 3.20 in an east-north-east wind, with a choppy sea. She found the Gorleston life-boat standing by the *Empire Clara*, which was aground on the west side of the Sands. She then went to search for the other vessel on the east side, but the vessel was not showing any lights and it was not until 7.15 that the life-boat found her in a very difficult position on the east side of the sand, one mile east of Scroby Elbow Buoy. She was the Dutch motor vessel *Caribia*, of Delfzyl, with nine people on board, including the skipper's wife and her two babies. They were only seven and nineteen months old. Although herself bumping heavily on the sands the life-boat succeeded in reaching the *Caribia*, bow on, and rescued the skipper's wife, the two children and the crew of five. The skipper declined to leave, and the life-boat took the rescued people to Great Yarmouth. She then returned to the *Caribia* to find her high and dry, and made for her station again, arriving at 11.45 that morning.

At 12.26 in the afternoon of the next day, the 27th, the coastguard telephoned to Gorleston that a doctor was needed by the *Caribia*, and the life-boat put out at 1.12 with a doctor. She found that some of the *Caribia's* crew had already returned to her and that the skipper had broken his collar bone in his efforts to refloat his ship. His men took him in a small boat to the life-boat where he was examined by the doctor, and the life-boat brought him to Yarmouth, arriving at 2.20. - Rewards : Caister, £36 7s. ; Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, £6 11s.

FEBRUARY 27TH. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. At 3.45 in the afternoon information was received that the principal keeper at the Tuskar Rock Lighthouse had asked by wireless for the life-boat to bring ashore a sick keeper. The motor life-boat *Agnes Cross*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 3.55 in a light north-easterly wind, with a choppy sea. She brought the sick man ashore and returned to her station at 5.45. - Rewards, £5 3s. 6d. Partly permanent paid crew. Expenses paid by the Irish Lights Commissioners.

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

FEBRUARY 1ST. - WICKLOW. Flares had been seen, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £16 16s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - THE MUMBLES, GLAMORGANSHIRE. Signals from a dinghy had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £16 1s.

FEBRUARY 3RD. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. A small boat had been

reported drifting, but she returned without help, although she had lost her rudder and had to be steered by an oar. Flashes had also been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £10 17s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 6TH. - PADSTOW, CORNWALL. An aeroplane's crew had been reported seen on a float, but they proved to be twelve men in a ship's boat who were landed by a motor boat from Port Isaac. - Rewards, £8 10s. (See Port Isaac, "Services by Shore-boats," page 72.)

FEBRUARY 6TH. - DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN. A fire had been seen on Copeland Island, but it was found to have been lit by rabbit trappers to burn rubbish. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 7TH. - BARROW, LANCA-SHIRE. A schooner had been reported drifting with all her sails gone, but she was found to be using her auxiliary engine with her masts bare. - Rewards, £9 18s.

FEBRUARY 11TH. - THURSO, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. A steamer's engine had failed but she was able to go on slowly, and needed not a life-boat, but tugs. - Rewards, £24 16s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 11TH. - LONGHOPE, ORKNEYS. A vessel had been reported on fire, but the fire was on shore on Eday Island. - Rewards, £14 11s.

FEBRUARY 15TH. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. A steamer had been reported to have struck a bank, or a reef, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £37 14s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 18TH. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. Flares had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 18TH AND 19TH. - ST. ABBS, AND EYEMOUTH, BERWICKSHIRE. A vessel on fire had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards : St. Abbs, £21 2s. 6d. ; Eyemouth, £26 5s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 20TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. A fishing boat had shown flares when her engine broke down, but she was able to restart it and went on her way. - Rewards, £56 9s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - ANSTRUTHER, FIFESHIRE. A fishing boat had been reported drifting, but she was found to be lifting crab pots and not to need help. - Rewards, £10 15s.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - TORBAY, DEVON. A whaler from a naval corvette had been reported missing. She was found waterlogged, but there was no trace of her crew of four. - Rewards, £10 11s. 6d.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - NORTH SUNDERLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND. A Beadnell fishing boat had been reported out in

very bad weather, but she reached harbour without help. - Rewards, £16 13s.

FEBRUARY 23RD. - TORBAY, DEVON. A motor boat had been reported in difficulties off Dartmouth, but she was towed in by a tug. - Rewards, £6 6s.

FEBRUARY 26TH. - SENNEN COVE, CORNWALL. A steamer which was making water had called for help, but she was able to get the leak under control without help. - Rewards, £12.

FEBRUARY 28TH. - CLACTON-ON-SEA, ESSEX. Red flares had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £15 15s.

## MARCH

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MARCH 2ND. - WALMER, KENT. At 4.35 in the morning the Deal coastguard reported a vessel in distress off South Goodwin Light-vessel. A northerly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. At five o'clock, the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched. She spoke the light-vessel at six o'clock, but she had no news to give. A snow blizzard had now reduced visibility to about two hundred yards. The life-boat met the Dover harbour tug. She too had failed to find the vessel, so the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 7.40. At 8.15 the duty staff officer at Dover suggested a further search and the life-boat was launched again. Eventually she found the S.S. *Ria de Cormes*, of Cadiz, stranded on the Goodwin Sands near the South Goodwin Buoy. She had lost one anchor, and the remains of her life-boats were hanging in the falls, where they had been smashed in an attempt to abandon ship. The steamer had a considerable list and her crew were on deck ready to be taken off. The Dover harbour tug had also arrived. She put a tow rope aboard. By this time the *Ria de Cormes* was floating to her other anchor, but without steam, so the anchor was slipped and the tug towed her clear of the sands. The master of the tug now asked that three life-boatmen be put on board the *Ria de Cormes* to attend to the steering, which had jammed. This was done, but the life-boat damaged her forward end box. As the *Ria de Cormes* had been holed, was making water, and in danger of foundering, the life-boat stood by while she was towed into Dover harbour, and then returned to her station, arriving at 2.45 that afternoon. - Rewards : first service £20 5s. ; second service £14 11s.

MARCH 2ND. - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. When the small fishing boats *Alex* and *Gratitude* were seen making for home, a fresh east-north-east wind was blowing and heavy seas were breaking across the harbour entrance, so the motor life-boat *Herbert Joy II* was launched at 12.25 in the afternoon. She met the boats about two miles north-east of Castle Hill, handed belts to the crew of the *Gratitude*, as she was an open boat, and

escorted both boats into harbour. She reached her station again at 2.30. - Rewards, £22 2s.

MARCH 2ND. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. At 1.45 in the afternoon the coastguard reported information received from Lancing that a small boat had been seen about three miles to the south-south-west. The motor life-boat *Rosa Woodd* and *Phyllis Lunn* was launched at 2.20 in a moderate north-westerly wind, with a moderate, but increasing, sea. She found an eight-foot flat-bottomed punt, without oars, and three boys lying in the bottom, five miles south-south-west of Lancing. She took the boys on board, made them as comfortable as possible and, with their boat in tow, arrived back at 3.20. The boys were sent home by ambulance. - Rewards, £9 8s.

MARCH 4TH. - ANSTRUTHER, FIFE-SHIRE. At four in the morning the Elie coastguard reported that a trawler was aground near Boarhills, and the motor life-boat *Nellie* and *Charlie* was launched at 4.45. A strong easterly wind was blowing, with a heavy sea and snow. The life-boat found the Granton trawler *Marjory M. Hastie*, but the coastguard life-saving apparatus from St. Andrews had already got a breeches buoy aboard and a tug was on the way out, so the life-boat returned, arriving at 9.15. Two hours later the St. Andrews coastguard telephoned that the naval authorities at Rosyth had received a message from the Admiralty tug which had gone to the trawler asking that a life-boat be sent. At 11.30 the life-boat put out again, and reached the trawler at 1.20 to find that in the early morning three of the crew had been taken off by the coastguard life-saving apparatus and the remainder had walked ashore when the tide ebbed, but that all had gone back when the tug arrived. The trawler was now bumping heavily. A hawser from the tug had been secured and she was refloated, but her propeller was damaged and she was leaking. The seas were heavy, so the life-boat went with her as the tug started to tow her to Leith. On the way a salvage vessel arrived and went alongside, and when off Crail, the tug was able to increase her speed, so the life-boat left and returned to Anstruther, where she arrived at five o'clock that afternoon. The life-boat was in the charge, on both services, of a pre-war coxswain who had volunteered to act as coxswain, and on the second service another ex-coxswain also volunteered to make up the crew as the mechanic was now sick and unable to go out again. - Rewards : first service £29 4s. 6d. ; second service £6 13s.

MARCH 5TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. The Dutch motor vessel *Caribia*, which had gone ashore on the Scroby Sands, and to the help of which both the Caister and Gorleston life-boats had been launched on the 26th and 27th of February, was reported by the coastguard at 10.20 in the morning to be flying a distress signal, and the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 11.5. The north-north-east wind

was moderate, but the seas were rough, and it was snowing. As the life-boat approached she saw three men from the *Caribia* walking on the sands towards her. She anchored, fired her line-throwing gun and with a life-buoy pulled the three men through the water one by one. She was hitting the bottom as she did it, but got clear. She gave the men dry clothes and hot cocoa and landed them at Yarmouth, arriving back at her station at seven in the evening. - Rewards, £7 16s.

MARCH 5TH. - ST. HELIER, JERSEY. The local fishing boat *William* and *Mary*, which had gone to fish off Les Minquiers, was six hours overdue, and at eleven at night the motor life-boat *Howard D* was launched to search for her. A light north-easterly wind was blowing and the sea was slight. The *William* and *Mary*, which had a crew of eight, had started to return with the other boats, but her engine had broken down, and, as her canvas was not sufficient to give her headway against the strong spring tides, she was in danger of being carried on to the outlying rocks to the east of the island. Her crew burnt flares of rags soaked in petrol, and at 1.45 next morning the life-boat found her, two miles south of Diamond Buoy, in St. Aubins Bay. She towed her to St. Helier, arriving at 2.30 that morning. - Rewards, £21 19s. 6d.

MARCH 7TH. - CROMER, NORFOLK. About 4.30 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that Humber Radio had picked up a message from the S.S. *Corcrest*, of London. She was aground on the Haisborough Sands and asking for immediate help. The motor life-boat *Henry Blogg* was launched at 5.5 in the morning in a strong easterly breeze, with a heavy sea running. She had nineteen miles to go. At seven o'clock she received a wireless message that the steamer was breaking up, and when, at 7.45, she reached the *Corcrest*, she found the crew of twenty-two on deck, with their life-belts on and rope ladders rigged ready for use. The life-boat was secured alongside, and the steamer's crew started to leave, coming part way down a ladder and then jumping into the life-boat. It was a difficult and dangerous rescue, for the life-boat was thrown repeatedly against the steamer's side and once she was lifted by the seas to the level of the steamer's bulwarks. One man of the steamer fell into the sea, but he was rescued at once. The rescue took half an hour. The life-boat was a new one, the first to be built with the wheel amidships. She had been sent to Cromer for this to be tested. The coxswain reported after this service that he could control the situation much more easily from this position than he had ever been able to do from the old position at the stern in other life-boats. The life-boat made for Yarmouth, where she landed the rescued men and went to moorings at Gorleston about 10.45 that morning. At eleven o'clock information was received that the *Corcrest* had knocked over the sands and was afloat, and the life-boat put out again followed by a tug. She found the steamer

within a mile of the Scroby Sands, went alongside her at 11.55, and put four men on board. When the tug came up the life-boat passed a hawser from her to the steamer and the tug towed the steamer to Yarmouth Roads where she anchored her at 6.30 that evening. The life-boat was left at Gorleston for the night. On the following day her crew went back to Gorleston, helped in getting the *Corcrest* into Yarmouth harbour and then brought the life-boat home, arriving at six in the evening. - Rewards £26 13s. 6d., and property salvage case.

MARCH 10TH. - 11TH. - HELVICK HEAD, CO. WATERFORD. Late on the night of the 9th of March the Belgian motor trawler *St. Jan Berchmans*, of Ostend, with a crew of seven, was fishing about five miles from Mine Head in a strong south-easterly breeze, with a rough sea. When she was hauling her trawl aboard a mine exploded. She was badly damaged, and leaking rapidly in the engine-room. She sent up distress rockets and then attempted to reach Dungarvan, but ran aground on the bar in the harbour. In the meantime the distress signals had been reported and the Helvick Head motor life-boat *Elsie* was launched about midnight. Four men also put out in a fishing boat. They arrived just before the life-boat and went on board the trawler to help her crew. The life-boat brought ashore the master and the mate at Dungarvan at two o'clock next morning. Here they were met by the honorary secretary of the Helvick Head life-boat station, Mr. Patrick J. Morrissey. He tried to get the help of a tug or salvage vessel, and when he could not, he got permission to use a fire brigade trailer pump. This, with two firemen, was taken to Dungarvan Quay. It was hoisted aboard the life-boat, and she left at seven o'clock, taking with her the master, the mate, Mr. Morrissey and the firemen. They put the pump on board the trawler and the firemen got to work, while the life-boat ran out an anchor hoping to refloat the trawler at high water, but after several hours of work she was still a hundred yards away from the channel. The life-boat then took on board the fire pump, which by this time was choked with grit, and an injured member of the trawler's crew. She reached Dungarvan again at one o'clock in the afternoon and returned to Helvick at 3.30. At seven in the evening she went out again to the *St. Jan Berchmans* for the third time, stood by her, and at high water got her a little nearer to the channel. She returned ashore at two in the morning of the 11th, and set out on her fourth trip to the trawler at 9.30. This time she succeeded in hauling her into the channel and took her to Dungarvan Quay, where a fire engine was engaged to pump the water out of her. After the life-boat's crew had had a meal they took the life-boat back to Helvick, arriving at five that evening, forty hours after she was first called out. - Property salvage case.

MARCH 13TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. About 9.20 in the morning the coastguard reported that a small Danish fishing boat was

hove to near Whitby Rock Buoy, and the No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched at 9.35. A fresh easterly breeze was blowing and heavy seas were running. The life-boat found the motor fishing boat *Ole Knude*, with a crew of four. The skipper said he would have liked to make Hartlepool, but wind and sea were too heavy and he wanted to come into Whitby. He asked for a life-boatman to be put on board as a pilot. As this could not be done without risk of damage to the boats, the life-boat lead the way and the *Ole Knude* followed her into harbour, arriving at 10.30. - Rewards, £7 11s.

MARCH 15TH. - NORTH SUNDERLAND. NORTHUMBERLAND. At 9.30 in the morning, the motor life-boat W.R.A. was launched in a strong east-south-easterly wind, with a moderate sea, to go to the Inner Farne Lighthouse where three Trinity House workmen were storm-bound. She took off the men and landed them at 10.45. - Rewards, £13 4s. Repaid to the Institution by the Trinity House.

MARCH 15TH. - MONTROSE, ANGUS. During the morning the S.S. *Tordensk Jold*, of Bergen, was seen to be in difficulties, and to anchor in a dangerous position, two miles north of Scurdyness. At noon the No. 1 motor life-boat *The Good Hope* was launched in a fresh east-south-east breeze, with a ground swell, and found that the steamer was bound from Teignmouth to Norway, and that her engine had broken down. The life-boat brought her master ashore, took out mechanics to repair the engine, made, in the course of the day, several trips between the ship and the shore and stood by all night. Next morning the *Tordensk Jold* came into Montrose under her own steam, and the life-boat returned to her station at 1.45 that afternoon. A donation was made to the Institution, out of which it made a gift to the life-boat crew and helpers in addition to their rewards. - Rewards, £31 14s. 6d.

## BRONZE MEDAL SERVICE AT CAMPBELTOWN

MARCH 16TH - 17TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE, GIRVAN, AYRSHIRE, AND PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. Soon after eleven o'clock on the night of the 16th the Southend coastguard reported to the Campbeltown life-boat station that a ship was ashore on Sanda Island. A south-south-east gale was blowing, with a rough sea, and visibility was poor, with patches of mist. At 11.40 the motor life-boat *Duke of Connaught*, on temporary duty at the station, put to sea. At 1.40 next morning the Southend coastguard signalled to her that the ship was on

the south side of Sanda, and at 2.45 the life-boat found her immediately below Sanda Lighthouse. She was the American steamer *Byron Darnton*, of Baltimore, bound in ballast from Copenhagen to Gourock with fifty-four passengers and crew on board. All efforts to attract attention, both by light and sound signals, failed, and as the steamer appeared to have been abandoned the coxswain took his boat to the north side of the island and anchored in Sanda Roads. It was then 4.10 in the morning. At day-break the life-boat set out in heavy seas for the wreck, but the cap on the rudder poke carried away and she returned to the anchorage to repair it. In the meantime she learned from the inhabitants that the people were still on the *Byron Darnton*, and landed life-boatmen who crossed the island to help in preparing the life-saving apparatus. The master of the steamer, however, wanted the life-boat, so the five men returned to her, and, with two islanders to act as pilots, she again left at 10.30 though she had difficulties in starting the engine. The coxswain found that the seas had moderated and, although the local men did not favour such a course, he closed the wreck from astern, coming up on her port side where a ship's boat was swung out. This boat was lowered and the life-boat secured alongside. Nine women passengers were first put in the ship's boat and from it taken into the life-boat. Then the other passengers and the crew slid down the falls and ladder into the ship's boat and were taken aboard the life-boat until all fifty-four had been rescued. The rescue took twenty-five minutes, and once the life-boat swung out of position and pounded heavily in the shallow water. The coxswain was unable to go ahead owing to the rocks so he left the wreck stern first. He then made for Campbeltown. It was now 12.55 in the afternoon. On the way the engine again failed, and, for a time, the life-boat was under sail, but the engine was restarted again and the life-boat reached Campbeltown at 4.30 that afternoon. The service had lasted seventeen hours. The coxswain had shown fine judgment and initiative,

and the assistant motor-mechanic had given skilful service with the engine.

The Institution made the following awards :

To COXSAIN DUNCAN NEWLANDS, a clasp to the bronze medal for gallantry, which he already held, with a copy of the vote inscribed on vellum ;

To DUNCAN BLACK, assistant motor-mechanic, for his skill and initiative in restarting the engine, the thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum ;

To the coxswain and each member of the crew a special reward of £1 in addition to the ordinary reward of £2 16s. 6d. on the standard scale ;

To the two local volunteers, £1 each ;

Standard rewards to crew and helpers, £27 19s. ; additional rewards to the crew and two volunteers, £11 ; total rewards, £38 19s.

The stranding of the *Byron Darnton* was also reported to the Girvan and Portpatrick life-boat stations and both life-boats launched, but their services were not needed. - Rewards : Girvan, £20 13s. 6d. ; Portpatrick, £43 15s.

Total rewards for the three life-boats £103 7s. 6d.

MARCH 18TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 8.35 at night the coastguard telephoned that Niton Radio had picked up a message from a steamer that a vessel off Egypt Point was asking for help. The motor life-boat *S.G.E.* was launched at nine o'clock in a fresh south-south-westerly wind, with a choppy sea, and about 10.20 found the R.A.S.C. petrol barge *M.O.B.4*, with a crew of seven. She was then half-a-mile north-west of Ryde West Middle Buoy. Her engine had broken down, she had anchored and the anchor was dragging. The life-boat took her in tow and brought her into Yarmouth Roads at 3.30 next morning. While putting the disabled barge alongside a lighter anchored in the roads the life-boat was damaged. - Rewards, £11 7s. 6d.

MARCH 10TH. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. During the morning three men from the Dutch motor vessel *Wilja*, which was wind-bound in St. Ives Bay, left her in the ship's boat to come into St. Ives, but were carried out to sea by the ebb tide and off-shore wind. The wind was moderate from the south-south-west, and the sea was rough. Finding themselves in difficulties, and in danger of drifting on to the Stones Rocks off Godrevy, the men waved for help, and at 11.35 the motor life-boat *Caroline Oates Aver* and *William Maine* was launched. She overtook the ship's boat when she was one-and-a-half miles east-north-east of St. Ives Head and towed her back to

the *Wilja*. She arrived back at 12.20 that afternoon. - Rewards, £10 4s.

MARCH 25TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 8.15 at night the Deal coastguard telephoned that a vessel was aground on the mainland near the South Foreland. A moderate south-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth, but there was thick fog. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 8.30 and, after a search, found the American steamer *John P. Doe*, of Baltimore, under the cliffs between Dover and St. Margaret's Bay. She was a ship of over 7,000 tons, bound in ballast from Bremerhaven to New York. She had 38 on board. Life-boatmen boarded her and the life-boat ran out a kedge anchor with the help of two motor boats from Dover. At 1.40 next morning the steamer refloated, without the help of tugs, and the life-boat escorted her to a safe anchorage off Dover harbour. She took her men on board again, left the steamer at 2.40 and reached her station at 3.30. - Property salvage case.

MARCH 26TH. - THE MUMBLES, GLAMORGANSHIRE. At 2.45 in the morning the coastguard reported that the American steamer *George Vickers*, of Baltimore, was asking for a boat to land two of her crew, who were seriously ill. As no other boat could be got the motor life-boat *Edward Prince of Wales* was launched at 3.15 in a smooth sea, and found the steamer two miles south of Mumbles Head. She landed the two sick men at five o'clock and they were sent by ambulance to hospital. The owners of the steamer made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £16 1s.

MARCH 26TH. - TOBERMORY, AND BARRA ISLAND, HEBRIDES. At 6.30 in the morning the Kyle coastguard telephoned that a ship was in difficulties and making water six miles south-south-east of Ardnamurchan Light. The Tobermory motor life-boat *Sir Arthur Rose* was launched at 7.40. A north-westerly wind was blowing, with a heavy ground swell. She found the S.S. *Lancashire Coast*, of Liverpool, three miles west-north-west of Ardnamurchan Point at 9.50. The steamer had struck a reef, and was at anchor, well down by the stern, with her stokehold and engine-room flooded. The life-boat stood by. The steamer *Cushaig* and the Northern Lights steamer *Pole Star* arrived. The *Cushaig* put a tow rope aboard the *Lancashire Coast*, but as she took the strain it snapped. She replaced it with two wire ropes and began to tow the *Lancashire Coast* to Tobermory. The life-boat accompanied them for a time and then went on alone to get a fire pump which she brought back and put on board the *Lancashire Coast* at 3.30 in the afternoon. This kept her afloat. She reached Tobermory Bay at four o'clock. There a tug and a salvage steamer arrived and took over the pumping. The life-boat reached her station again at five o'clock.

The Barra Island life-boat had also been called out and was launched at 6.45 in the morning, but she was recalled when it was

known that the Tobermory life-boat was well on her way. - Rewards, Tobermory, £6 ; Barra Island, £10 7s. 6d.

MARCH 27TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. About 6.15 in the evening the coastguard reported that a motor yacht had stopped and that a blanket was being waved from her. The motor life-boat *Rosa Woodd and Phyllis Lunn* was launched at 6.30 in a light breeze and a calm sea, and found the motor yacht *Penguin*, of Dartmouth, one mile south of the harbour. Her engine had broken down, while she was on passage from Lymington to London, but her crew had now started it again, and the life-boat escorted her towards Shoreham. Just inside the harbour entrance the engine failed again, and the life-boat towed her in. She reached her station again at 7.15. - Rewards, £18 2s. 6d.

MARCH 27TH - 29TH. - TENBY, AND ANGLE, PEMBROKESHIRE. In the early morning of the 27th the Greek steamer *Nicolaou Virginia*, bound from Bahia Blanca to Glasgow with a cargo of grain, ran ashore on the rocks at Flimston Head and was badly damaged. The sea was calm, but there was a thick fog. The steamer sent out an SOS call for immediate help. It was picked up by Land's End Radio and passed by the coastguard to Tenby at 3.35. The Tenby motor life-boat *John R. Webb* was launched at four o'clock, found the steamer, and stood by. A tug and a salvage steamer had also answered the call for help. At the request of the master the life-boat stood by all day until the evening when she left and went to Broadhaven Bay. She had with her three men of the steamer, whom she had picked up in a small boat, and she had the boat in tow. She landed them. The life-boat then returned to the steamer and stood by her all through the night. Next morning, the 28th, about eight o'clock, it was decided to call out the Angle life-boat to relieve her, and at nine o'clock the Angle motor life-boat *Elizabeth Elson* was launched. On her arrival the Tenby life-boat left, bringing three more men of the steamer with her, and reached her station at 2.30 that afternoon. She had then been away for over thirty-four hours. The Angle life-boat stood by all day and at nine that night took twenty-six men from the steamer to the salvage steamer, which was also standing by, leaving only four aboard. She continued to stand by, and at 2.30 in the morning of the 29th she was signalled to rescue the remaining four men. This she did and put them on board the salvage steamer. She then made for her station, which she reached at seven that morning. She had then been out for twenty-two hours. Later in the day salvage operations were abandoned and the steamer became a total wreck. - Rewards : Tenby, £48 17s. ; Angle, £25 3s. 6d.

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

MARCH 6TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT. The Polish steamer *Kielce* had sunk after being in



collision with the British steamer *Lombardy*, but the *Lombardy* picked up her crew before being taken in tow by tugs. - Rewards, £30 7s. 6d.

MARCH 9TH. - PADSTOW, CORNWALL. Two aeroplanes had crashed in the sea, but one airman was rescued by a Walrus amphibious aeroplane, and the life-boat found nothing. - Rewards, £2 10s.

MARCH 11TH. - CROMARTY. Signals, thought to come from a crashed aeroplane, had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

MARCH 13TH. - WICK, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. Flashing lights had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £20 1s. 6d.

MARCH 26TH. - WALMER, KENT. A Swedish steamer had been reported aground on the Goodwin Sands, but no ship aground could be found and a ship was seen steaming away. - Rewards, £14 17s.

MARCH 29TH. - COURTMACSHERRY HARBOUR, CO. CORK. The American steamer *Justin S. Morrill* had gone ashore, but got off and went on her way. - Rewards, £8 6s. 6d.

MARCH 31ST. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. A boat had capsized off Brighton, but a fishing boat picked up the crew of two as well as the boat. - Rewards, £8 3s.  
(See Brighton, "Services by Shore-boats," page 73.)

MARCH 31ST. - SUNDERLAND, DURHAM. A steamer had run aground, but she refloated, and was towed by another vessel to Sunderland where she was beached. - Rewards, £15 9s.

## APRIL

### Launches 42 Lives rescued 16

APRIL 1ST. - NEWBIGGIN, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 1.40 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that the local fishing coble *Fisher Lass* was overdue. There was a dense fog, and a heavy swell was breaking on the shore. The coble would be in danger if she attempted to land. The motor life-boat *Augustus and Laura* was launched at 2.35, and found the coble one-and-a-half miles south-south-west of Newbiggin Point, with her fuel almost exhausted. With the coble in tow the life-boat came in at 5.20. - Rewards, £12 13s.

APRIL 1ST. - AMBLE, NORTHUMBERLAND. The motor-boat *Pioneer* left at 1.30 in the afternoon for Coquet Island to exchange lighthouse keepers. There was a dense fog. The *Pioneer* had not returned at five o'clock and was then two-and-a-half hours overdue. The motor life-boat *Frederick and Emma* was launched and at 5.25 found the *Pioneer* near Coquet Island. She escorted

her to Amble, arriving at six o'clock. - Rewards, £5.

APRIL 2ND. - PORT ASKAIG. HEBRIDES. Shortly after mid-day a request was received from a county council official for the use of the Port Askaig life-boat, on Islay, to go to Colonsay and bring to Islay a mental patient, from there to be sent to a mental hospital. The doctor concerned was consulted. As he was certain that other available boats were unsuitable the motor life-boat *Charlotte Elizabeth* was launched at 1.30. The weather was fine. The life-boat made a good run to Colonsay, took the patient and his attendants on board, and left for Islay about 5.30. Very soon she ran into dense fog, and at 6.30 had to anchor. She remained at anchor until five o'clock next morning. The patient was very violent throughout the journey and from the time when the life-boat anchored had to be restrained. The life-boat arrived at her station at seven o'clock. - Rewards, £13 8s. Repaid to the Institution.

APRIL 5TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. Information was picked up by North Foreland Radio and passed through the coastguard to the life-boat station that a steamer was aground off Great Yarmouth and in need of tugs. At 7.11 in the morning the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched. A light northerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. There was fog. The life-boat found the American steamer *Samuel Parker*, of 7,000 tons, bound for Hull with a cargo of grain. She had grounded three miles from Great Yarmouth on the South East Scroby Sands. A tug had already fixed a tow rope, and the captain of the steamer asked the coxswain to come on board. He took the wheel, and the tug towed the *Samuel Parker* off about 9.15. The coxswain remained on board until the Newarp Light-vessel was sighted. He then returned to the life-boat, and she arrived at her station at noon. - Property salvage case.

APRIL 5TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 2.40 in the afternoon a message was received from Shoebury garrison that seven men, engaged on demolition work, were stranded on the boom defence a mile-and-a-half out to sea and that an amphibian craft had been smashed against the boom in trying to rescue them. A very strong north-easterly wind was blowing, with a rough sea and heavy rain. The motor life-boat *Greater London* (Civil Service No. 3) was launched at 3.10 and found the men clinging to the piles of the boom, exhausted. She had great difficulty in getting close to the boom, owing to the strong tide, but in the end she succeeded in rescuing the men, taking them aboard, one at a time, over the bows. She returned to her station at Southend pier, where she landed them at five o'clock. A letter of appreciation was received from the Ministry of Supply Experimental Station, Shoeburyness, and the civilian employees made a donation of £10. - Rewards, £4 1s. 6d.

APRIL 6TH. - BUCKIE, BANFFSHIRE. About 4.30 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a vessel was ashore at Covesea Skerries and a few minutes later reported that she was firing red lights. At five o'clock the motor life-boat *K.B.M.* was launched in a westerly wind, with a choppy sea, and, at 7.20, found the Danish fishing vessel *Bent Erik* on the rocks. She had five aboard. Her skipper came off her in a Carley float, and then, as the water was too shallow for the life-boat to get close alongside, two of the crew of four came off in a small boat. At the skipper's request the life-boat towed this boat to windward so that, with the two men on board, it could blow down to the *Bent Erik*, and they could rescue the other two men. It was lost to view. The life-boat made a long search, but could not find it. As the tide rose she was able to go near enough to the *Bent Erik* to rescue the two men still aboard by life-buoy and ropes. The two men in the small boat were picked up about thirty-five hours later by another Danish boat, five miles off Peterhead. The life-boat, which had been slightly damaged, reached her station again at two o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £8 8s. 9d. (See Lossiemouth, "Services by Shore-boats," page 73.)

APRIL 7TH. - POOLBEG, CO. DUBLIN. Three men in a rowing boat were seen at 1.5 in the afternoon to be drifting towards the north wall breakwater, and the motor life-boat *Helen Blake*, with the second-coxswain in charge, was launched at 1.25. A strong south-westerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. The life-boat found the boat, but she was empty. Her crew had been rescued by a schooner. The life-boat towed the boat to Pigeon House harbour, and reached her station again at 2.15 that afternoon. - Rewards, £4 5s.

APRIL 10TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. About 3.30 in the morning the local motor fishing boat *Provider* went out to haul crab pots. She was the only boat to leave as the weather was threatening. By nine o'clock the conditions at the harbour entrance were very dangerous, and at 9.25 the No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched, to await in the harbour the return of the *Provider*. A north wind was blowing, and the sea was very heavy. At 12.15 she saw the *Provider* approaching from the north. She put to sea and met her off the Bell Buoy and returned ahead of her. At the inner harbour bar she turned round in readiness for any emergency. As the *Provider* came to the outer bar she was buried by a very heavy sea, but recovered herself and came safely in. The life-boat reached her station again at 1.10 that afternoon. - Rewards, £5 13s. 6d.

APRIL 12TH. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. At 8.45 in the morning a fishing boat at anchor in the South Shear was seen to be flying a distress signal, and at 9.30 the motor life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* was launched. A north-westerly breeze was blowing, the sea calm. She found the Arklow fishing boat *Pride of Kilmichael* with

her propeller shaft broken, and towed her into Rosslare harbour at 10.30. - Rewards, £1 16s. Partly permanent paid crew.

APRIL 13TH. - BERWICK - ON - TWEED, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 3.23 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a fishing vessel, under sail, was a quarter of a mile east of Berwick pier. She was trying to enter the harbour, but was unable to do it. The motor life-boat *J. and W.* was launched at 3.40. A light westerly wind was blowing, the sea smooth. The life-boat found the auxiliary drifter *Industry*, in ballast, on her way from Dundee to Newhaven, took her in tow and brought her to a safe berth at 4.30. - Rewards, £9 17s.

APRIL 15TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. During the evening a young man, a visitor to Brixham, fell from the cliffs between Lands-cove Camp and Berry Head and was severely injured. His cries for help were heard by another young man, walking along the coast path. He went for help, and news of the accident came through the police and the coastguard to the life-boat station. The life-boat mechanic was ill and the bowman absent, and with a crew of only four the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at 8.42, with her boarding boat in tow. By the light of her searchlight she found the man collapsed on the rocks. Two life-boatmen rowed the boarding boat to the rocks and with much difficulty, lifted the man into her and brought him out to the life-boat. She landed him at 9.36. He sent a letter of thanks. - Rewards, £5 18s.

APRIL 17TH. - BARRA ISLAND, HEBRIDES. The motor fishing vessel *Press Home*, of Castlebay, was reported to be four hours overdue, and at 11.45 the motor life-boat *Lloyd's* was launched in a moderate northerly wind, with a slight sea. She found the *Press Home* four miles south-east of Muldonaich Island, with her engine broken down, towed her to Castlebay and arrived back at her station at 1.15 next morning. - Rewards, £9 13s.

APRIL 20TH. - DUNBAR, EAST LOTHIAN. At ten o'clock at night the coastguard telephoned that the customs officer at Cokenzie had reported a ship sending up flares in Aberlady Bay. The motor life-boat *George and Sarah Strachan* was launched at 10.19. A moderate westerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. After a prolonged search the life-boat found the motor launch *Minnetonka*, with a crew of two. Her engine had broken down. She towed her into Port Seton harbour, and returned to her moorings at Dunbar at 5.15 next morning. - Rewards, £8 15s.

APRIL 21ST. - POOLE AND BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET. During the afternoon the motor boat *Skylark*, of Poole, foundered in Bournemouth Bay when on a pleasure cruise with about seventy people on board. The weather was fine, the sea smooth. The information reached the life-boat station

through the police and the coastguard about 2.55, and the motor life-boat *Thomas Kirk Wright* was launched at 3.10. She found the work of rescue had almost been completed by other boats, but picked up a man on a raft and put him on board one of the other boats. She returned to her station at five o'clock. Only one life was lost, a member of the crew of the *Skylark* who jumped overboard, collapsed and was drowned. - Rewards, £3 10s. 6d. (See Bournemouth, "Services by Shore-boats," page 75.)

APRIL 21ST. - PORT ST. MARY, ISLE OF MAN. At 4.50 in the afternoon the life-boat motor-mechanic saw a small motor boat about three miles south-south-east of the harbour with a large piece of cloth fixed to a pole. At 5.15 the motor life-boat *Sir Heath Harrison* was launched. A strong northerly wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The life-boat overtook the boat, which was being blown out to sea. Two men were on board. They were on a pleasure trip. Their engine had broken down and the boat had made a lot of water. The life-boat took the two men on board and, with their boat in tow, returned to Port St. Mary harbour, arriving at 6.10. - Rewards, £9 14s. 6d.

APRIL 22ND. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. At 3.45 in the afternoon the coastguard reported two small boats drifting three miles south-west of the South Stack. The motor life-boat *A.E.D.* was launched at 4.10 in a light south-westerly wind, with a smooth sea. She found both boats empty and towed them to Holyhead, arriving at 7.20 that evening. - Rewards, £4 15s.

APRIL 26TH. - AITH, SHETLANDS. At 3.30 in the afternoon a doctor telephoned that on the previous afternoon a man on Papa Stour had fallen down the cliffs and fractured a thigh. It was urgent that the man should be brought to Lerwick Hospital, but a north-north-east gale was blowing, with snow showers, and the sea was heavy. No ordinary boat could attempt the passage. It was agreed that the motor life-boat, *The Rankin*, should be used, and, with the doctor on board, she set out at five o'clock for Papa Stour. She got back to Aith, with the injured man, at nine o'clock, and the man was sent to the hospital. - Rewards, £7 3s. 9d. Repaid to the Institution.

APRIL 28TH. - BRIDLINGTON AND FLAMBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. On the night of the 27th the Dutch motor vessel *Thea*, of Groningen, bound with a cargo of china clay from Grangemouth to Antwerp, foundered in Bridlington Bay. She had eight on board. Six of them launched the ship's boat, but as the *Thea* turned turtle her mast struck the boat and all six were thrown into the sea. One of them was the skipper's wife. They all succeeded in getting into the boat again and made land at Barmston. There they said that the other two men were adrift on a raft. The coastguard telephoned the information to the Bridlington life-boat

station at 1.40 in the morning of the 28th, and at two o'clock the Bridlington motor life-boat *Stanhope Smart* was launched. A strong north-easterly wind was blowing, with a rather heavy sea. An hour later the Flamborough motor life-boat *Elizabeth and Albina Whitley* joined in the search. The boats searched a wide area, but found no trace of the men. The Bridlington life-boat picked up and brought in an empty ship's boat. She returned to her station at 7.45. The Flamborough life-boat reached her station at 7.50. Rewards : Bridlington, £17 4s. 3d. ; Flamborough, £29 2s. 9d.

APRIL 27TH - 29TH. - BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE ; ABERYSTWYTH, CARDIGANSHIRE ; PWLLHELLI, CAERNARVONSHIRE ; AND FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE. While the motor fishing vessel *Provider* was on passage in ballast from Caernarvon to Barmouth on the 26th of April, her engine broke down. When she was long overdue the coastguard reported her as missing to the Barmouth life-boat station at 1.31 in the afternoon of the 27th, and the motor life-boat *Lawrence Ardern, Stockport* was launched at 1.50. Aeroplanes also went out. A strong north-easterly wind was blowing and the sea was rough. The life-boat made a long search in the St. Patrick's Causeway area, but could find nothing and arrived back at 9.10 that evening. At Aberystwyth the life-boat crew had assembled on the evening of the 27th, but knowing that the Barmouth life-boat and aeroplanes were out, she did not launch, as she had no information of the position of the *Provider*. The station kept in touch with the coastguard and the R.A.F., and at 3.15 in the afternoon of the 28th it learned that an aeroplane had seen the missing boat some fifteen to twenty miles south-west of Bardsey Island. At 3.40 the motor life-boat *Frederick Angus* was launched. She searched, but found nothing, and returned to her station at 2.40 next morning to refuel. She was about to put out again when news came that the boat had been found. The coastguard had also notified Pwllheli on the afternoon of the 28th and the motor life-boat *John and Mary Meiklam of Gladswood* was launched at 4.25. She too failed to find the *Provider* and arrived back at 11.30 that night. While the Aberystwyth and Pwllheli boats were out the coastguard suggested that the Fishguard life-boat, which was fitted with wireless, should join in the search, and at 10.17 that night, the 28th, the motor life-boat *White Star* was launched. A fresh easterly wind was then blowing, with a choppy sea. At 3.40 next morning, when about thirty-five miles north-north-east of Fishguard, she saw the light of an electric torch. It was from the *Provider*. She had been drifting helplessly for three days. The life-boat towed her into Fishguard, arriving at 10.30 in the morning of the 29th. The rescued men expressed their thanks and made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards : Barmouth, £19 17s. 6d. ; Aberystwyth, £35 7s. 6d. ; Pwllheli, £13 16s. ; Fishguard, £13 19s.

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

APRIL 4TH. - FISHGUARD, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. A drifting raft had been seen, but it had no one on board. - Rewards, £6 3s.

APRIL 4TH. - BALTIMORE, CO. CORK. A fishing boat was missing, but she was towed in by another fishing boat. - Rewards, £17 14s.

APRIL 5TH. - THE HUMBER, YORK-SHIRE. An aeroplane was reported to have made a forced landing on the sea, but nothing could be found. - Paid permanent crew.

APRIL 6TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. A small boat with three boys in it had been reported in difficulties, but it reached land safely. - Rewards, £5 10s.

APRIL 6TH. - STORNOWAY, HEBRIDES. A fishing boat had been drifting, and another had sunk, but both crews got ashore. - Rewards, £13 16s.

APRIL 7TH. - LERWICK, SHETLANDS. The Norwegian Shark fishing boat *Lestholm* had got into difficulties, but was taken in tow by another Norwegian boat. - Rewards, £14 1s.

APRIL 7TH. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. Two men in a dinghy were missing, but nothing could be found. A donation was made to the Institution by Wrekin College and a gift from it was made by the Institution to the life-boat crew in addition to the rewards. - Rewards, £5 14s.

APRIL 9TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. A fishing boat had been reported with a lot of smoke coming from her, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £18 9s. 9d.

APRIL 10TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. Red flares had been seen, but were found to be from naval vessels at exercise. - Rewards, £11.

APRIL 10TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. A Seafire aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only wreckage was found. - Rewards, £5 1s.

APRIL 15TH. - PORTPATRICK, WIGTOWNSHIRE. A vessel laden with ammunition had a fire on board, but it was got under control and the life-boat was recalled. - Rewards, £3 2s. 6d.

APRIL 16TH. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. A small sailing boat had been reported missing, but the people on board had beached her and come ashore. - Rewards, £8 15s.

APRIL 17TH. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX, AND WALMER, KENT. The French trawler *Bar* had gone ashore near Beachy Head, but she refloated without help, and the Newhaven

life-boat returned to her station. The trawler had been reported to Walmer as ashore near the South Foreland, and the Walmer life-boat put out, but was recalled when the correct position became known. - Rewards : Newhaven, £12 8s. 6d ; Walmer, £22 1s.

APRIL 19TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. An angler had fallen into the sea, but only his cap could be found. - Rewards, £4 4s.

APRIL 20TH. - CLOVELLY, DEVON. Red flares had been reported, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £25 6s. 6d.

APRIL 20TH. - GIRVAN, AYRSHIRE. A fishing boat had been seen flying a distress signal, but only a barrel was found. The boat had sunk suddenly, with her crew of three. - Rewards, £4 7s. 6d.

APRIL 27TH. - THE HUMBER, YORK-SHIRE. A small sailing yacht had gone ashore south-east of Donna Nook, but her crew got ashore. - Paid permanent crew.

APRIL 27TH. - CROMARTY. Two boys had gone adrift on a small raft, but were rescued by two men in a rowing boat. - Rewards, £3 2s. 6d. (See Fortrose, "Services by Shore-boats," page 73.)

## MAY

### Launches 41 Lives rescued 27

MAY 1ST. - NEWCASTLE, CLOUGHEY, AND DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN. In the darkness of the early morning the American steamer *Georgetown Victory*, of Baltimore, ran ashore at Killard Point, Co. Down, while bound from Australia to Glasgow, with about 1,500 British sailors, soldiers and airmen on board. The weather was fine but misty. A moderate breeze was blowing and the sea was moderate. The information was given by the coastguards to the three life-boat stations.

The Newcastle motor life-boat *L. P. and St. Helen* was launched at 2.14, and reached the steamer fifteen miles away at 4.20. She found that the ship's boats had been lowered and were lying by the ship. About daybreak the *Georgetown Victory* split in two just forward of the bridge, and the men began rapidly to abandon ship. The life-boat, loaded to capacity, made four trips to Ardglass, landing in all one hundred and thirty-two men. Naval vessels and fishing boats arrived and helped in the work of taking the men ashore, and the naval officer in charge said that the naval vessels would be able to take off the remaining men. Before leaving, the life-boat rescued six men who were being carried out to sea on a raft and put them aboard a naval vessel, and three of the steamer's crew who were being carried out to sea in a ship's boat. She called at Ardglass at three in the afternoon for a meal, and arrived at her station at five o'clock.

The Cloughy motor life-boat *Herbert John* was launched at 4.11 in the morning, completing her nine miles journey to the scene by 4.45. Her first trip was to Portaferry with

sick and injured. She then returned to the ship and continued to take off men until her help was no longer needed. She landed altogether 400 men in eight trips. She left about two in the afternoon and reached her station again at 2.45. Both the Newcastle and Cloughy life-boats were heavily coated with crude oil which had escaped from the steamer.

The Donaghadee motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 5* was launched at 6.55 in the morning, and after a run of twenty-three miles arrived at the *Georgetown Victory* about 9.30. She was employed for some time in landing men, including stretcher cases. In all she landed forty-two and returned to Donaghadee at 3.30 that afternoon.

An increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to each member of the crews of the Cloughy and Donaghadee life-boats. Cloughy : standard rewards to crew and helpers, £20 3s. 9d. ; additional rewards to crew £5 8s. 6d. ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £25 12s. 3d. Donaghadee : standard rewards to crew and helpers, £4 10s. ; additional rewards to crew £6 6s. ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £10 16s. Newcastle : standard rewards to crew and helpers, £45 11s. Total rewards for the three life-boats, £81 19s. 3d.

MAY 1ST. - FLAMBOROUGH, AND BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE. In the early morning the S.S. *Saintfield*, of Belfast, bound from the Tyne to Poole, with coal, ran ashore in foggy weather about two miles north of Flamborough. The call for a life-boat was received by the signal station and passed by the coastguard to Flamborough life-boat about three o'clock. At 3.35 the motor life-boat *Elizabeth and Albina Whitley* was launched, in a light northerly breeze, with a slight swell, and found the steamer within half an hour. She had just come off the rocks, but had a heavy list to starboard, was making a lot of water and was much down by the head. Only the master, mate and chief engineer were then on board. The remainder of the crew were in the ship's boat tied astern of the steamer. The master asked the life-boat to stand by until he could beach his ship. She put some of the steamer's crew back on board her, and received the ship's papers for safe keeping in case the steamer should founder. Directed by the life-boat the steamer made her way round Flamborough Head. There the coxswain went aboard and piloted her to the south of Bridlington harbour, where she was beached. The life-boat then made for her station, arriving at 10.30 that morning. The news of the *Saintfield* was also sent to Bridlington and the life-boat was launched, but she arrived to find that everything needed was being done by the Flamborough life-boat. - Rewards : Flamborough, £33 9s. ; Bridlington, £19 17s. 6d.

MAY 1ST. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 5.30 in the afternoon the Dock Board reported a small boat, with two boys on board, off C.6 Red Buoy, in the Mersey, rapidly drifting out to sea. The No. 2

motor life-boat *Edmund and Mary Robinson* left her moorings at 5.45 in a moderate easterly wind, with a choppy sea. On her way she was told by wireless that the boys had landed on the revetment opposite C.3 Red Buoy. Here the life-boat found them at 6.30 and took them on board. She reported to the Crosby Lightship, and reached her station again with the boys and their boat at eight that evening. - Rewards, £6 18s.

MAY 1ST. - ST. ABBS, BERWICKSHIRE. At eight in the evening the St. Abbs Head signal station telephoned that a boat was apparently stationary about ten miles west-north-west of St. Abbs Head. The weather was fine, but as the boat was thought to be one which was known to have difficulties with her engine, the motor life-boat *Annie Ronald and Isabella Forrest* was launched at 8.7. She found the boat, formerly a naval pinnacle, drifting out to sea with a crew of two. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her to St. Abbs, arriving at eleven that night. - Rewards, £13 5s.

MAY 2ND. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 2.40 in the morning a message was received from Southend coastguard that a vessel was burning flares and firing rockets three miles east of Southend pier. A strong easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Greater London (Civil Service No. 3)* was launched at 3.5, and found the sailing barge *Astrild* off the defence boom. She had smashed into the boom and her cargo had shifted, causing her to list. The seas were mounting, and the barge was in danger of sinking. Three life-boatmen went on board and got her clear of the boom. The life-boat then towed her to a safe anchorage and returned to her station, arriving at 1.45 in the afternoon. - Property salvage case.

MAY 3RD. - WALMER, KENT. At 1.30 in the morning a doctor was needed on board the S.S. *Empire Castle*, of Belfast. A moderate north-easterly gale was blowing and the sea was rough. It was too rough for any shore-boat to put out, and at two o'clock the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin (Civil Service No. 2)* was launched with a doctor on board. She found a seaman with appendicitis. He was lowered into the life-boat on a stretcher, and she landed him at 3.45. - Rewards, £17 11s.

MAY 3RD. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 2.35 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that the North Goodwin Lightship had reported a vessel aground on the North-East Goodwin Sands. The motor life-boat *Mary Scott*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 3.25 and found the S.S. *Pomerol*, of Le Havre, with a crew of twenty-six, on passage from Grimsby to Dieppe. She had no wireless. Two life-boatmen were put on board for signalling, and the life-boat went to the North Goodwin Lightship to signal for tugs. Later a Dover tug and a Dutch tug arrived, but were unable to approach in the shallow water and rough seas. As the tide rose the steamer refloated and, with advice and guidance from the life-boat, she was navigated

through the surrounding banks and went to the Downs. She landed the two life-boatmen at Deal, and the life-boat reached her station at 2.45 that afternoon. - Rewards, 18s. 6d. Property salvage case.

MAY 4TH. - ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. At 7.55 in the evening the coast-guard reported a small boat drifting two miles north of St. David's Head. A strong north-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 6* was launched at 8.20 and found the *Yvonne*, a cabin cruiser, of Cardiff, with a crew of two, dragging her anchor and drifting ashore. She took her in tow and arrived at Porthgain harbour at 10.5. She returned to her station at 11.30 that night. - Rewards, £9 6s.

MAY 4TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At 8.15 in the evening the coastguard reported that a boy had fallen over the cliffs near Berry Head and lay on a ledge of rock close to the water's edge. At 8.40 the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched, taking her boarding boat in tow. A moderate east-north-east breeze was blowing and the sea was breaking against the face of the cliff. The life-boat lay off and sprayed oil on the water. This reduced the breaking seas. Four life-boatmen then rowed the boarding boat to the foot of the cliffs. They ran considerable risk. In the meantime a doctor, the boy's father and a coast-guard had been lowered down the cliffs to the ledge. They strapped the boy in a stretcher and, with much difficulty, placed him in the boarding boat, which took him out to the life-boat. She landed him at Brixham at 9.50. He was taken to hospital where he died during the night. The parents of the boy sent a letter of appreciation and made a donation to the Institution.

It was a difficult service, carried out with fine seamanship and determination, and 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, £9 9s. ; additional rewards to crew, £14 ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £45 6s.

MAY 4TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 10.15 at night the coastguard telephoned that a small vessel had burnt a flare between Britannia Pier and the jetty, and the motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 10.27. A fresh north-easterly wind was blowing. The sea was rough. The life-boat found the motor cabin cruiser *Maadi*, on passage from Whitby to Harwich, with a crew of four. Her engine had broken down. Two life-boatmen were put on board, and the life-boat escorted her to Great Yarmouth. She got back to her station at 11.45 that night. - Rewards, £9 8s.

MAY 5TH. - SCARBOROUGH, YORK-SHIRE. At daybreak the motor coble *Premier* went out to attend to her crab pots. As the wind and sea were rising the life-boat crew assembled. By early afternoon a strong north-easterly wind was blowing and the sea

was heavy. It was decided to launch the motor life-boat *Herbert Joy II*, and she left at 1.40. She found the *Premier* two miles north-east of Castle Hill, handed life-belts to the crew and escorted her into harbour, arriving at three o'clock. - Rewards, £15 17s. 6d.

MAY 5TH. - FLEETWOOD, LANCA-SHIRE. Early in the afternoon the auxiliary yacht *Carlotta* left Glasson Dock, with a party of five aboard, for a pleasure trip to the Isle of Man. She got into difficulties and anchored, and was reported by the Wyre Lighthouse to be dragging her anchor and drifting in a precarious position on the North Wharf. At 5.45 the motor life-boat *Ann Letitia Russell* was launched. A fresh north-easterly wind was blowing and the sea was rough. The life-boat found the *Carlotta* four miles from the Wyre Lighthouse. She towed her into harbour, arriving at 8.5 that evening. A letter of thanks and a donation were received from the owner. - Rewards, £7 13s. 6d.

MAY 10TH. - TROON, AYRSHIRE. At eight in the evening of the 9th a man went out in his small motor boat *Flora MacDonald*, with his father-in-law. At 11.50 his wife reported that the boat had not returned. At 12.45 next morning the motor life-boat *Sir David Richmond of Glasgow* was launched in a moderate easterly wind, with a slight sea. She took her boarding boat in tow, and went to Lady Isle. There life-boatmen rowed the boarding boat ashore. They saw a fire on the island and found the two men. Their engine had broken down, and they had managed to get ashore. The boarding boat took them off, and the life-boat brought them back, arriving at two o'clock next morning. The motor boat was high and dry on the rocks of the island, and there the life-boat had to leave it. - Rewards, £9 4s.

MAY 13TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. About one in the afternoon the Fairlight coastguard telephoned that a fishing boat off Pett Level appeared to be in difficulties, though she was not showing distress signals. At 1.35 the motor life-boat *Cyril and Lilian Bishop* was launched in a fresh breeze, with a moderate sea. She found the fishing boat *Skylark*, of Newhaven, a mile-and-a-half south of Pett. Her engine had failed and her rudder guides were broken. The life-boat towed her to Hastings, arriving at 3.10. - Rewards, £18 10s. 3d.

MAY 13TH. - WALMER, KENT. About 4.50 in the afternoon a signal was received from the S.S *Edwin D. Howard*, of Pensacola, U.S.A., lying in the Downs, that she required a doctor. A moderate north-easterly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (*Civil Service No. 2*), was launched at 5.15 with a doctor. She put him on board the steamer. It was too rough to land anyone on a stretcher, so the doctor operated at once on the seaman, who had a large abscess. The life-boat brought him

back, arriving at her station at 7.45. - Rewards, £16 3s. 6d.

MAY 13TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. About noon a vessel was seen five miles out showing a "Not under control" signal. She anchored, and was kept under observation, but later she went on her way. At 6.30 she was seen to be flying a distress signal and drifting on to Newcombe Sands, and the motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched at 6.45. A north-easterly wind was blowing, with a moderate swell. The life-boat found the Danish motor vessel *Loa Ronn*, laden with fish. She was without her rudder. The life-boat took her in tow, pulled her clear of the shoal, and brought her into the roads, abreast of the harbour. A tug then came out and took her in tow, with the life-boat helping to steer her with ropes from her stern. In this way they brought her safely into harbour at 9.20. - Property salvage case.

MAY 16TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. About 8.30 in the morning five small fishing cobsles were expected to return. The tide was ebbing and there was a rough sea on the bar, making it very dangerous to cross. At 9.15 the No. 2 pulling lifeboat *Jacob and Rachael Vallentine* was launched as there was not enough water for the motor life-boat. A light north-north-westerly wind was blowing. The life-boat was rowed down to the harbour bar and escorted three cobsles into harbour. She was then rowed out to sea near to the Rock Buoy and there met the other two cobsles. She advised them to remain at sea with her until the tide flowed, as she had struck the ground when coming out of harbour. They waited, and when there was water enough the life-boat escorted the two cobsles in, and reached her station again at 12.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £8 7s.

MAY 18TH. - GALWAY BAY. During the afternoon an urgent request for the help of the life-boat was received from a doctor to take him to a serious pneumonia case on Inisheer Island. No other boat was available, and at 4.50 the motor life-boat *K.E.C.F.* was launched. A strong north-easterly wind was blowing and the sea was rough. The life-boat took the doctor to the island and brought him back, returning to her station at 9.15. - Rewards, £13 16s. Repaid to the Institution.

MAY 23RD. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 5.38 in the evening the coastguard reported that two rubber dinghies, with five people on board, which had put out from Jaywick, were drifting helplessly three miles to the south-west. The motor life-boat *Edward Z. Dresden* was launched at 5.53. A north-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was choppy. The life-boat reached the dinghies in twenty minutes. In the first were a man, his wife, and daughter, who had been afloat for three hours; in the second, two men. The life-boat took them on board and, with the dinghies in tow, reached her station again at 7.30. - Rewards, £8 19s. 3d.

MAY 24TH. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. At 7.40 in the morning the life-boat's assistant motor-mechanic telephoned the honorary secretary of the life-boat station that the sea was getting rough and several local fishing boats were at sea. At 8.15 the motor life-boat *Foresters Centenary* was launched, the shore signalman being in command, in the absence of the coxswain, second-coxswain, and motor-mechanic, who were among the fishermen at sea. A moderate east-north-east wind was blowing, and the sea was rather rough. Just as the life-boat got away some of the boats made the shore, but three were still out. The life-boat escorted these boats home, the last one from off East Runton, three miles away. She returned to her station at 9.55. - Rewards, £16 13s. 6d.

MAY 27TH. - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. At daybreak the coble *Premier* had gone out to attend to her crab pots. By 8.30 there was thick fog and a heavy sea was breaking at the pier head. There was a breeze from the north-east. The motor life-boat *Herbert Joy II* was launched at 8.50, and met the coble a mile-and-a-half north-east of Castle Hill. She handed life-belts to her crew and escorted her into harbour. She put out again, met the keel boat *Brighter Hope*, and escorted her in, arriving at 10.30. - Rewards, £15 13s.

MAY 30TH. - WALMER, KENT. Shortly after five in the morning information was received through the coastguard that the South Goodwin Lightship had reported a collision. The sea was smooth, but there was a thick fog, and the lightship could not see the ships. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin (Civil Service No. 2)*, was launched, with a doctor on board, at 5.45, and went to the lightship. Here she found thirteen survivors of the crew of the steam tug *Nancy Moran*, of London. They had been picked up by two boats from the tanker *Nuculana*, which had run into her and sunk her, while she was at anchor. The life-boat took the thirteen men on board, towed the two boats back to the *Nuculana* and then brought the men ashore. She put out again to search for six missing men of the tug, who, it was hoped, had got aboard the hopper, which the tug had had in tow. She found the hopper, but there was no one on board. She continued her search, but found no one. She then put life-boatmen on board the hopper, which was eventually towed into Dover by a tug, and after marking the position of the wreck, she returned to her station, arriving at eleven o'clock that morning. - Rewards, £15 19s. 6d.

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

MAY 1ST. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. A small boat had been reported capsized off Hove, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £4 17s. 6d.

MAY 1ST. - THE HUMBER, YORKSHIRE. The American steamer *Andrew Furuseth*, had been damaged in a collision, but did not need the help of a life-boat. - Paid permanent crew.

MAY 2ND. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. A steamer had run aground, but got off and did not need help. - Rewards, £14 1s.

MAY 2ND. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. A rowing boat had been reported missing, but made land while the life-boat was looking for her. Letters of thanks and a donation were sent. - Rewards, £11 0s. 6d.

MAY 3RD. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. Two boys in a rubber dinghy were missing, but they were picked up by an air-sea rescue launch. - Rewards, £17 8s.

MAY 4TH. SELSEY, SUSSEX. A skiff had been seen signalling for help off Hayling Island, but she was towed into Chichester harbour by a motor boat. - Rewards, £11 4s. 6d. (See Hayling Island, "Services by Shore-boats," page 73.)

MAY 8TH. - WELLS, NORFOLK. A Mustang aeroplane had crashed near the shore, but the pilot waded ashore. - Rewards, £9 17s. 3d.

MAY 13TH. - GALWAY BAY, AND FENIT, CO. KERRY. Three men, who had left Kilonan in a canoe, had been reported missing, but they reached land in County Clare. - Rewards : Galway Bay, £13 16s. ; Fenit, £13 16s.

MAY 14TH. - TROON, Ayrshire. A fishing boat had been reported in difficulties south of Girvan, but she was towed into harbour by another boat. - Rewards, £9 4s.

MAY 16TH. - PADSTOW, CORNWALL. A fishing boat had been reported in distress, but the only boat found was not in need of help. - Rewards, £5 18s.

MAY 20TH. - POOLE AND BOURNE-MOUTH, DORSET. A fishing boat's engine had broken down, but the boat was taken in tow by another boat. - Rewards, £7 3s.

MAY 21ST. - EXMOUTH, DEVON. An aeroplane had been reported in the sea near Budleigh Salterton, but no sign of oil or wreckage could be found. - Rewards, £16 13s. 9d.

MAY 25TH. - BERWICK - ON - TWEED, NORTHUMBERLAND. A yacht had struck some rocks, but was, undamaged and able to go on her way. - Rewards, £7 1s.

MAY 28TH. - AMBLE, NORTHUMBERLAND. A vessel had been reported on fire, but was found to be a fishing boat on which the crew had lighted a brazier and this had blazed up. - Rewards, £10.

MAY 31ST. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. Men had been reported aboard an R.A.F. target raft, but they were cormorants which flew away as the life-boat approached. - Rewards, £8 1s.

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JUNE 1ST. - TORBAY, DEVON. At three o'clock in the afternoon the motor life-boat *George Shee* set out on a publicity cruise. A fresh south-westerly breeze was blowing, with a steep, choppy sea. The life-boat saw a motor boat driving towards a lee shore near Torquay. She altered course, and found the *Bullfinch*, of Paignton, with a man on board. He was unable to restart his engine. She towed the boat to Paignton at 5.25, and returned to her station, arriving at 5.55. - Rewards, £3 7s.

JUNE 2ND. - ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW. Just before midnight on the 1st of June information was received that a boat had disappeared. The fishing boat *Pride of Lambay*, of Dublin, had towed a boat to Arklow and had been left tied up at the jetty while her crew got a meal before returning home. When they came back they found their boat gone. She had been taken without permission by two men who wanted to cross to England. As it appeared that the men, if they were inexperienced, would be in danger, the motor life-boat *Inbhear Mor* was launched at 12.15 in the morning of the 2nd. A moderate north-westerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat found the boat about four miles south-east of Arklow pier. The men had been unable to start the engine or to set sail. The life-boat towed her back, arriving at 1.35. - Rewards, £10 11s.

JUNE 2ND. - RAMSGATE, KENT. Early in the morning the owner of the Guildford Hotel, Sandwich, reported to the police that his son and another boy had put out in a small boat the previous night. They had not returned, and the boat could be seen a mile off shore. A strong south-south-west breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. About five o'clock the honorary secretary of the life-boat station received the information from the Ramsgate coastguard, and the motor life-boat *Mary Scott*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 5.18. She found the boat in danger of capsizing and the boys exhausted and frightened. She took the boys on board, and, with their boat in tow, reached Ramsgate again at 6.2. - Rewards, £9 2s. 9d.

JUNE 3RD. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. About six in the evening the coastguard telephoned that a motor cruiser was missing from her moorings at Bradwell-on-Sea, and that a cruiser had been reported not under control in the Walleet to the south of Walton. The motor life-boat *E.M.E.D.* was launched at 6.25 in a light west-south-westerly wind, with a slight sea. She found the motor cruiser *Lu II*, four miles south-south-east of Walton, with no one on board,



and towed her to a berth in Walton River. She reached her station again at nine o'clock. - Property salvage case.

JUNE 4TH. - BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY. On the morning of the 3rd of June two young men were landed on Puffin Island by a boatman to watch and photograph birds. A south-westerly gale sprang up, with a heavy sea, and they had to spend the night on the island without food or shelter. In the morning the weather was still very bad, the boat which had taken them out could not go for them in that weather, and at 12.30 in the afternoon the motor life-boat *Field Marshal and Mrs. Smuts* was launched. She took off the two men and arrived back at three o'clock. The men sent a donation to cover the rewards. - Rewards, £6 14s.

JUNE 4TH. - DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN. Early in the afternoon information was received from the outgoing mail steamer *Hibernia* and the Coast Life-saving Service that a yacht was in distress some ten miles east of the Kish Light-vessel. The motor life-boat *Dunleary II* was launched at 1.10. A fresh south-easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. The life-boat found the sailing yacht *Gael-na-Mara* with five aboard. She was rolling heavily and her mast was broken and hanging over the side. The life-boat went to windward, pumped oil on the sea, and was able to take the yacht in tow. In that weather progress was slow, and the life-boat and yacht did not reach Dun Laoghaire until 7.30 that evening. - Property salvage case.

JUNE 4TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 7.45 in the evening the Needles Signal Station telephoned that pilots had reported two vessels ashore on the Shingles Bank. A moderate south-westerly gale was blowing and the sea was rough. At eight o'clock the motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched, and found two Royal Army Service Corps motor fishing vessels ashore about the middle of the bank. They had run aground going to the help of an oil barge which had broken adrift from Yarmouth Roads. A destroyer was standing by. The life-boat took a line from her to one of the two vessels, but it parted. The crews decided to leave. It was a difficult business to rescue them. Seas were breaking over the vessels and the water was so shallow that several times the life-boat humped heavily on the shingle. Only after several attempts did she succeed in coming alongside them and taking off their crews, fifteen men in all. She arrived back at her station at 10.20 that night. As the tide rose the two vessels refloated and the destroyer towed them to Cowes. - Rewards, £8 15s.

JUNE 5TH. - PORT ST. MARY, ISLE OF MAN. At eleven in the morning the Castle-town coastguard reported a small yacht in Derbyhaven Bay flying a signal. A later message said that she had lost her small boat and that her cable had parted. A moderate south-westerly gale was blowing, and the sea

was very rough. The motor life-boat *Sir Heath Harrison* was launched at 11.30, and found the racing yacht *Aileen*, of Glasgow, dragging her anchor. She had four on board. They did not wish to leave her and asked the life-boat to put out a second anchor for them. This she did. The yacht crew still refused to leave and lowered their signal. The life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 3.10 that afternoon. - Rewards, £13 14s.

JUNE 5TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE, AND LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE. Two Americans left Liverpool in the 37-foot yacht *Gannet* to sail home across the Atlantic. With them was a third man who was to leave them at Beaumaris. They soon ran into bad weather, a fresh gale from the south-west, with very rough seas. Their jib sail was damaged, their mainsail gave trouble, and they put up distress signals when about eight miles west of the Bar lightship. The S.S. *Rockabill* saw the signals and stood by the yacht, but was unable to help her, so signalled by lamp to the liner *Franconia*, which reported the signal by wireless to Seaforth Radio Station. The information was passed by the coastguard to the life-boat stations at Llandudno and New Brighton.

The Llandudno motor life-boat *Thomas and Annie Wade Richards* was launched at 1.30 in the afternoon, and the New Brighton No. 2 motor life-boat *Edmund and Mary Robinson* at 3.45. It was the New Brighton boat which found the *Gannet*. When abreast of C4 Red Buoy she saw the yacht a mile and a half to the south-east, and drifting eastwards. At 5.40 the life-boat went alongside and took off the three men, by now exhausted. She then fixed a tow rope to the yacht. About an hour later the rope parted and the yacht drifted away. With great difficulty in the heavy seas the life-boat fixed another rope and slowly towed the yacht into the channel, and up to New Brighton Stage, where she arrived at 10.15 that night. Here she landed the men and attached the yacht to the No. 1 life-boat's moorings. The Llandudno life-boat reached her station again at six in the evening. - Rewards : New Brighton, £18 18s. 6d. ; Llandudno, £8 8s. 6d.

JUNE 6TH. - FRASERBURGH, ABERDEENSHIRE. During the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a motor fishing boat off Kinnaird Head appeared to be making for Fraserburgh under sail. Later they telephoned that she was drifting towards Cairnbulg Beacon. About four o'clock the boat burnt a flare, and at 4.22 the motor life-boat *John and Charles Kennedy* was launched in a westerly breeze, with a choppy sea. She found the fishing boat *El Alamein*. Her engine had broken down at six the previous evening when she was returning from the fishing grounds and since then she had been drifting. The life-boat towed her into Fraserburgh at 5.45. - Property salvage case.

JUNE 8TH. - BALLYCOTTON, CO. CORK. The reserve motor life-boat *City of Bradford* was being taken by a Ballycotton crew from

Ballycotton to Baltimore, when about 2.30 in the afternoon she saw a fishing boat two miles west-by-south of Gulley Head with her crew waving for help. A fresh west-south-westerly breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The life-boat went to her help. She was the *Swan*, of Skibbereen. Her engine had broken down and she was unable to make port under sail. The life-boat towed her to Castletownsend, where she arrived at 4.30 and then went on to Baltimore, arriving then at six o'clock. - Rewards, £2 10s.

JUNE 9TH. - FISHGUARD, PEMBROKE-SHIRE. At 8.15 in the evening a resident of Cwmyreglwys telephoned to the life-boat station that a small rowing boat, with a man and two women in it, was being blown out to sea. At nine o'clock the motor life-boat *White Star* was launched in a moderate south-easterly breeze, with rain. The sea was smooth. At Dinas Head the life-boat saw the small boat hauled up and the people standing in a creek. She could not go close in, so they came off in their boat. She took them on board and took their boat in tow. They had set out to go to Newport, but one of the oars broke and they put into the cove, intending to climb the cliff. They could not do it, and were preparing to spend the night on the shore. The life-boat got back to her station at 10.20. - Rewards, £9 11s.

JUNE 10TH. - DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN. At 9.15 in the morning the life-boat's assistant motor-mechanic reported a yacht up against the east pier. The wind was blowing very strongly from the north-west, and the sea was rough. The yacht was the *Viking O.*, of Dublin, and had recently taken part in the Dun Laoghaire - Douglas race. Her anchor had dragged, and she had been carried against the pier. Her crew of five had managed to climb on to it. The motor life-boat *Dunleary II* was launched at 9.45, anchored ahead of the yacht, dropped down to her, put a line aboard, and towed her into the inner harbour at 10.50. - Property salvage case.

JUNE 10TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, AND HOYLAKE, CHESHIRE. About 12.30 in the afternoon the honorary secretary of the Hoylake life-boat station noticed a yacht sailing on an easterly course towards the Rock Channel, but running into shallow water and a breaking sea. A strong north-westerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. After consultation with the coastguard he launched the motor life-boat *Oldham* at 1.27, in readiness to help if needed. In the meantime the coastguard had told New Brighton about the yacht, and at 1.23 the No. 2 motor life-boat *Edmund and Mary Robinson* went out. She reached the yacht before the Hoylake life-boat. She was the *Induna*, of Egremont, with four on board, and was then a mile-and-a-half north-west of No. 1 Red Rock Buoy. She was making headway up the channel under a jib. Her crew declined a tow, and the life-boat escorted her to New Brighton. While doing this she had seen three other yachts, which were nearing home

on their return from a race to the Isle of Man, so she put out again, went down the Queen's Channel, met the yachts, the *Puffin*, *Sheila*, and *Pastime*, and escorted them until they reached New Brighton. The Hoylake life-boat got back to her station at three in the afternoon, and the New Brighton boat five minutes later. - Rewards : New Brighton, £5 5s. ; Hoylake, £7 14s. 6d.

JUNE 10TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 2.22 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a sailing yacht was hove to two-and-a-half miles south-east of Clacton pier. She appeared in difficulties and was drifting. A strong south-west wind was blowing, with a heavy sea. The motor life-boat *Edward Z. Dresden* was launched at 2.40, and found the yacht *Pierrette* two miles east of the Gunfleet Lighthouse. She was bound from West Mersea for Gillingham, with four on board and had lost a stay. The life-boat towed her to Harwich, arriving at 6.25. She got back to her station at 8.15. - Property salvage case.

JUNE 16TH. - HELVICK HEAD, CO. WATERFORD. At three in the afternoon a man reported to the honorary secretary that a yacht from Dungarvan was at anchor about a mile and a half east of Helvick Head. A very strong north-westerly breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The yacht appeared to be in difficulties. An attempt was made to communicate with her by flag signals, but she did not answer. At 3.30 the motor life-boat *Agnes Cross*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched and went to the yacht, but her crew of three declined help, saying they would remain at anchor until they could sail home. The life-boat returned at 4.15. Later the wind moderated and the yacht, after having lost her anchor when hauling it up, sailed for Helvick pier. She got into difficulties and crashed against the outside wall. Her crew tried, with a boat hook, to push her away from the wall and a man threw them a life-buoy on a rope. This they seized and the yacht was saved from going ashore. The life-boat quickly launched again, about six o'clock, and within a few minutes had towed the yacht to safety. One of the men on the yacht made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards : first service, £5 8s. ; second service, £3 19s. 6d.

JUNE 25TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 3.50 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned a report from the east pier watchman that, the ex-German yacht *Pirol*, which had left harbour for Portsmouth, manned by five R.A.F. men, had grounded on the Brake Sands. She was not signalling for help, but a little later it was reported that the yacht had a dangerous list, and at 4.21 the motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched. A moderate south-westerly breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat reached the yacht within twenty minutes. The yacht refloated as the tide rose, but grounded again, so the life-boat stood by. An air-sea rescue boat also arrived and stood by. When the *Pirol* had finally refloated the life-boat

escorted her to a navigable channel and then left her, reaching her station again at 5.50.- Rewards, £4 4s. 6d.

JUNE 26TH. - TOBERMORY, HEBRIDES. At nine in the evening a local doctor asked for the services of the life-boat to take a woman who was seriously ill with appendicitis to Oban for an operation. As no other boat would be available until the following morning the motor life-boat *Sir Arthur Rose* was launched at 9.15 in a light wind and smooth sea. With the patient and a nurse on board, she left at 9.50 and arrived at Oban at 1.5 next morning. Here an ambulance, for which the life-boat had asked by wireless, was waiting, and the woman was taken to hospital. As soon as the nurse returned the life-boat left for home, arriving at 4.40. The woman recovered and made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £8 8s. 9d. Repaid to the Institution.

JUNE 27TH. - ANGLE, AND FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE. At 10.35 in the morning the coastguard telephoned to Angle that Seaforth Radio Station had picked up an SOS message from the S.S. *Radwinter*, of London. She had struck bottom a mile south of The Smalls, was making water fast, and was trying to reach Milford Haven. The motor life-boat *Elizabeth Elson* was launched at 11.20. Tugs also put out. A strong south-south-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The life-boat reached the *Radwinter* a mile south of Skokholm Island. She was then making headway under her own power and the life-boat accompanied her until she anchored off Milford Haven. She then returned to Angle, arriving at three o'clock that afternoon. The coastguard also informed the Fishguard life-boat station, and the motor life-boat *White Star* was launched at 11.13. She was not needed and was recalled, reaching her station again at 5.30 that afternoon.

An increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to the Fishguard crew, who were out for six hours, and to the helpers, who were on duty for seven and a half hours. Standard rewards, £4 13s.; additional rewards, £5; total rewards, £9 13s. Rewards to Angle crew and helpers, £5 18s.

JUNE 27TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. About four in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a man was waving a red flag on a yacht which was dragging her anchor off Holland Sluice. The motor life-boat *J. B. Proudfoot*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 4.25 in a fresh south-westerly breeze, with a moderately rough sea. She found the yacht to be the *Doris*, of Shoreham, bound from Dover to Lowestoft with three people on board. Her engine had broken down. Three life-boatmen went on board and the life-boat towed her to Harwich. She reached her station again at 9.30 that evening. - Property salvage case.

JUNE 28TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 11.55 at night on the 27th the Foreland coastguard reported that a

small motor boat, with four people on board, had left Wootton at 5.30 that afternoon for Bembridge and had not arrived. The motor life-boat *Jesse Lumb* was launched at 12.30 in the morning of the 28th, in a light south-westerly wind, with a slight swell. She found the missing boat off Sea View about 4.40, with her engine broken down, and towed her to Bembridge, arriving at 5.55. A letter of thanks was received, and a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £10 16s.

JUNE 30TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 1.40 in the morning a telephone message came from the relatives of three young men who had left Keyhaven during the afternoon for a trip in a small yacht and had not returned. The motor life-boat *S.G.E.* was launched at 2.30. A fresh south-westerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat, with her searchlight, searched for four hours, and it was not until 6.30 that she found the yacht stranded at the mouth of Hawkers Lake, a mile east of Hurst Light-house. In the shallow water the life-boat could not get alongside and the yacht's crew shouted that they could manage themselves, but would like some food. The life-boat returned to Yarmouth and, after telephoning the relatives, took a dinghy in tow and returned to the yacht. She passed provisions to her crew, but they firmly refused to leave, so the life-boat laid out an anchor to enable them to haul the yacht off at high tide. She reached her station again at nine o'clock that morning and the yacht got back to Keyhaven just before noon. A letter of appreciation was received and a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £11 18s. 6d.

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

JUNE 1ST. - BARRA ISLAND, HEBRIDES. Flares had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £8 15s.

JUNE 2ND. - POOLBEG, CO. DUBLIN. Two men in a canoe had got into difficulties, but reached the shore without help. - Rewards, £4 5s.

JUNE 2ND. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX. A canoe had capsized west of Shoreham, but one of the two men aboard reached the shore, and the other could not be found. - Rewards, £6 9s. 6d.

JUNE 3RD. - TORBAY, DEVON. A small boy had fallen over the cliff, but was rescued by a rowing boat. - Rewards, £4 16s. 6d.

JUNE 4TH. - BLYTH, NORTHUMBERLAND. A fishing boat had been reported showing red flares, but only a boat burning a brazier could be found. - Rewards, £10 2s.

JUNE 5TH. - FENIT, CO. KERRY. A Canadian steamer had lost her propeller, but got help from trawlers and the life-boat was recalled. - Rewards, £13 10s.

**JUNE 9TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.** Two men in a canoe had got into difficulties, but reached the shore. - Rewards, £8 11s.

**JUNE 10TH. - TORBAY, DEVON.** A rowing boat had been reported missing, but was found later beached and abandoned by the two men who had hired it. - Rewards, £8 8s.

**JUNE 10TH. - TORBAY, DEVON.** A man and a boy had landed on Dartmouth Mewstone and their boat had drifted away, but they were taken off by another boat from Dartmouth. - Rewards, £2 14s. 6d.

**JUNE 10TH. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLN-SHIRE.** Flares and rockets had been seen, but they were part of a fireworks display at Hunstanton, about which no warning had been given. - Rewards, £14 1s.

**JUNE 11TH. - LONGHOPE, ORKNEYS.** An SOS from a vessel east of the Orkneys had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £12 15s.

**JUNE 15TH. - THE MUMBLES, GLAMORGANSHIRE.** A motor boat had broken down, but she was taken in tow by a steamer. - Rewards, £5 18s. 6d.

**JUNE 18TH. - PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE.** An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but her crew of two were rescued by a motor vessel. - Rewards, £4 15s. 6d.

**JUNE 25TH. - PORT ERIN, ISLE OF MAN.** A rowing boat had been reported missing, but it returned without help. - Rewards, £5 10s.

**JUNE 27TH. TORBAY, DEVON.** A boy had hired a rowing boat at Brixham and not returned, but he had gone ashore near Torquay and there abandoned the boat. - Rewards, £8 8s.

**JUNE 27TH. - SALCOMBE, DEVON.** A naval trawler had been reported in difficulties south of Prawle Point, but she was not found as she had gone to Dartmouth. - Rewards, £3 19s. 6d.

**JUNE 27TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT.** A large steamer had gone aground on the Shingles Bank, but tugs were in attendance and the life-boat's help was not needed. - Rewards, £3 19s. 6d.

**JUNE 29TH. - SWANAGE, DORSET.** A large, damaged ship's raft, with no-one on board, had been seen drifting, but the seas prevented the life-boat from taking it in tow. - Rewards, £5 18s.

**JUNE 29TH. - NEWCASTLE, CO. DOWN.** A steamer had run ashore on the bar at Dundrum, but declined help and later refloated. - Rewards, £13 7s. 6d.

## JULY

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**JULY 2ND. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLL-SHIRE.** While bound from Montreal for Glasgow with a general cargo the Liverpool steamer *Dorelian*, of over 6,000 tons, stranded in dense fog on the Island of Sanda off the Mull of Kintyre. The Southend coastguard reported it at 7.32 in the morning and the motor life-boat *City of Glasgow* was launched at 7.49, in a moderate southerly wind, with a moderate sea. When the life-boat reached the *Dorelian* her captain said that he hoped to refloat her on the next tide, and the life-boat stood by. The steamer got off on the rising tide, but she was making water and the life-boat escorted her towards Pladda, where she was met by tugs and a salvage vessel. The life-boat then returned to her station, arriving at 5.20 that afternoon, having been out for over nine hours. An increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to the crew. Standard rewards to crew and helpers £5 4s. ; additional rewards to crew, £7 ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £12 4s.

**JULY 2ND. - BOULMER, NORTHUMBERLAND.** At 10.30 at night the coastguard telephoned that a Danish fishing boat was lying two miles north-north-east of Cullernose Point, apparently in need of help. The motor life-boat *Clarissa Langdon* was launched at eleven o'clock in a light southerly wind and a smooth sea. She found the seine net fishing boat *Elna*, of Esbjerg, at anchor. Mr. William S. Stanton, the honorary secretary of the life-boat station, went aboard and learned that the boat had run out of fuel. Her skipper and mate had gone ashore in the ship's boat, leaving only one man on board. Two life-boatmen joined him. It was then found that the anchor was fouling the rudder. It was cut away and the life-boat towed the fishing boat into Craster Harbour at 2.30 next morning. Here the skipper and mate were picked up and put on board again. The life-boat then returned to her station, arriving at 3.30. - Rewards, £28 13s.

**JULY 4TH. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX.** In the early hours of the morning several fishing boats were overtaken by a violent thunderstorm, and at 2.52 they were reported to be making for Rye harbour, but at 3.15 the coastguard reported that one was making distress signals four miles east of the coastguard station. The motor life-boat *Cyril and Lilian Bishop* was launched at 3.30, in a fresh south-easterly wind, with a moderately rough sea, and found the motor fishing boat *Favourite*, of Hastings. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her to Hastings, arriving at 5.30 that morning. - Rewards, £43 6s. 6d.

**JULY 13TH. - CLOVELLY, DEVON.** At 9.15 in the evening the Hartland Point coastguard reported a cabin cruiser apparently broken down, and at 9.30 the motor life-boat *City of Nottingham* was launched in a moderate north-westerly wind, with a moderate

sea. She found the *Stormcock*, of Padstow, four miles east by north of Hartland Point, with three on board. They had lost their way and asked to be escorted to harbour. A life-boatman was put on board and the life-boat escorted her to Clovelly, arriving at 11.20 that night. The owner made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £21 17s.

JULY 14TH. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. At 9.43 in the morning the Wyke Regis coast-guard telephoned that there was a boat about two miles off shore, and, a few minutes later, that she was hove to and showing a distress signal. The motor life-boat *Hearts of Oak*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 10.15 in a freshening north-westerly wind, with a moderate sea. She found the motor boat *Zamaya*, of Dartmouth, at anchor, with her engines broken down. She was an old Spanish life-boat, and had on board two men and a dog. The men, who were the owners, were going to have her converted into a pleasure boat. The life-boat took them and their dog on board, and with their boat in tow arrived at Weymouth at 2.30 that afternoon. The men made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £5.

JULY 14TH. - POOLE AND BOURNE-MOUTH, DORSET. About 11.30 in the morning the Southbourne coastguard reported that a boat had capsized a mile from the shore off Christchurch Ledge. The motor life-boat *Thomas Kirk Wright* was launched at 11.35 in a strong north-westerly wind, with a moderate sea. When off Southbourne at one o'clock she received a signal that the two people on board had been rescued, and the boat was drifting eastwards. She found it about three miles off Southbourne and towed it to Poole, arriving at 4.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £5 4s.

JULY 14TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. About one in the afternoon a yacht was seen drifting out to sea. It was uncertain if there was anyone on board. A moderate north-westerly gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. The No. 2 motor life-boat *Edmund and Mary Robinson* was sent out to investigate, and left at 1.9. She found the yacht *Vaila* in the Crosby Channel. No one was on board. Two life-boatmen boarded her and secured a tow-rope. The life-boat towed her to New Brighton and moored her there at 1.50. - Rewards, £5 5s.

JULY 16TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 10.55 at night the coastguard reported flares near the South Shingles Buoy, and at 11.20 the motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched in a north-westerly breeze, with a moderate sea. She searched for some time, but found nothing, and spoke H.M.S. *Franklin*, which had nothing to report. She then saw a light over Margate Sands, crossed them and found the yacht, *Susanna*, of Portsmouth, with a crew of two. They said that they had not burnt flares but, as the yacht's cross trees had carried away, they accepted a tow into Ramsgate, where they arrived at five o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £11 10s.

JULY 17TH. - TROON, AYRSHIRE. At 8.30 in the morning information came from Troon pilot house that a small fishing boat was flying a flag and appeared to have broken down three miles south-west of Troon. At 6.45 the motor life-boat *Sir David Richmond of Glasgow* was launched in a fresh north-easterly wind, with a moderate sea. She found the local fishing boat *Peggy*, with two on board, among the rocks at Lady Isle. She had had a rope round her propeller. Her crew had managed to clear it away. Then her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her to Troon harbour, arriving at 10.45. - Rewards, £4 12s.

JULY 18TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. About ten in the morning a telephone call from Pegwell convalescent home reported a yacht in difficulties in Pegwell Bay. A strong south-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. At 10.20 the motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched, and found the cutter yacht *Curlew* in Sandwich Bay, with two on board. She was lying in shoal water with a foul anchor. Wind and sea were increasing. Two life-boatmen went on board to help in clearing and raising the anchor, and the life-boat towed the yacht to Ramsgate, where she moored her at 11.15. - Rewards, £5 9s. 6d.

JULY 18TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. About eleven in the morning the coastguard reported a sailing boat flying a distress signal two miles south-south-west of Clacton pier. A strong south-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. At 11.14 the motor life-boat *J. B. Proudfoot*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched and found the converted ship's life-boat *Harriett*, with three on board. She was on passage from Southend to Rochford, to have an engine installed, and had been blown off her course. The life-boat towed her to Brightlingsea, where they arrived at 1.40, and got back to Clacton at 4.40 that afternoon. - Rewards, £6 13s. 3d.

JULY 18TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. As soon as the motor life-boat *J. B. Proudfoot*, on temporary duty at the station, returned at 4.40 in the afternoon, after towing the boat *Harriett* into Brightlingsea, she heard, from the coastguard, of a sailing yacht in distress about six miles south by west of Clacton pier, and put out again at 4.43. A strong south-westerly breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. The life-boat found the sailing yacht *Zem Zem*, of London, a mile east of South Buxey Buoy. Her owner and another man were on board. On account of the heavy seas they had dropped anchor. In paying out the cable the owner had hurt his hand. Later he slipped his anchor and cable, intending to attempt to reach Burnham, but when the life-boat arrived he asked her for a tow. The life-boat took the *Zem Zem* to Burnham, arriving at 9.30 that evening, and left again at daylight for her station, which she reached at 7.15 next morning. - Property salvage case.

JULY 18TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. While the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board steamer *Denham* was engaged on survey work she struck a mine about two hundred yards south-west of Rock 3 Block buoy. She was completely wrecked, throwing her crew of nine into the sea. A beach patrol reported to the police, who informed the life-boat station, and at 2.50 in the afternoon the No. 2 motor life-boat *Edmund and Mary Robinson* was launched in a light north-westerly breeze and a smooth sea. While on her way the life-boat was hailed by a tug which told her that a badly injured survivor was on board a Dock Board hopper. She went close to the promenade and asked a policeman to call an ambulance to New Brighton ferry. She then took a first-aid man to the hopper, brought him and the injured man ashore, and went out again to search for other survivors, but found none. She returned to her station at 5.45. - Rewards, £4 12s. 6d.

JULY 18TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At 11.7 at night the Brixham coastguard reported that the Torquay police had received a 999 telephone call which said that a whistle had been heard from a boat apparently in distress half a mile east of Roundham Head, at Paignton. At 11.40 the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched in a light south-westerly wind and a smooth sea. She found the motor boat *Miss Ann*, of Paignton. On board were a party of four. They had put out on an evening's fishing. On their way back their engine had broken down and they had whistled for help. The life-boat towed the boat to Paignton and got back to her station at 12.45 next morning. - Rewards, £7 3s.

JULY 19TH. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At six in the morning information was received from the Dock Board that a fishing boat was ashore on the revetment opposite Gamma Buoy, with spray going over her. A fresh westerly breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. The No. 2 motor life-boat *Edmund and Mary Robinson* was launched at 6.20 and found the fishing boat *Greyhound*, of Liverpool, on Taylor's Bank, with one man on board. She rescued him and landed him at New Brighton at 8.30. The coxswain had recognised the boat as one that had been reported stolen during the night and he handed the man over to the police. Later in the morning the owner of the *Greyhound* asked for the help of the life-boat to recover the boat from the dangerous position in which she had been left. The life-boat put out again at eleven o'clock, helped to bring the boat to South Ferry Basin and returned to her station at 3.30 that afternoon. The owner expressed his thanks. - Rewards : first service, £4 12s. 6d. ; second service, £2 15s.

JULY 19TH.. - FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE. At 7.50 in the evening the coastguard telephoned that a vessel fourteen miles north of Strumble Head needed help. The motor life-boat *White Star* was launched at 8.35 in a light westerly wind and a smooth

sea, and at 11.5 found the vessel sixteen miles north of the head. She was the motor vessel *Empire Lundy*, of Goole, bound for Cardiff with motor spirit. Her engine had broken down. At the request of the master the life-boat attempted to tow the vessel. She could not do it and remained standing by until a tug arrived from Milford Haven. She then returned to her station, arriving at 7.50 next morning. - Rewards, £13 19s.

JULY 21ST. - ROSSLARE HARBOUR, CO. WEXFORD. At 1.30 in the afternoon the motor life-boat *Mabel Marion Thompson* was launched to attend the Curracloe Regatta. The sea was rough, with a strong south-south-westerly wind blowing. In that weather the regatta had to be abandoned and several of the visiting yachts from Wexford were unable to get home without help. The life-boat took two in tow and made for Wexford. Two more were returning under sail, but their sails were blown away. The life-boat took them in tow too, and they safely reached Wexford, but the following sea on the bar parted the tow rope. The life-boat again took all four yachts in tow and made for Rosslare Harbour, where she berthed them at 7.30 that evening. - Partly permanent paid crew. - Rewards, £1 18s.

JULY 21ST. - FOWEY, CORNWALL. At 4.7 in the afternoon the Polruan coastguard telephoned that a small sailing dinghy, with two on board, had capsized near Punchy Cross, at the east side of the entrance to Fowey harbour. A fresh west-south-westerly wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. Eight minutes later the motor life-boat *C.D.E.C.* put out and found that the two ladies who had been in the dinghy had already been helped ashore. The dinghy was damaged. She towed it to Fowey, arriving at 5.30. The ladies made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £4 7s. 6d.

JULY 22ND. - RHYL, FLINTSHIRE, AND NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. During the afternoon four young men, holiday visitors from Coventry, went out on three metal floats from Prestatyn. The sea was rough and a strong south-westerly wind was blowing. At 6.50 the Rhyll coastguard telephoned to the Rhyll life-boat station that the floats were drifting to sea, two miles from Ffrith Beach, and at 7.10 the motor life-boat *The Gordon Warren* was launched. At 8.45 the Hoyle Lake coastguard informed the New Brighton life-boat station that the floats were drifting to the north-east and were now seven miles north-east of Rhyll, and the No. 2 motor life-boat *Edmund and Mary Robinson* was launched at 9.15 to join in the search. Aeroplanes were also taking part in it. Life-boats and aeroplanes carefully searched a wide area, but could not find the men. The Rhyll life-boat returned to her station at 10.25 that night and the New Brighton life-boat at 7.43 next morning. She brought with her one of the floats which she had picked up about five o'clock.

At 5.40 that morning, the 23rd, the Rhyll life-boat put out again, but again found

nothing and returned to her station at 11.10. Another of the three floats was picked up by a Liverpool pilot boat about mid-day, and when at 3.25 in the afternoon an aeroplane reported that she had seen the third float, the New Brighton No. 2 life-boat again put out at 3.30. She found the float two miles north-east of Deposit Buoy and brought it ashore at 7.30 that evening. She had found no trace of the four young men. - Rewards : Rhyl, first service, £10 ; second service, £18 18s. : New Brighton, first service, £17 2s. 6d. ; second service, £6 18s.

JULY 23RD. - CULLERCOATS, NORTH-UMBERLAND. At 4.10 in the afternoon the Tynemouth coastguard telephoned that a motor boat was in difficulties several miles to the north-east of the Tyne piers. Five minutes later the motor life-boat *Westmorland* was launched in a south-westerly breeze, with a choppy sea. She found the motor boat *Salvenio*, of North Shields, six miles east-north-east of Tynemouth. Her engine had broken down and she was drifting. The four on board were baling hard to prevent her from sinking. The life-boat towed her to Cullercoats, arriving at 6.40. - Rewards, £11 7s.

JULY 23RD. - BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY. While on passage from the Clyde to Littlehampton, the yacht *Dolphin* was storm-bound off Penmon Point. She was storm-bound for two days and her crew of two were short of food and water. As the yacht had no engine and her sails had been damaged, they were unable to make the passage up the Menai Straits and signalled the coastguard of their plight. No other suitable boat was available and the motor life-boat *Field Marshal* and *Mrs. Smuts* was launched at 5.15 in the afternoon. The sea was rough and a strong south-westerly breeze was blowing. The crew of the yacht declined an offer to tow them up the straits and, at their request, the life-boat landed one of the men to get food. She returned to her station, arriving at seven o'clock. - Rewards, £5 4s. 6d.

JULY 24TH. - ABERDEEN. At 9.5 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that an aeroplane had seen a yellow dinghy about seven miles to the south-east of Aberdeen. At 9.25 the No. 1 motor life-boat *Emma Constance* was launched in a light south-westerly breeze, with a moderate sea. An aeroplane also went up. The life-boat searched, but failed to find the dinghy. She did, however, pick up a large Carley float and brought it back to her station, where she arrived at 12.35 that afternoon. - Rewards, £5 4s. 6d.

JULY 24TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 10.10 at night the coastguard telephoned that a vessel was burning flares off the Ramsgate bathing station. The motor life-boat *Pru-dential* was launched at 10.32 in a calm sea and found the motor cruiser *Daphne*, with her engine broken down. One of the two men on board was very ill and the other had

signalled for help. The life-boat towed the *Daphne* into Ramsgate harbour at 10.58. - Rewards, £11 19s.

JULY 25TH. - ST. HELIER, JERSEY. At 12.15 in the morning distress signals were burned by the motor yacht *Mary Bowers*, of Chichester, which had gone ashore on Man-geuse Rocks shortly after leaving St. Helier Harbour. She had six on board. The signals were seen and at 12.35 the motor life-boat *Howard D.* was launched in a calm sea. The life-boat found the *Mary Bowers* fast on the rocks, but the tide was rising and she soon refloated while the life-boat stood by. The life-boat escorted her into harbour and got back to her station at 3.15 that morning. - Rewards, £12 2s.

JULY 25TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. About 10.37 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that the S.S. *Kentwood*, of London, which was off Great Yarmouth, had signalled for a doctor to attend an injured man. At 11.22 the motor life-boat *Mary Scott*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched in a slight sea, with a light west-north-west wind blowing. She took out a doctor, ambulance men and a stretcher. The doctor went on board and the injured man was transferred to the life-boat, which landed him at 12.11. - Rewards, £3 12s. 6d.

JULY 26TH. - WICK, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. At 10.55 at night the coastguard reported that a fishing boat had burnt a flare one mile south-east-by-east of Wick, and at 11.35 the motor life-boat *City of Edinburgh* was launched in a slight sea, with a light south-south-easterly wind blowing. She found the motor fishing boat *Calvor Forayar*, of Thorshavn, bound for that port from Aberdeen, with a general cargo. She had a crew of eight. Her engines had failed, but when the life-boat reached her her crew had managed to start them again. The life-boat escorted her into Wick harbour, where they arrived at midnight. - Rewards, £8 15s.

JULY 27TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. On the occasion of the Babbacombe Regatta it was thought wise that the life-boat should patrol the course as a westerly breeze was blowing, causing a choppy sea, and it was bad weather for dinghy racing. The motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at one o'clock and began patrolling at 1.50. During the afternoon the 14-foot sailing dinghy *Melody* capsized a mile and a half east of Oddicombe Beach. There were two on board. The life-boat went at once to their help and picked them up. They had been some time in the water and were given rum. With great difficulty the life-boat righted the dinghy and brought the men and the dinghy ashore. She continued her patrol until five o'clock and returned to her station at 5.50. The yachtsmen thanked her for her presence and help. - Rewards, £2 14s. 6d.

JULY 27TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. On the night of the 26th of July

the yacht *Pactolus* disappeared from her anchorage. A watch was kept for her. At 4.30 in the afternoon of the 27th, the signal station at The Needles reported that, a yacht, flying distress signals, was in the north channel near Hurst. A strong west-south-west breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. At 4.35 the motor life-boat *S.G.E.* was launched and found the yacht with one man on board. Both her anchors were out. They could not be hauled up as her engine had broken down. Life-boatmen boarded the yacht, heaved in one anchor and buoyed and slipped the other. The life-boat then towed the yacht into Yarmouth harbour, and arrived back at her station at 7.15. - Property salvage case.

JULY 27TH. - MOELFRE, ANGLESEY. At 5.15 in the afternoon signals of distress were seen from Benllech and at 5.30 the motor life-boat *G.W.* was launched. The sea was rough, with a strong south-westerly wind blowing. The life-boat found a dinghy, with four people on board, six miles south-east of Moelfre. Her engine had broken down and she was drifting out to sea. The life-boat towed her into Moelfre, arriving at seven o'clock. - Rewards, £4 9s. 6d.

JULY 29TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 1.56 in the morning the Deal coastguard reported red flares five miles south-south-east of Leathercoats. A moderate south-south-west gale was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat, *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 2.25 and found the former German yacht *Hildgund*, with her sails blown away. She had a crew of four naval officers. They had been a week bringing her from Kiel. She had been riding to a sea anchor off Dunkirk for thirty hours and had shipped much water. The officers were exhausted. They asked to be towed to shelter. Three life-boatmen went on board the yacht and the life-boat towed her into Ramsgate harbour, arriving at 5.30 that morning. The life-boat then returned to her station at 9.30. - Property salvage case.

JULY 30TH. - LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE. At 12.30 in the afternoon a report was received from a man at Rhos-on-Sea that a small boat was being carried out to sea off Colwyn Bay. The motor life-boat *Thomas and Annie Wade Richards* was launched at 12.45. The sea was rough and a strong west-north-westerly wind was blowing. The life-boat found the boat with two men on board. They had gone out to fish in fair weather, but had been overtaken by a strong wind. Their anchor had failed to hold and they had been blown out to sea. The life-boat took them on board and, with their boat in tow, brought them to Colwyn Bay. She returned to her station at 3.30. The rescued men made donations to the Institution. - Rewards, £9 12s.

JULY 30TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 4.52 in the afternoon the Foreland coastguard telephoned that Horse Sand Fort had reported a motor boat flying a flag and drifting eastwards. The motor life-boat

*Jesse Lumb* was launched at 5.10 in a strong west-south-westerly breeze, with a choppy sea. She found the motor fishing boat *Tarka*, of Fareham, with two on board, between Horse Sand Fort and the Warner Light-vessel. She was bound for Salcombe. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her into Bembridge at 6.20. - Rewards, £5 15s.

JULY 30TH. - CLACTON - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 5.20 in the afternoon the coastguard reported a sailing yacht making heavy weather. Thirty-five minutes later they reported that she appeared to be showing a distress signal. A strong south-west breeze was blowing and the sea was very rough. The motor life-boat *J. B. Proudfoot*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 6.15 and, two miles to the south-east of Clacton pier, found the yacht *Coya*, of Greenock, with four on board. Her rudder had been unshipped by the heavy seas. The life-boat towed her to Harwich, arriving at 9.10 that evening. Owing to the heavy weather she remained at Harwich until next morning, when she left for her station, arriving there at 7.10. - Property salvage case.

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

JULY 1ST. - PENLEE, AND THE LIZARD, CORNWALL. During thick fog the Greek steamer *Gerassimos Vergottis* and the Dutch steamer *Van Ostade* had collided, and the Greek steamer had been badly damaged. The life-boats could not find her, but she was picked up by a tug and beached in Falmouth Bay. - Rewards : Penlee, £14 16s. 6d. ; The Lizard, £20 14s. 6d.

JULY 2ND. - COVERACK, CORNWALL. A rowing boat with a man aboard had been reported missing, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £16 11s. (See Porthoustock, "Services by Shore-boats," page 75.)

JULY 2ND. - BLACKPOOL, AND LYTHAM ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE. A dinghy, thought to belong to a missing Wellington aeroplane, had been reported, but nothing was found. - Rewards : Blackpool, £8 2s. ; Lytham - St. Annes, £7 6s. 6d.

JULY 3RD. - BEAUMARIS, AND HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. A wrecked aeroplane had been reported in the sea about twenty miles north of the Skerries, but nothing could be found. - Rewards : Beaumaris, £11 11s. 9d. ; Holyhead, £6 5s.

JULY 3RD. - APPLIEDORE, DEVON. A rubber dinghy with a man aboard had been reported, but was found to be an R.A.F. target buoy. - Rewards, £5 12s. 3d.

JULY 3RD. - TORBAY, DEVON. During thick fog the British steamer *Merchant Royal* and the American steamer *William B. Travis* had collided. The life-boat could not find them and was recalled, when it was learned that an American ship was standing by and



that a tug was on her way to help. - Rewards, £8 17s.

JULY 11TH. - BEMBRIDGE ISLE OF WIGHT. A Ventnor sailing dinghy, with one man on board, was overdue, but returned while the life-boat was searching for her.- Rewards, £16 15s.

JULY 11TH. - ST. MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY. A rowing boat had been overtaken by a thick fog, but got back without help. - Rewards, £13 5s. 6d.

JULY 12TH. - BLACKPOOL, LANCA-SHIRE. An R.N.A.S. Seafire aeroplane had crashed in the sea near the shore, but only wreckage was found. - Rewards, £5 13s. Later the life-boat tractor helped to recover the aeroplane from the sea. - No expense to the Institution.

JULY 14TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. Two boys had drifted away in a rowing boat off Goodrington, but were towed in by a motor boat. - Rewards, £3 11s. 6d.

JULY 14TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. A small yacht had been seen making heavy weather, but was able to go on her way without help.- Rewards, £7 6s. 6d.

JULY 16TH. - DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN. A small yacht had been reported overdue, but she came in without help.- Rewards, £10 11s.

JULY 17TH. - PETERHEAD, ABER-DEENSHIRE. A flashing light had been reported, but no boat in need of help could be found. - Rewards, £8 12s. 6d.

JULY 20TH. - PORT ASKAIG, HEBRIDES. A sailing yacht had been dismasted, but there was no danger to life and the life-boat helped the yacht to Crinan. - Property salvage case.

JULY 21ST. - THE MUMBLES, GLAM-ORGANSHIRE. A small overturned boat had been reported, but nothing was found.- Rewards, £15 10s. 6d.

JULY 22ND. - LYTTHAM-ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE. A yacht had been reported in difficulties, but got safely to land without help. - Rewards, £9 9s.

JULY 22ND. - COURTMACSHERRY HARBOUR, CO. CORK. Two boys in a rowing boat had not returned by nightfall, but they got to land without help. - Rewards, £9 13s.

JULY 23RD. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. An aeroplane had been seen flying low near The Needles and then an explosion had been heard, but the aeroplane had crashed on land. - Rewards, £5 4s. 6d.

JULY 26TH. - SALCOMBE, DEVON. A dinghy had been reported missing, but could

not be found. Later it was brought in by another boat. - Rewards, £7 19s.

JULY 27TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. A yacht had capsized in a race, but her crew were saved by other yachts.- Rewards, £4 7s. 6d.

JULY 28TH. - POOLE AND BOURNE-MOUTH, DORSET. A motor boat had been reported missing, but could not be found, and later arrived safely. - Rewards, £6 7s.

JULY 30TH. - MARGATE, KENT. A man had gone adrift in a rubber dinghy, but he was picked up by a fishing boat. - Rewards, £6 9s. 6d. (See Margate, "Services by shore-boats," page 76)

JULY 30TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. A man had been swept away by the tide while swimming off Dumpton Gap, but the life-boat could not find him, and he was washed ashore, still alive, near Broadstairs. - Rewards, £6 7s.

JULY 31ST. - MARGATE, KENT. Red fares had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £16 2s.

## AUGUST

### Launches 70 Lives rescued 107

AUGUST 3RD. - PORT ST. MARY, ISLE OF MAN. In the afternoon the motor life-boat *Sir Heath Harrison* had just returned from an exercise when a telephone message was received from a private resident that a rowing boat, with two women on board, was in difficulties near Kentraugh. A strong south-west wind was blowing, with a heavy ground swell. The life-boat left at 3.30 and fifteen minutes later found the rowing boat one mile east of the breakwater. She was being blown on to a rocky shore. The people in her were visitors from Manchester. The life-boat took them on board and, with their boat in tow, arrived back at 4.30. - Rewards, £8 1s. 6d.

AUGUST 5TH. - MOELFRE, ANGLESEY. At ten o'clock at night the resident of a bungalow on the cliffs near Benllech reported to the honorary secretary of the life-boat station that signals were being made by torch from a launch which appeared to have broken down. A south-west wind was blowing and the sea was smooth, but as the wind was off-shore and was increasing it was decided to investigate, and the motor life-boat *G.W.* was launched at 10.15. She found the motor launch *Trilby*, of Benllech, three miles out to the south of Benllech. She had five on board. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her in and arrived back at her station at 12.20 next morning. - Rewards, £11 16s.

AUGUST 7TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 10.50 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that North Foreland Radio had picked up a message from the American

steamer *City of Alma* that a motor yacht to the north of Dumpton Buoy was in need of immediate help. A strong south-west breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched at 10.59. On arriving she was signalled by the American steamer and went alongside. There she learned that the yacht was the motor yacht *Windgap*, of London, on passage from Ramsgate with two men on board. The steamer had seen that she was sinking, lowered a boat, and rescued the men as she sank. The life-boat brought them to Ramsgate, arriving at 12.50. - Rewards, £5 9s. 6d.

AUGUST 7TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 9.12 at night the Ramsgate coastguard reported a sailing yacht aground on the Goodwin Sands. A light west-south-west breeze was blowing and the sea was calm. At 9.20 the motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched and found the American sailing yacht, *Seafarer*, bound for Gothenburg from New York, afloat, but surrounded by sandbanks. Three life-boatmen went on board and piloted her into clearer water. She had broken her main boom when she first grounded and her sails and running gear were damaged. At the master's request the life-boat towed her into Ramsgate harbour and returned to her station, arriving at 10.55. - Rewards, 14s. Property salvage case.

AUGUST 7TH. - ABERDEEN. At 10.27 at night the coastguard reported that a fishing boat was burning red flares five miles away, south-east of Collieston. A light south-west wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Emma Constance* was launched at eleven o'clock and at 12.30 found the motor fishing boat *Harmonious II*, with six aboard. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her in, arriving at 2.16 in the morning. - Property salvage case.

AUGUST 10TH. - CLOVELLY, AND APPLIEDORE, DEVON. At three in the afternoon the Hartland Point coastguard telephoned to the Clovelly life-boat station that a small tug had foundered a mile north-west of the point. A moderate north-west breeze was blowing and the sea was rather rough. The motor life-boat *City of Nottingham* was launched at 3.15 and on her way received a wireless message that a raft and men in the water were one mile north-east of Hartland Point. She altered her course found a raft with two men on it, and rescued them. They directed the life-boat coxswain to the four remaining members of the crew. She found them kept afloat by life-buoys, and rescued them. The tug was the *Adur II*, of Liverpool, bound from London to Liverpool. She brought the men to Clovelly at 5.15. One of them died later. News of the tug was also given by the coastguard to Appledore, and at three o'clock the motor life-boat *Frederick Kitchen*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched. When she got in touch with the Clovelly life-boat and learned that all had been rescued she returned to her

station, arriving at 6.15. - Rewards, Clovelly, £9 16s. 6d. ; Appledore, £5 12s. 3d.

AUGUST 12TH. - PLYMOUTH, DEVON. At 4.5 in the morning a message was received from the king's harbour master that a yacht was drifting dangerously near the rocks on the southern shore. A south-westerly gale was blowing and the sea was very rough. Another message came that a second yacht was in difficulties. The motor life-boat *The Brothers*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 4.15. She found the Dutch ocean-going racing yacht *Zeearend* on the rocks, but she refloated and the life-boat escorted her to Barbican and there beached her. She then went out again to the second yacht, the *Valeria*, and escorted her to harbour. She found a third yacht, the motor yacht *Ellora*, at anchor near the breakwater and advised her to move to a safer anchorage. She returned to her station at 7.15. - Rewards, £6 13s.

AUGUST 12TH. - WICKLOW. At four in the morning a yacht was reported to be dragging her anchor on to a lee shore, off the breakwater. A moderate north-easterly gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. The life-boat crew assembled and when distress signals were seen the motor life-boat *Lady Kysant* was launched. It was then 5.10. She found the sailing yacht, *Sea Gull*, of Dublin, with a crew of five, got a line on board and towed her into Wicklow harbour. She arrived back at her station at 6.15. - Rewards, £9 2s. 3d.

AUGUST 12TH. - WICKLOW. About 6.45 in the morning, when the life-boat crew were standing by half an hour after bringing in the yacht *Sea Gull*, another yacht, the *Foam*, of Dun Laoghaire, was seen apparently in difficulties in the outer harbour. The moderate north-easterly gale was increasing in force, and the sea was heavy. The motor life-boat, *Lady Kysant*, was launched at seven o'clock and towed the yacht, which had two on board, into the harbour. She arrived back at her station at 8.50 that morning. - Rewards, £6 1s.

AUGUST 12TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 10.55 in the morning a report was received from returning fishermen that a boat was believed to have capsized as she left the fishing grounds in Pegwell Bay. A strong south-south-west breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched at eleven o'clock and found the motor fishing boat *Ann* with two on board. She was in difficulties in the heavy seas, but making headway slowly. The life-boat escorted her into Ramsgate, arriving at 11.22. - Rewards, £5 9s. 6d.

### SILVER MEDAL SERVICE AT PADSTOW

AUGUST 12TH. - ST. IVES, AND PADSTOW, CORNWALL. At 10.40 in the morning the St. Ives coastguard

reported that a tug, with a steamer in tow, north of St. Ives Head, was making little headway. A fresh westerly gale was blowing, with very heavy seas. The tug and steamer were kept under observation, and when it was seen that they were slowly drifting towards the shore, the motor life-boat *Caroline Oates Aver and William Maine* was launched. It was then 2.40 in the afternoon. She set a course for St. Agnes Head. The weather got much worse and the coxswain was compelled to return. The life-boat arrived back at 5.20. The Padstow life-boat station had been informed when St. Ives launched and, as no further news of her had been received by 4.15, the coastguard asked for the Padstow life-boat to go out. It was now blowing a full north-westerly gale, with tremendous seas, and when the No. 1 motor life-boat *Princess Mary* left at five o'clock on her twenty-mile journey she had to meet the last of the flood tide. She reached St. Agnes Head about 8.30 and found the S.S. *Kedah*, of Singapore, three-quarters of a mile east-north-east of the Head. She had parted from the tug which was taking her from Barrow to Antwerp. Her anchors were down, but she was dragging towards the shore and was yawing considerably in a very confused sea. She had rescue nets out on the port side and the life-boat attempted to get a line aboard on that side, but as the life-boat approached, the *Kedah* sheered away to starboard. At the same time the life-boat had to go full steam ahead and turn away to meet a tremendous sea. She then asked for the nets to be shifted to the starboard side and made an attempt on that side, but, just as she came alongside, the steamer again sheered and the life-boat was swung round by the seas and struck the steamer, damaging her own bows.

For the third time she closed the steamer. Again the steamer sheered and again the life-boat was damaged. But the coxswain kept his engines at full speed and this time brought the life-boat alongside. The steamer's crew of ten jumped into her and she came out again at full speed. The life-boat reached Padstow at 12.20

next morning, having been at sea for over seven hours in what were described as almost impossible conditions. It was a courageous rescue, calling for fine seamanship and great determination on the part of the coxswain, and skilful co-operation on the part of the second-coxswain and the motor-mechanic.

The Institution made the following awards :

To COXSWAIN JOHN T. MURT, the silver medal for gallantry, with a copy of the vote inscribed on vellum ;

To WILLIAM H. GRANT, second-coxswain, and JOHN H. ROKAHR, motor-mechanic, each the thanks of the Institution inscribed on vellum ;

To each member of the crew a special reward of £2.

Rewards : Padstow, standard rewards to crew and helpers, £7 1s. 9d. ; additional rewards to crew, £16 ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £23 1s. 9d. St. Ives, £11 5s. 6d.

AUGUST 13TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At two in the morning the coastguard reported that a vessel was in distress a mile east of Marina look-out. A strong south-west wind was blowing, with a moderately rough sea. The motor life-boat *Mary Scott*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 2.27, and just below the Cackle Buoy found a yacht running before the wind. She was the sailing yacht *Slor*, bound south from Blyth. Her canvas had blown away. The two men on board were exhausted. They asked to be helped into Yarmouth. The life-boat took the yacht in tow and brought her to Yarmouth at 5.33. She reached her station again at 6.30 that morning. - Property salvage case.

AUGUST 15TH. - PORT ST. MARY, ISLE OF MAN. At 6.45 in the evening the rowing boat *Seagull*, of Port St. Mary, was seen to be flying a white handkerchief on an oar. She was two miles off Scarlett Point. A fresh to strong northerly off-shore wind was blowing. The tide was ebbing. The motor life-boat *Sir Heath Harrison* was launched at 7.10, and four and a half miles south-east of the harbour came up with the rowing boat, which was being driven out to sea. Two people were on board, a cripple and a woman. Both were exhausted. The life-boat took them on board and, with their boat in tow, arrived back at 8.25. - Rewards, £20 5s.

AUGUST 16TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. At 12.12 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that two persons were clinging to a small sailing boat which had capsized. A moderate easterly breeze was blowing, the sea was smooth, but it was raining hard. The

motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched at 12.25. She found the boat about a mile off the Marine Hotel, Selsey, but just before she arrived the man and boy who had been in the sailing boat had been picked up by a motor boat. As, however, the motor boat was unable to tow the sailing boat, the life-boat towed them both close to the land and then returned to her station, arriving at 1.30. - Rewards, £6 3s. 6d.

AUGUST 17TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. At 7.20 in the morning the coastguard reported a sailing yacht flying distress signals three miles south-south-east of Bill Tower. A strong north-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat, *Canadian Pacific*, was launched at 7.30 and found the sailing racing yacht *Ragna R.*, of London, with live on board. She was on passage from Dover to Lymington. Her sails were split and one of her crew was ill. The owner asked the coxswain to tow them to the nearest port and the life-boat took them to Portsmouth, arriving there at 1.30 that afternoon. She arrived back at her station at 4.45. - Property salvage case.

AUGUST 18TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 5.48 in the evening a telephone message was received from Colwell that a yacht was flying distress signals half a mile north-east of North East Shingles Buoy. A strong west-south-west breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *S.G.E.* was launched at six o'clock and found the sailing yacht, *Skua*, of Yarmouth, with her rudder carried away. She had three on board. The life-boat towed her into Yarmouth harbour at 7.10. The harbour master hailed the coxswain and told him that another yacht was in difficulties off Lymington Spit Buoy. The life-boat put out again at once and found the sailing yacht *Duet*, of Cowes, with two on board. She was dismasted. A life-boatman went on board to help in hauling in the gear that was lying alongside from the broken mast, and at the request of the owner the life-boat towed the yacht into Yarmouth harbour. She returned to her station at 7.55 that evening. - Rewards, £16 1s. 6d.

AUGUST 19TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 10.5 in the morning the coastguard reported that a fishing vessel appeared to be out of control two miles south-east by east of the South Goodwin Light-vessel. A moderate south-south-west breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. At 11.13 a second message said that the fishing vessel was making distress signals, and at 11.20 the motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched. She found the fishing vessel *La Nievre*, of Boulogne, with a crew of six. She had lost her propeller and was without sails. She had been aground on the sands, but had refloated. Three life-boatmen went on board and the life-boat towed her into Dover harbour. She returned to her station, arriving at 5.50 that evening. - Property salvage case.

AUGUST 20TH. - PORT ST. MARY, ISLE OF MAN. About noon the sailing yacht *Argo* put out with a fishing party on board, a man, a woman and three children. They had not returned by ten at night, and anxiety was felt for their safety. At 11.8 the Calf of Man warden reported that the yacht had been seen between Spanish Head and the Calf at 5.45. There was no wind and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Sir Heath Harrison* was launched at 11.50 and found the *Argo* drifting and unable to make any headway. She towed her into Port St. Mary, arriving back at her station at 12.20 next morning. - Rewards, £20 7s.

AUGUST 25TH. - NORTH SUNDERLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 9.39 at night the Seahouses coastguard telephoned that two cabin cruisers were making distress signals four miles north-north-east of Boulmer. A slight breeze was blowing and the sea was calm. The motor life-boat *W.R.A.* was launched at 10.15. In the absence of the coxswain and second-coxswain, who were out fishing, the motor-mechanic was in command. The life-boat found the cabin cruisers *Rambling Rose* and *Cynthia*, of Amble, with their engines broken down. Two people were on board each cruiser. The life-boat towed them into Seahouses at 1.30 next morning. - Rewards, £15 9s.

AUGUST 25TH. - EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. At 9.42 at night the coastguard reported a message from the Eastbourne Angling Club that one of their boats, the motor boat *Eve*, was overdue and that another motor boat had been out, but had failed to find her. A light westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was slight. The life-boat crew stood by, and when the missing boat had not returned at 11.30 the motor life-boat *Jane Holland* was launched. She found the *Eve* four miles east of the life-boat station. Her engine had broken down and her crew of two were exhausted. The life-boatmen gave them rum and the life-boat took the *Eve* in tow and arrived back at her station at 12.30 next morning. - Rewards, £19 4s.

AUGUST 28TH. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. At 7.15 in the morning the coastguard reported that a yacht was in difficulties east of Clacton pier, and that the Clacton life-boat was unable to launch, owing to the lowness of the tide. He asked that the Walton and Frinton boat should put out. A strong southerly breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *E.M.E.D.* was launched at 7.45 and found the auxiliary yacht *Zair*, of Maldon, with a crew of three, exhausted and distressed by the rough sea. They asked the coxswain to tow them to a sheltered anchorage and the life-boat took them to Walton river, anchored the yacht there, and arrived back at her station at 5.40 that evening. - Property salvage case.

AUGUST 28TH. - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. At 8.30 in the morning the

tion was received that two yachts were in danger of being driven on to the sea wall at Canvey Island. A fresh south-south-west gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Greater London (Civil Service No. 3)* was launched at 1.45 and found the yachts *Modwena* and *Sandpiper* within twenty feet of the sea wall with the seas breaking over them. After several attempts the life-boat passed a tow-rope to the *Modwena* and towed her clear. The *Modwena* then anchored. Going to the *Sandpiper* the life-boat took off her crew of two and put a man on board with a tow-rope. As

boat towed the yacht first to Goulthrop Roads, and in the shelter there it was possible to do it. They were given dry clothes and rum, and two life-boatmen were put on board the yacht. The tow continued to the entrance to Solva harbour. There, in the heavy seas, the yacht broke adrift three times, but eventually the life-boat brought her into St. David's, and moored her at the quayside at 9.30 that night.

The life-boat crew claimed, and were paid, salvage for the yacht. In such cases no rewards are given by the Institution. In this case, however, the Institution decided to make a special reward of £2 10s. to each member of the crew for the first part of the service in which the lives were rescued. It also highly commended Dr. Soar. Special rewards to crew, £17 10s., and property salvage case.

AUGUST 28TH. - ANSTRUTHER, FIFE-SHIRE. At 2.30 in the afternoon the coastguard reported a fishing boat, off Fifeness, making heavy weather. A south-easterly gale was blowing, the sea was very rough, and wind and sea were increasing. The motor life-boat *Nellie and Charlie* was launched at 2.55, with the assistant motor-mechanic in charge, and found the motor fishing boat *Gem*, of Crail, with a crew of three. She escorted her to Anstruther, but when they were within a mile of the harbour the *Gem's* engine broke down. The life-boat then took her in tow and they reached Anstruther at 3.45. - Rewards, £6 19s. 6d.

AUGUST 28TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 4.38 in the afternoon the Foreland coastguard telephoned that a pilot at Sea View had reported a boat being blown off shore in the direction of Horse Sand Fort. A south-west gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Jesse Lumb* was launched at 4.57 and found the rowing boat *Pop*, from a holiday camp, west-south-west of Norman Fort. She was driving before the wind and half full of water. On board were a family of five, two of them children. The life-boat took them off and, with the small boat in tow, made for Ryde, where she landed them. She reached her station again at 7.45 that evening. The rescued sent a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £8 11s. 9d.

AUGUST 28TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 6.30 in the evening, a steamer was seen to be in danger of running ashore and the life-boat coxswain put out in a shore boat to investigate. A strong south-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was very rough. The coxswain found the *James H. Price*, of Savannah, aground one mile south-west of Deal Bank Buoy. He put two men on board and returned ashore to call out the motor life-boat. The *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 8.10 and stood by until the steamer refloated at 10.15. She escorted her to a safe anchorage and returned to her station at eleven that night. - Property salvage case.

AUGUST 28TH. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLN-SHIRE. At ten at night the coastguard telephoned that a light had been seen to the south. A south-south-west gale was blowing and the sea was very rough. A watch was kept, and when a flare was seen it was decided to send out the motor life-boat *Anne Allen*. She was launched at eleven o'clock, and after a difficult search found the motor cruiser *Silver Spray* a mile south of Chapel St. Leonards. The *Silver Spray's* engine had broken down. She had anchored off Snettisham, Norfolk, but had broken adrift, and had been driven before the gale for seventeen hours. On board were the owner and his wife. Both were exhausted. The life-boat took the *Silver Spray* in tow. She broke adrift once, but the tow was reconnected and the life-boat brought her to Skegness at two o'clock next morning, and beached her. Her owner and his wife were given hospitality by a Skegness hotel. They expressed their admiration of the life-boat's work. - Rewards, £13 12s.

AUGUST 29TH. - LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE. At 3.30 in the afternoon, messages were received from the Colwyn Bay police and the Rhyl coastguard that a fishing boat was in distress off Rhos pier, drifting seawards. A strong west-south-west breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Thomas and Annie Wade Richards* was launched at 3.45 and found the fishing boat *Delia*, leaking badly, with her engine broken down. The life-boat took off her crew of two and towed her to Colwyn Bay, arriving back at her station at 6.15. - Rewards, £11 6s. 6d.

AUGUST 29TH. - AMBLE, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 6.12 in the evening the coastguard reported that a motor boat was making distress signals three miles east of Cresswell village. A strong south-easterly breeze was blowing, with a heavy sea. The motor life-boat *Frederick and Emma* was launched at 6.40 and found the motor boat *White Heather II*, sinking. She had a man and a boy on board. A life-boatman boarded her and secured a tow rope. It broke twice when the life-boat started towing, but slowly she brought the motor boat into the harbour, arriving at nine that night. - Rewards, £7 12s.

AUGUST 30TH. - WHITBY, YORK-SHIRE. At 10.30 in the morning the coastguard telephoned that the rowing boat *Dorothy II*, about one mile east of North Cheek, Robin Hood's Bay, was showing a coat on an oar. A strong south-south-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The tide was ebbing. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched at 10.50 and found the boat being blown out to sea, with two exhausted young men on board. She took them off and took their boat in tow. Three men in a rowing boat, the *Howdale*, had put out from Robin Hood's Bay to the help of the *Dorothy II*, but in that weather had not been able to do anything. This boat also the life-boat took in tow. She towed

both boats to Robin Hood's Bay, and returned to Whitby, but she had to wait for the tide and was not able to moor at the quay until three that afternoon. - Rewards, £6 6s.

AUGUST 30TH. - FALMOUTH, CORNWALL. About 9.15 at night the coast-guard reported flares a mile east of St. Anthony. A moderate south-westerly breeze was blowing, with a heavy swell. The motor life-boat *Crawford and Constance*. *Conybeare* was launched at 9.33 and found the motor launch *Cakbornne*, of Mylor, with her engine broken down and a capsized dinghy in tow. She had on board seven people, two of them children. She took them off, put a life-boatman on board the launch, and righted the dinghy. She towed them both to Mylor Creek, landed the people there and returned to her station, arriving at midnight. - Rewards, £9 4s.

AUGUST 30TH. - PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE At 11.35 at night the coast-guard reported flares about one mile off North Head. A light south-south-east wind was blowing. There was a heavy swell. The motor life-boat *Julia Park Barry of Glasgow* was launched at 11.50 and found the motor boat *Union*, of Fraserburgh, with her engine broken down. She had anchored, but the anchor was dragging. She had on board the owner, his wife and two sons. The life-boat passed a rope to the *Union*, which was made fast with some difficulty, and towed her to Peterhead, arriving at one o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £9 8s. 6d.

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

AUGUST 2ND. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX. An object which looked like a small boat had been reported, but it was found to be a large black buoy. - Rewards, £6 9s. 6d.

AUGUST 2ND. - HASTINGS, SUSSEX. A motor drifter had been reported to be in need of help, but tugs took her in tow. - Rewards, £46 2s. 6d.

AUGUST 3RD. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. A motor boat with six people on board had been reported adrift, but it reached land unaided. - Rewards, £7 10s.

AUGUST 4TH. - THE HUMBER, YORKSHIRE. Two dinghies had been reported in difficulties, one off Sutton-on-Sea, the other north of Mablethorpe, but both were picked up by other boats. - Permanent paid crew. (See Mablethorpe, "Services by Shore-boats," page 76.)

AUGUST 5TH. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX. A motor boat had been reported drifting, but it reached the beach unaided. - Rewards, £9 10s. 9d.

AUGUST 7TH. - WALMER, KENT. The American yacht *Seafarer* grounded on the Goodwin Sands, but refloats and was taken in tow by the Ramsgate life-boat. - Rewards, £20 5s.

AUGUST 8TH. - PWLLHELI, CAERNARVONSHIRE. A motor boat had been reported drifting, but it reached land unaided. - Rewards, £4 12s.

AUGUST 9TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. A small yacht had been dismasted, but she had an auxiliary engine and did not need help. - Rewards, £4 10s.

AUGUST 10TH. - POOLE AND BOURNE-MOUTH, DORSET. A small motor fishing boat had been reported in difficulties, but she was found coming in under her own power. - Rewards, £3 16s.

AUGUST 10TH. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. Two French crab-fishing boats had been reported missing from St. Ives Bay, but nothing was found. One had made harbour and the other had been totally wrecked, with the loss of three of her crew of four. - Rewards, £7 7s. 6d.

AUGUST 10TH. - MARGATE, KENT. A rowing boat had been reported in difficulties, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £5 14s. 6d.

AUGUST 11TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. Flares had been reported, but they were found to be a searchlight being used by a motor cruiser. - Rewards, £10 14s.

AUGUST 12TH. - CROMER, NORFOLK. A vessel's engine had broken down, but the owners had sent another vessel to her help and she towed her in. - Rewards, £8 3s. 6d.

AUGUST 12TH. - ST. PETER PORT, GUERNSEY. A speed-boat had been reported in difficulties, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £7 19s.

AUGUST 14TH. - BARRY DOCK, GLAMORGANSHIRE. A girl had been reported to have been carried out to sea on a rubber float, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £14 1s. 9d.

AUGUST 15TH. - WICKLOW. A motor launch had been reported overdue, but another motor boat went to her help. - Rewards, £9 2s. 3d.

AUGUST 16TH. - SALCOMBE, DEVON. A dinghy had been reported missing, but she had made for Brixham. - Rewards, £9 4s.

AUGUST 17TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A yacht had been reported in distress, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £8 8s.

AUGUST 18TH. - MARGATE, KENT. A motor cruiser had gone aground, but two men from her had scrambled ashore, leaving another man on board, who signalled that he was safe. - Rewards, £14 8s.

AUGUST 18TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. A yacht had dragged ashore, but the only man on board had landed. - Rewards, £14 16s. 6d.

AUGUST 20TH. - CROMER, NORFOLK. A yacht had burnt flares, but she went aground and her crew were able to get ashore. - Rewards, £29 0s. 6d.

AUGUST 20TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. Coloured flares had been seen, but they were fireworks being let off on shore on the Isle of Arran. - Rewards, £10.

AUGUST 20TH. - ANSTRUTHER, FIFE-SHIRE. An aeroplane was thought to have crashed in the sea, but what had been seen was flares dropped by an aeroplane. - Rewards, £12 5s.

AUGUST 21ST. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. A fishing boat had been reported missing, but she was towed ashore by another boat. - Rewards, £12 7s.

AUGUST 27TH. - CLOVELLY, DEVON. The coastguard had asked for the life-boat to escort a yacht, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £16.

AUGUST 28TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. A yacht had gone ashore on rocks under high cliffs, but the life-boat could not get to her, and her crew were rescued by the Freshwater coastguard life-saving apparatus, who were awarded the shield for the best rescue carried out by the coastguard during the year. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

AUGUST 28TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. Flares had been reported, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £8 10s.

AUGUST 31ST. - DUN LAOGHAIRE, AND HOWTH, CO. DUBLIN. A yacht had sunk after being in collision, but her crew were saved by another yacht. - Rewards : Dun Laoghaire, £5 3s. ; Howth, £8 5s. 6d.

## SEPTEMBER

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SEPTEMBER 1ST. - HELVICK HEAD, CO. WATERFORD. At 4.45 in the afternoon the sailing boat, *St. Brendon*, of Dungarvan, was sailing round the Black Rock in Dungarvan harbour. She had five on board. A north-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was choppy. Her mast broke and she anchored. She was lying only about a hundred feet from the Rock. It was seen from the shore and the motor life-boat *H. F. Bailey* was launched at 4.55. She towed the boat to Dungarvan, and arrived back at her station at seven that evening. - Rewards, £4 16s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 2ND. - NORTH SUNDERLAND, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 3.59 in the afternoon information was received from the coastguard that a fishing coble was on fire two miles east of Cullernose Point. A light southerly wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *W.R.A.* was launched at 4.8 and found the *Silver Scale*, of North Sunderland, with four on board. She

was not on fire, but her engine had broken down and she had burned a flare to attract the attention of another fishing boat. The life-boat towed her home, arriving at 6.30. - Rewards, £10 17s.

SEPTEMBER 5TH. - ST. PETER PORT, GUERNSEY. At 9.30 in the morning a yacht was reported off the west coast in a dangerous position, but she was not showing any signal of distress. A south-west breeze was blowing, with a slight sea. A fisherman had been on board the yacht, and found that she was the *Elinor*, with a crew of eight, that her sails were damaged, and her engine broken down. She was on the shore. He was unable to tow her off with his motor boat, and at 11.46 came in to St. Peter Port and asked for the motor life-boat to go out. The motor life-boat *Queen Victoria* was launched at 12.22. She met the yacht in Little Rossel. By this time the yacht had started her engines again and was moving slowly. The life-boat escorted her to St. Peter Port, arriving at 1.20. - Rewards, £4 12s.

SEPTEMBER 6TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At 12.15 in the afternoon a message came from Dolphin Camp, Brixham, that there had been a cliff accident at Sharkham Point, Brixham, and at 12.25 the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched, manned by a skeleton crew. She took a small boat in tow. A west-south-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. At Sharkham Point three life-boatmen went ashore in the small boat. Two men had been climbing the cliff where it was most precipitous. When about fifty feet up the one above had lost his grip and fallen bodily on the other, just below him. Together they had crashed to the shore. Both were seriously injured. A doctor, coastguards, and police had gone to their help. The two men were placed on stretchers ; transferred to the life-boat ; landed at Brixham about two o'clock, and sent by ambulance to hospital. - Rewards, £3 7s.

SEPTEMBER 7TH. - STROMNESS, ORKNEY. At two in the morning the Kirkwall coastguard telephoned that a motor launch was ashore in Hoy Sound one hundred yards north-east of Ness Beacon and in need of help. A light east-south-east wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. As the weather was fine and there was no immediate danger, the life-boat coxswain went to Hoy Sound by road; and spoke to the three people on the launch. They asked for help as their propeller shaft was bent, and they thought the launch might be making water. The motor life-boat *J.J.K.S.W.* was launched at 3.10 and towed the launch to Stromness, arriving at 3.40. - Rewards, £8 8s.

SEPTEMBER 10TH. - RAMSEY, ISLE OF MAN. At 5.12 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that the Ramsey fishing smack *Majestic* had not returned from the fishing grounds. A southerly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. A further message was received at 5.27 that a small fishing boat could be seen to the north-east flying a square



flag. The motor life-boat *Lady Harrison* was launched at 6.12 and found the fishing boat about two miles north-east of the life-boat station. Her sails had blown away, her engine broken down, and she was shipping water. She had four on board. The life-boat took them off, and reached her station again at 7.15. The owner of the smack made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £13 18s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 10TH. - GIRVAN, AYRSHIRE. At 6.15 in the evening the coast-guard reported a sailing yacht approaching from the north. The River Girvan was very full of water, which was pouring through the harbour, and he thought that the yacht might find it very difficult to enter harbour. At 6.30 the motor life-boat *Lily Glen* - *Glasgow* was launched and found that the yacht was the *Irian*, of Girvan. She had three on board. The life-boat escorted her into harbour, but as she crossed the bar the yacht was struck by the river current and the men found it very difficult to control her. The life-boat passed a rope to them and towed the yacht to her berth. - Rewards, £6 19s. 9d.

SEPTEMBER 12TH - 14TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 2.8 in the afternoon the Deal coastguard telephoned that a ship was in danger of going aground on the Goodwins. A light south-east wind was blowing, but the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 2.20 and found the S.S. *Helena Modjeska*, of New Orleans, stranded one mile south of the North West Goodwin Buoy. She was a Liberty ship of 7,176 tons laden, and bound from the United States for Bremerhaven. She had a crew of nearly forty. The coxswain went aboard her, but her captain declined help, and the life-boat stood by. Tugs arrived from Dover and the Dover harbour master and the second coxswain went aboard the steamer. The life-boat continued to stand by until five next morning. She then returned to her station, taking with her the captain of the steamer and the harbour master. She refuelled and arrived back at the steamer at six o'clock, stood by until ten, took off twenty of the crew, with their belongings, and landed them at 11.15. Without delay she returned to the steamer, but the remainder of the steamer's crew were kept on board to help with the hawsers from the tugs. The life-boat stood by for the rest of the day and the following night. At 4.15 in the morning of the 14th, having satisfied himself that the men on board the steamer were not in danger, and having arranged for the life-boat to be called again if needed, the coxswain left for his station, arriving at five o'clock, over thirty-eight hours after the life-boat had first put out. Later in the day the Ramsgate coxswain, in his own boat, landed nineteen of the crew and four welders from the Dover Harbour Board, who had been working on board. - Rewards : first service, £36 18s. ; second service, £31 14s. 6d. (See Ramsgate, "Services by Shore-boats," page 77.)

SEPTEMBER 12TH. - THE HUMBER, YORKSHIRE. At 4.43 in the afternoon a message was received from the signal station at Spurn Point that a small sailing yacht was in difficulties on the Binks. A south-east wind was blowing, and the sea was moderate. At five o'clock the motor life-boat *City of Bradford II* was launched and found the sailing yacht *Lilian*, with two on board. She had caught on the inner bank of the Binks, had managed to get off again, and was now trying to stem the tide. She had shipped a great deal of water and her crew were exhausted. They were given rum and the life-boat towed them into Grimsby. Here they were told where to go for food and clothing. The life-boat returned to her station at eight that night. - Permanent paid crew.

SEPTEMBER 12TH. - PADSTOW, CORNWALL. At 6.46 in the evening the Bude coastguard reported that a boat, a mile off Bude breakwater, needed help. A strong west-south-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. At seven o'clock the No. 1 motor life-boat *Elsie*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched, and on her way she saw a rocket, and then, guided by signals from a morse lamp, she found the converted fishing boat *Diana III*, of Appledore, with a man, his wife, and three children on board. She was reefed down and had a sea-anchor out. It was then 11.15. The lifeboat went alongside and took off the three children, but the man and woman remained on board, and the life-boat towed the *Diana III* to Padstow. She returned to her station at 2.38 next morning. The owner made gifts to the Institution and to the life-boat crew. - Rewards, £5 13s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 13TH. - TROON, AYRSHIRE. At eleven in the morning news was received that a man and two women who had left harbour the previous day in the auxiliary sailing boat *Annie*, were thought to be on Lady Isle. Just before noon the boat was seen to be riding at anchor off the island, but at 1.10 she was seen to break adrift and the people were seen on the island. At 1.45 a request was received for the life-boat to take them off. A whole west-north-west gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. The motor life-boat *Sir David Richmond of Glasgow* was launched at three o'clock and, with her boarding boat in tow, made for Lady Isle. The life-boat could not get near enough to the island to take the people off, and four life-boatmen rowed the boarding boat in. They had a very hard pull, and it was only with great difficulty that they took the people off the rocks. When the boarding boat returned to the life-boat there was considerable difficulty in getting the women safely on board her, for at times the seas nearly flung the boarding boat into the life-boat. The life-boat reached her station again at five o'clock. The *Annie* became a total wreck. - Rewards, £5 12s.

SEPTEMBER 14TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. At 5.55 in the evening a message was received from a call-box at Westcliff that men could be seen clinging to the mast of a yacht which had sunk, close to the Loway

Buoy. A strong squally south-south-west wind was blowing, and the sea was rough. At 6.30 the motor life-boat *Greater London* (Civil Service No. 3) was launched by the coxswain, two of the pier staff and the motor-mechanic. As the life-boat was leaving, the regular crew arrived. She went alongside the pier and took them on board. In doing it she damaged her starboard bow. She found the yacht *Alexandra*, of Whitstable. Two men were clinging to the mast, only a few feet above the water. They were being badly knocked about by the heavy seas and were exhausted. The life-boat rescued them, took them to Southend, and returned to her station at 7.5. - Rewards, £7 14s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 14TH. - POOLBEG, CO. DUBLIN. At 8.30 at night information was received from the Clontarf Sailing Club that a small sailing boat was in difficulties at the mouth of the river. A strong westerly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Helen Blake* was launched at 8.50 and after a search found the sailing boat drifting off Poolbeg Lighthouse. She towed her to Pigeon House Dock, and returned to her station, arriving at 10.15. - Rewards, £7 5s.

SEPTEMBER 15TH. - DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN. At 8.40 in the morning the Ramsey coastguard reported a steamer in need of help off Douglas Head. A south-westerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was very rough. The motor life-boat *Millie Walton* was launched at 9.5 and found the S.S. *Leonidas S. Condylis*, of Andros, Greece, with her engine broken down, seven miles south-east of Douglas Head. She stood by, and, when another steamer arrived, passed a tow rope from her to the Greek steamer. She did it five times and each time the rope parted. Having nothing strong enough to tow with, the second steamer went on her way and the life-boat placed the Greek steamer on anchor, to await the arrival of a tug. She then returned to her station, which she reached at 11.10 that night. - Rewards, £20 10s.

SEPTEMBER 15TH. - WESTON - SUPERMARE, SOMERSET. During the evening a man on Kilve Reach in Bridgwater Bay saw signals fired from a motor cruiser. He told the police who reported to the coastguard. The information reached the life-boat station at eight o'clock. A light west-south-west breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Fifi and Charles* was launched at 8.47. Her coxswain correctly estimated the drift of the boat in distress and, at eleven o'clock, found her half a mile north of Inkly Point in Bridgwater Bay. She was the *Athene*, with three on board. They were exhausted by their prolonged efforts to restart their engine, and they had burned their last flare. A life-boatman was put on board the *Athene* and the life-boat towed her to moorings in the River Axe, returning to her station at one next morning. The owner made a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £8 12s.

SEPTEMBER 18TH. - PORT ERIN, AND PEEL, ISLE OF MAN. At 11.21 in the morning the Castletown coastguard reported to the Port Erin life-boat station that the Peel life-boat, had launched at eleven o'clock to search for the herring drifter *Manx Lass*, of Peel, which was overdue. A strong south-south-east breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. Mist had reduced visibility to a quarter of a mile. It was thought advisable for the Port Erin motor life-boat to join in the search, and at 12.21 the *Matthew Simpson* was launched. She found the herring drifter half a mile north-east of the Calf of Man, with her nets foul of her propellers. She had been helpless for about fourteen hours, and had lost all her fishing tackle. The life-boat escorted her into Port Erin Bay and the life-boatmen helped to clear her propellers. The life-boat then returned to her station at one that afternoon, and the herring drifter left for Peel at 1.30.

In the meantime the Peel life-boat was still searching and, finding nothing, she returned to her station at 7.40 that evening. - Rewards: Port Erin, £5 14s. 6d. ; Peel, £14 18s. 9d.

SEPTEMBER 18TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. At six in the afternoon Whitby fishing boats and boats of the Scottish fishing fleets put out in moderate weather, but by nine o'clock it had worsened and the boats turned back. A strong northerly breeze was then blowing, and the sea was rough. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched at 9.15, met the fishing boats at Rock Buoy, and escorted them into the harbour. She returned to her station at 10.30. - Rewards, £11 16s.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - WICKLOW. At five in the morning seven local boats went out fishing three miles north of Wicklow. The weather was moderate, but by six o'clock it had worsened. Six of the boats returned, and anxiety was felt for the safety of the one that was still at sea. A strong north-easterly gale was now blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Lady Kysant* was launched at seven o'clock, and found the *Mary*, of Wicklow, with a crew of three, one mile north of the harbour. At the request of the skipper, she escorted her to Wicklow, arriving back at her station at 7.45. - Rewards, £6 1s.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - YOUGHAL, CO. CORK. At 8.55 in the morning a message came that four fishing boats in the harbour were in danger of being swamped. A north-north-east gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. The motor life-boat *Laurana Sarah Blunt* was launched at 9.10, and found the four fishing boats with one man in each. The men were unable to make the land against the wind, and were being driven seawards. The life-boat towed each boat separately to the dock and returned to her station at 10.30. - Rewards, £10 8s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 12.30 in the afternoon the sailing barge *Monarch*, of Rochester, hoisted a distress signal. She had anchored in the Downs, but

was dragging towards a submerged wreck. A moderate south-south-west gale was blowing, and the sea was very rough. The motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 12.45 and found the barge, with two men and a woman on board. The second-coxswain and several life-boatmen went on board. A tow-rope was passed to them and they fixed it. It held the barge's head to windward while the life-boatmen hove up her anchor. The life-boat then towed her clear of the wreck. The barge's sails were then set and, with the life-boat second-coxswain in charge, she sailed for Ramsgate with the life-boat in attendance. A mile from Ramsgate the life-boat took a rope from the barge, towed her into the harbour and moored her there. She reached her station again at 4.30. - Property salvage case.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. A north-north-west wind of hurricane force was blowing and the sea was very rough. It was thought advisable for the life-boat to put out, as many yachts, with their crews on board, were at anchor in the outer harbour, and the anchors were dragging. The motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at 2.10 in the afternoon. She stood by drifting yachts until their anchors held, and took out their crews to the yachts *Memory* and *Western Lady*, and put them aboard. The yacht *Casita* foundered, but her crew was rescued by a motor launch. The life-boat patrolled the harbour for over six hours and arrived back at her station at 8.30 that evening. Donations were received from the owners of the *Memory* and *Western Lady*. - Rewards, £5 1s. 9d. (See Brixham, "Services by Shore-boats," page 80.)

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. At 4.15 in the afternoon the Wyke Regis coastguard reported two boats in distress off Grove Point, Portland. A full north-west gale was blowing, with a very heavy sea. The motor life-boat *William and Clara Ryland* was launched at 4.20 and found the motor boat *O. B. Joyful*, and another small boat two miles east of Grove Point, Portland. They had three men on board. She towed them into Weymouth, arriving at 6.30. - Rewards, £4 12s.

SEPTEMBER. 20TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. At 5.5 in the afternoon Lloyd's agent asked, through the coastguard, if the life-boat could take out food to the S.S. *Brightside*, of Dundee. A south-south-west breeze was blowing, with a very heavy sea, and a tug could not get alongside the steamer, which was anchored against the Inner Shoal. The motor life-boat *Mary Scott*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 5.25 and found the *Brightside* in a dangerous position. Her engine and boiler were both giving trouble. Her crew had been without food for two days. The life-boat gave them food and returned to her station at 7.30. The coxswain kept a watch on the steamer. During the night the weather grew worse and tugs went out. Then the vessel began to drag anchor, and the life-boat

crew were assembled at three in the morning, but later the weather moderated and the crew were dispersed. Eventually the steamer came into harbour under her own power. - Rewards, £11.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. About 5.45 in the afternoon the harbour master reported a yacht burning red flares in Yarmouth Roads. A strong north-westerly gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. The motor life-boat *S.G.E.* was launched at 6.5 and found the auxiliary yacht *Diadem*, of Southampton. She had dragged her anchors, collided with the west side of the pier and seriously damaged herself, but her crew of seven had scrambled up the pier. Two men boarded her from the pier and made fast a line, and the life-boat began to tow her clear. At that moment a life-boatman was knocked overboard. He was quickly rescued. The two men on the yacht then cut her anchor cables and the life-boat towed her seawards. During a lull in the weather she brought her into harbour, and arrived back at her station at 7.15. - Property salvage case.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - WESTON - SUPER-MARE SOMERSET. At 5.30 in the afternoon a message came from the Croyde coastguard, which he had received from the S.S. *Basiris*, that a steamer was ashore on Weston Sands. A north-north-west gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. No steamer could be seen and then it was found that the message should have been a ketch off Weston pier firing distress signals. She was later seen from the life-boathouse, south of Steepholme, heeling over and apparently ashore. The motor life-boat *Fifi and Charles* was launched at 6.25. The honorary secretary of the life-boat station, Mr. R. J. S. Crowe, went with her. She found the auxiliary ketch *Mary Stewart*, of Greenock, at anchor. Her cargo had shifted, causing her to list, and her engine and sails were insufficient to make headway against the sea and wind. The coxswain assured the master that the ketch's anchor was holding and the life-boat went to Barry to fetch a tug. The tug came and towed the ketch to Barry. Owing to the bad weather the life-boat sheltered in the River Axe until 7.45 next morning, and arrived back at her station at 8.55. - Rewards, £15 0s. 9d.

SEPTEMBER 21ST. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 3.18 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that the S.S. *Freden*, of Stockholm, was making for Yarmouth Roads and had asked for a doctor, as the captain was injured. A light west-south-west breeze was blowing, with a slight sea. A few minutes later the steamer was reported approaching and at 3.59 the motor lifeboat *Louise Stephens* was launched, with a doctor and ambulance men on board. The captain had internal injuries and the doctor decided to leave him on board the steamer, which was entering port next day. The life-boat returned to her station at five o'clock. A donation was received from the owners of the steamer. - Rewards, £4 14s.

SEPTEMBER 21ST. - RAMSGATE, KENT. At 10.32 at night a message was received through the coastguard from a tug attending on the S.S. *Helena Modjeska*, which had gone aground east of North West Goodwin Buoy on the 12th of September, that a motor boat anchored alongside the steamer had fouled her propeller and needed help. The water was shallow and the tug herself could not get to her. A fresh south-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Prudential* was launched at 10.45 and found the motor boat *King John*, of Dover, with two on board. Floating cordage had become entangled round her propeller and the ebbing tide was drawing her over the sands. The life-boatmen cleared away a mass of floating cordage and took the motor boat in tow. She was then told that there were six salvage men on the steamer, returned, took the men on board, and towed the motor boat to Ramsgate, arriving back at her station at 12.55 next morning. - Rewards, £10 14s.

SEPTEMBER 24TH. - MARGATE, KENT. At 12.2 in the morning the coastguard reported that cries for help could be heard off the coastguard lookout. A fresh westerly breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *The Lord Southborough* (Civil Service No. 1) was launched at 12.30 and found a water-logged empty boat drifting off Margate jetty and a naval seaman swimming towards the shore. She picked him up exhausted, and he lost consciousness. She landed him at the pier, and when he came to he asked for his two mates. The life-boat at once put out but found no one, and returned to her station at two next morning. Later it was learned that the rescued man was one of five seamen returning from the shore to a naval motor fishing vessel, and that two others had been rescued by a pilot boat. - Rewards, £7 14s. (See Margate, "Services by Shore-boats," page 78.)

SEPTEMBER 24TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. At 12.25 in the morning the Portrush coastguard telephoned that the Ballycastle coastguard had reported a small boat in difficulties between Ballycastle and Fair Head. A fresh south-west wind was blowing, with a heavy ground swell. The motor life-boat *T.B.H.* was launched at 12.55 and at 4.30 found a motor boat at anchor in Ballycastle Bay. Her engine had broken down. She had three men on board. With the help of life-boatmen the three men got her engines running again. She then went on her way to Larne. The life-boat went with her. After a time the men said that they were now quite happy and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at ten that morning. - Rewards, £15 3s.

SEPTEMBER 27TH. - LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE. At 4.30 in the afternoon the Colwyn Bay police reported two men drifting out to sea on rubber dinghies. A southerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was choppy. The motor life-boat *Thomas and Annie Wade Richards* was launched at 4.45 and found the two dinghies three miles off

Colwyn Bay. Both men were exhausted. The life-boat took them and their dinghies on board and made for Colwyn Bay, but found that the tide was too low to land them, so she took them to Llandudno Bay and landed them there by rowing boat at eight that evening. The men were both in bathing dress and the coxswain took them by car to Rhos-on-Sea. The life-boat was re-housed at eleven o'clock. The two men, who were brothers, sent £50 to the Institution. - Rewards, £13 13s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 29TH. - LYTHAM-ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE. At 11.45 in the morning the life-boat coxswain, while on the pier at Lytham, saw a sailing yacht coming up the river with her mast and sail overboard. A strong easterly wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *Dunleary* was launched at noon and met the yacht seven hundred yards west of Lytham Pier. She was the *Kismet*, of Preston, with two on board. Besides her damaged mast, she was half full of water and her engine was flooded. The life-boat towed her to Preston and returned to her station, at four that afternoon. - Rewards, £5.

SEPTEMBER 29TH. - HOLYHEAD, ANGLESEY. At 1.55 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that a yacht appeared to be in difficulties and was drifting towards North Stack. An easterly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *A.E.D.* was launched at 2.10 and found the auxiliary yacht, *Zarefa*, of Brixham, under North Stack. She had three on board. Her main boom had carried away. She was unable to make any headway against wind and tide, and as she was in danger of going on the rocks the owner asked for a tow. The life-boat towed her to Holthead, arriving back at her station at 4.30. - Property salvage case.

SEPTEMBER 29TH. - YOUGHAL, CO. CORK, AND HELVICK HEAD, CO. WATERFORD. At four in the afternoon the Ardmore civic guards reported that a schooner, travelling west under sail, seemed to be on fire aft. A strong south-east wind was blowing, with a big ground swell. The Youghal motor life-boat *Laurana Sarah Blunt* was launched at 4.15 and found the schooner in the middle of Whiting Bay. She was the eighty-ton three-masted schooner *Happy Harry*, of Dublin, laden with salt. She had a crew of five. They had got the fire under control, but as the schooner was drifting towards rocks, the life-boat passed a line on board. It parted. It was secured again and the life-boat towed the schooner out of danger. The schooner then made for Youghal with the life-boat in attendance, and they arrived at 7.15 that evening. The information was also given by the guards to the Helvick Head life-boat station and the motor life-boat *H. F. Bailey* was launched at four o'clock. She came up to the schooner just as she was entering Youghal harbour, and returned to her station, arriving at 8.20. - Rewards : Helvick Head, £9 4s. 6d. ; Youghal, no expense to the Institution.

SEPTEMBER 29TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 5.59 in the evening the Deal coastguard reported that the S.S. *Fort Vermillion*, of London, of over 7,000 tons, bound to Middlesbrough from Tangiers, was aground on the Goodwin Sands south of Fork Buoy. A light east-north-east breeze was blowing, and the sea was smooth, but it was foggy. The motor life-boat *Langham*, on temporary duty at the station, was launched at 6.5 and found the steamer. The coxswain and second coxswain went on board. At the request of the master the life-boat ran out a kedge anchor. Lloyd's agent, who was on the steamer, asked the coxswain to take soundings round her and to escort tugs to her as the tide flowed. This she did, but the tugs failed to move her, and the life-boat stood by until 7.30 next morning when she had trouble with her engine. She went back to her station and, when the engine had been put right, she returned to the steamer and stood by. The master eventually told the coxswain that he no longer needed the life-boat's services and she returned to her station, arriving at 5.20 in the evening of the 30th. - Property salvage case.

SEPTEMBER 29TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. At two in the afternoon the coastguard reported that the S.S. *Torni*, of Liverpool, had gone aground several miles south of Whitby Lighthouse. A fresh easterly breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea, and there was a thick fog. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched at 2.30 and found the steamer sixteen miles to the south on the north side of Hayburn Wyke. She was bound for West Hartlepool from Hamburg, loaded with timber. She had 32 on board including one passenger. The life-boat stood by her until high water. Then the coxswain went aboard and advised the master to abandon ship, but he and his crew preferred to stay on board. The life-boat took off the passenger and returned to her station at 9.30 that evening. At three in the afternoon of the 30th, the coastguard said that the owners wished the life-boat to go again to the *Torni* as at six o'clock tugs were to try and refloat her. The life-boat put out at 3.25 in a light south-east breeze, with a moderate sea, and reached the steamer about five o'clock. The tugs failed to get her off and at eight o'clock the life-boat went alongside. At the captain's request she took off nine of his crew and two tug officials and returned to Whitby, where she landed them at 10.30. - Rewards, first service, £18 0s. 6d. ; second service, £18 0s. 6d.

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

SEPTEMBER 3RD. - NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. A steamer had gone aground on the Mersey revetment, but refloated with the help of tugs. - Rewards, £6 18s.

SEPTEMBER 6TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. A flare had been reported and a

foreign fishing boat was found, but she did not need help. - Rewards, £10.

SEPTEMBER 6TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. A small yacht had capsized, but a speed boat rescued the man on board. - Rewards, £4 17s.

SEPTEMBER 7TH. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT. Two sailing dinghies had capsized, but the crews were rescued by a boat from a pilot cutter. - Rewards, £4 7s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 9TH. - THE MUMBLES, GLAMORGANSHIRE. A rowing boat had been reported drifting out to sea, but it was carried back by the tide. - Rewards, £5 11s.

SEPTEMBER 9TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. Two boys in a canoe had capsized, but they reached the shore unaided. - Rewards, £7 1s.

SEPTEMBER 13TH. - STORNOWAY, HEBRIDES. Red flares had been reported, but they came from naval ships on exercises. - Rewards, £13 16s.

SEPTEMBER 14TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. A yacht had been reported driving before the wind, but was found at anchor and not in need of help. - Rewards, £8 19s.

SEPTEMBER 15TH. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. A motor boat had struck a submerged rock and sunk, but the man on board swam ashore. - Rewards, £8 15s.

SEPTEMBER 15TH. - TROON, AYRSHIRE. A small sailing boat had got into difficulties, but her crew of four scrambled ashore. - Rewards, £4 12s.

SEPTEMBER 15TH. - MARGATE, KENT. A yacht had been reported missing from Herne Bay, but she returned safely. - Rewards, £12 14s.

SEPTEMBER 16TH. - CLOVELLY, DEVON. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but the pilot was saved by another aeroplane. - Rewards, £12 15s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 16TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. An aeroplane had reported a ship ashore, but it was a landing craft which had gone ashore some days earlier. - Rewards, £4 16s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 17TH. - CROMARTY. A yacht had been seen showing red flares, but she was taken in tow by a fishing vessel. - Rewards, £6 5s. (See Burghead, "Services by Shore-boats," page 78.)

SEPTEMBER 17TH. - GALWAY BAY. A man from the Spanish trawler *Masso 18* had been carried out to sea in a small boat, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £13 16s.

SEPTEMBER 18TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. A fishing boat had been seen with her mast damaged and making heavy weather,

but she had no one on board. - Rewards, £6 8s. 9d.

SEPTEMBER 19TH. - GIRVAN, AYR-SHIRE. A fishing boat had run aground on a rocky shore and been wrecked, but her crew of two scrambled ashore. - Rewards, £6 19s. 9d.

SEPTEMBER 19TH. - SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE. A light and red flares had been reported, but they came from a cooker on a fishing boat. - Rewards, £14 8s.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - THE HUMBER, YORKSHIRE. A steamer had made distress signals, but a tug went to her help. - Permanent paid crew. Rewards, 11s. 3d.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - HASTINGS, AND EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. A steamer had been reported in distress, but she was taken in tow by a destroyer. - Rewards : Hastings, £29 9s. 8d. ; Eastbourne, £30 13s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - ST. MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY. The French fishing boat *Henri Lucia* had been driven ashore on the uninhabited island of Ganilly. Her crew of four got on to the island and the skipper stayed on board his boat, but none of them would leave in the life-boat. - Rewards, £7 14s.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. A boat had been reported overturned off Portland breakwater, but it was a dock-yard pontoon and the life-boat's help was not needed. - Rewards, £4 7s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. A yacht had dragged her anchor and gone aground, but no lives were in danger. - Rewards, £17 13s. 3d.

SEPTEMBER 20TH. - MARGATE, KENT. A grain elevator, which was in tow of a Russian ship, had broken adrift and gone ashore, but no one was on board. - Rewards, £18 14s.

SEPTEMBER 21ST. - PADSTOW, CORNWALL. A Firefly aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but only a dinghy and wreckage were found. - Rewards, £2 19s.

SEPTEMBER 26TH. - BUCKIE, BANFF-SHIRE. A fishing boat had been reported overdue, but she was picked up by another fishing boat. - Rewards, £10 9s.

SEPTEMBER 26TH. - RAMSGATE, AND MARGATE, KENT. A Halifax aeroplane had been reported to have crashed in the sea, but it had come down on the Belgian coast. - Rewards : Ramsgate, £12 3s. 6d. ; Margate, £17 3s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 27TH. - RAMSGATE, AND MARGATE, KENT. A speed boat had been reported missing, but she was found by a motor boat and towed to Ramsgate. - Rewards : Ramsgate, £11 19s. ; Margate, £12 14s.

SEPTEMBER 27TH. - 28TH. - SOUTHEND - ON - SEA, ESSEX. Mr. Geoffrey de Havilland was testing a new type of aeroplane, before attempting to break the world's high speed record. It crashed in the sea. The life-boat made two searches, but failed to find Mr. de Havilland. - Rewards : first service, £8 19s. ; second service, £3 4s. 6d.

SEPTEMBER 27TH. - BUCKIE, BANFF-SHIRE. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £6.

SEPTEMBER 29TH. - BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY. A motor cruiser had broken away from her moorings, with people on board, but was later reported to be at anchor. - Rewards, £5 19s.

SEPTEMBER 30TH. - RHYL, FLINT-SHIRE. An aeroplane had been reported crashed in the sea, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £15 16s. 6d.

## OCTOBER

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OCTOBER 3RD. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX. At 8.50 at night a message was received from the Southern Railway Company that a small yacht had fired distress signals off the east pier. A west-north-west breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *Cecil and Lilian Philpott* was launched at 9.35, and found the motor yacht *Jessica*, of Newhaven, one mile south of the harbour. She had two on board. Her engines had broken down. The life-boat towed her to Newhaven and returned to her station at 10.30. - Rewards, £19 17s.

OCTOBER 8TH. - ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE. At 8.25 at night the coastguard reported that the motor boat *Secret*, of Littlehaven, with three on board, had left Littlehaven in the morning for Milford Haven and had not arrived. A second message at 10.42 said that a light had been seen in St. Bride's Bay earlier in the evening. A moderate south-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was slight. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 6* was launched at 12.25 next morning and searched the bay. She saw a flare and found the motor boat two miles west of Green Scar Rock with her engine broken down. She towed her to Solva harbour, and returned to her station, arriving at 4.25 that morning. A donation was received from the owner. - Rewards, £13 13s.

OCTOBER 11TH. - WHITBY, AND SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. At 4.35 in the morning the Whitby coastguard reported a message from Cullercoats wireless station that the S.S. *Glamorganbrook*, of London, bound for the Isle of Wight from Blyth, was making water fast five miles south of Whitby, and sending out SOS signals. A fresh north-easterly breeze was blowing, but the sea was smooth. The Whitby No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched at 5.6 and

searched, but found nothing and arrived back at her station at 7.20. The Scarborough coastguard had reported the steamer's distress signals at 5.3 to the Scarborough life-boat station and the motor life-boat *Herbert Joy II* was launched at 5.23. She found a ship's life-boat with fifteen on board, two and a half miles north-east of Castle Hill, and learned that the *Glamorganbrook* had sunk with the loss of her captain. The life-boat took the survivors on board and towed the ship's boat to Scarborough, arriving back at her station at 10.20 that morning. - Rewards : Whitby, £11 6s. 6d. ; Scarborough, £36 9s. 6d.

OCTOBER 12TH. - RAMSEY, ISLE OF MAN. At 2.5 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that a vessel was continually blowing her siren one mile east of Maughold Head and at 2.22 confirmed that she was in distress. A moderate east-north-east breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *Lady Harrison* was launched at 2.50 and found the R.A.S.C. vessel *M.O.B.7* anchored one mile off Cornaa Beach. She had trouble with her boiler and the life-boat stood by until it had been repaired. She then escorted her to Douglas Bay, and arrived back at her station at 8.45 that evening. - Rewards, £38 0s. 6d.

OCTOBER 12TH. - TOBERMORY, ISLE OF MULL. At 6.30 in the evening a telephone message was received from the local doctor asking the life-boat to take a seriously injured man to Oban. He was a woodman and had had his foot badly crushed while felling a large tree. It was a Saturday evening, and there would be no steamer sailing until Monday. A light north-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Sir Arthur Rose* left her moorings at 7.35, took on board the injured man, and a nurse, and arrived at Oban at 10.30. The patient and nurse were landed. When the nurse returned the life-boat left for Tobermory and arrived at 2.30 next morning. - No expense to the Institution.

OCTOBER 14TH. - BERWICK - ON - TWEED, NORTHUMBERLAND. At 10.56 in the morning the coastguard reported a vessel aground on Spittal Point. The northerly breeze was light, but there was a heavy swell. The motor life-boat *J. and W.* was launched at eleven o'clock and found the Danish motor ketch *Viking*, on a pleasure cruise from Copenhagen, with two on board. She took them off. In doing it she touched the sand, and was thrown against the ketch and damaged. She landed the two men at Berwick at 11.35. When it was seen later that the *Viking* had refloated, the life-boat put out again at noon and towed her in, arriving at 1.30 that afternoon. A letter of appreciation was received from the owner. - Rewards, £8 11s.

OCTOBER 14TH. - SWANAGE, DORSET. About four in the afternoon the coastguard reported that H.M.S. *Albatross* was towing the sailing barge *Monarch* and had asked that the life-boat should go out, take over, and tow

her into harbour. A light east-north-east breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Thomas Marby* was launched at 4.14. She found that the barge had lost her bow-sprit. On board was a married couple. The barge was their home and they were sailing her to Toquay to have her fitted out as a house-boat. Two life-boatmen went on board and the life-boat towed her to Poole. She arrived back at her station at 8.15 that night. - Rewards, £21 16s.

OCTOBER 14TH. HELIER, JERSEY. At 8.40 at night information was received that the motor yacht *Finisterre*, of Lowestoft, was among the rocks east of the harbour. There was no wind and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Howard D.* was launched at 9.7 and found the yacht in a very dangerous position five hundred yards north-east of Demie-des-Pas Lighthouse. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her to St. Helier and arrived back at her station at 10.35. - Rewards, £13 19s. 6d.

OCTOBER 21ST. - THURSO, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. At 2.30 in the morning the life-boat coxswain was out fishing and saw the schooner *Trinite*, of Gothenburg, ashore on the west point of Brims Ness. She made distress signals, and the coxswain returned to Thurso to call out the life-boat. A light south-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was moderate. The motor life-boat *H.C.J.* was launched at 3.35. On her way she took a fishing boat in tow. This boat put a man aboard the schooner. She had come from Iceland and had got off her course in fog. The life-boat stood by. The schooner refloated and anchored in the bay to wait for high water. It was then found that she was making water and the life-boat escorted her to the harbour, where she was beached. The life-boat arrived back at her station at six o'clock that morning. - Rewards, £14 6s. 6d.

OCTOBER 23TH. - MARGATE, KENT. At 6.31 at night the coastguard reported that a vessel was flashing SOS signals from the Goodwin Sands four miles north of the life-boat station. A fresh north-easterly breeze was blowing. The sea was rough. The motor life-boat *The Lord Southborough (Civil Service No. 1)* was launched at 6.55 and found the motor cruiser *Lenora Venture*, of London, four miles north-north-west of Margate. She had four on board. Her propellers were damaged and her steering gear had broken down. The master asked the coxswain to tow the motor cruiser to Ramsgate, but as the weather was unfavourable the life-boat took her instead to Margate and arrived back at her station at 9.30. - Property salvage case.

OCTOBER 26TH. - BARROW, LANCASHIRE. At 2.50 in the morning the Hoylake coastguard reported a message, from the Morecambe Bay Light-vessel, that a vessel two miles north of the light-vessel was making distress signals. A fresh easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *N.T.* was launched at 3.10 and found the fishing smack *Polly*, with a crew of two.

Her propeller had become foul of a fishing net. A coaster had her in tow. The life-boat took over the tow and at the request of the smack's skipper towed her to Piel harbour and beached her there. She arrived back at her station at 10.50 that morning. - Rewards, £16 16s. 6d.

OCTOBER 26TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. At 2.13 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that a sailing yacht had had her top mast carried away and appeared to be anchored three miles south-east of Hayling Island. A moderate south-easterly breeze was blowing. There was a heavy swell. The motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched at 2.30. She found that the yacht, which had five on board, was unable to make any headway in the swell. She had broken her mast. Eventually her crew were able to rig a small sail and the life-boat escorted her into Chichester harbour, arriving back at her station at 5.10. - Rewards, £13 11s. 6d.

OCTOBER 26TH. - WHITEHILLS, BANFFSHIRE. At 5.46 in the evening the coastguard reported that a small boat appeared to be disabled two miles north of Banff. A moderate south-easterly breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 4* was launched at six o'clock and found the motor boat *Artistic*, of Macduff, stopped. She had two on board. They had been fishing. The younger man had fallen overboard. The other, who was his father-in-law, had received an injury to his spine while trawling during the war. He had not been strong enough to haul the other aboard again, so had lashed him to the gunwhale. Three life-boatmen went on board the boat, and lifted the man who was lashed to the gunwhale. He was dead. The life-boat towed the boat to Whitehills, and arrived back at her station at nine that night. - Rewards, £16 8s. 6d.

OCTOBER 27TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. At 12.45 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that a sailing boat was drifting towards the sands. She appeared to be in difficulties. A westerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was moderate. A watch was kept on the boat. By 1.45 she had drifted to the inner shoal of Newcombe Sands. The motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched at 1.55 and found the sailing boat *Chums*, with one man and three boys on board. She was leaking and they were exhausted with rowing. The life-boat towed them to Lowestoft, and arrived back at her station at three o'clock. - Rewards, £4 15s.

OCTOBER 27TH. - PORT ST. MARY, ISLE OF MAN. At 3.30 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that a small yacht was flying a distress signal south-east of Scarlett Point. A strong westerly wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *Sir Heath Harrison* was launched at four o'clock and found the yacht *Arrow*, of Derbyhaven, one mile off Castletown. She had a man and a woman on board. They were exhausted. They had left Castletown earlier in the day

when the weather was fine, to sail to Derbyhaven, but the ebb tide and increasing wind had taken them off their course, and had blown away their sails, and they were being carried out to sea. The life-boat took the yacht in tow and brought her to Port St. Mary at 5.20. - Rewards, £21 6s.

OCTOBER 27TH. - WICK, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. At 10.38 at night the coastguard reported that flashes from a torch and a white flare had been seen six hundred yards north of South Head. A strong north-north-west breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *City of Edinburgh* was launched at 10.50 and found the motor fishing boat *Shamrock*, of Wick, with her engine broken down. She had two on board. The life-boat towed her in, and arrived back at her station at 11.30 that night. - Rewards, £14 2s. 6d.

OCTOBER 27TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 8.20 at night the Deal coastguard reported that two men had put out in the rowing boat *Kittywake* earlier in the day and had not returned. A moderate north-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was slight. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin (Civil Service No. 2)* was launched at 8.30 and made a wide search but found nothing. She arrived back at her station at 12.15 next morning. Another message came from the coastguard at 7.58, that a small boat had been seen a mile east-north-east of the coastguard station making distress signals. The life-boat again put out at 8.15. She found the *Kittywake* two miles off St. Margarets Bay, took off the two men and towed her to Walmer arriving at 9.30 that morning. - Rewards : first service, £31 11s. 6d. ; second service, £14 5s.

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

OCTOBER 1ST. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. A yacht had been reported signalling for help, but could not be found. Later she was reported off the Isle of Wight. - Rewards, £18 16s.

OCTOBER 1ST. - RHYL, FLINTSHIRE, AND BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY. Reports had been received that faint SOS calls had been heard and a patch of oil had been seen, but nothing could be found. - Rewards : Rhyl, £16 14s. ; Beaumaris, £16 4s.

OCTOBER 15TH. - ST. IVES, AND PADSTOW, CORNWALL. An aeroplane had crashed in the sea, but the pilot was rescued by another aeroplane. - Rewards : St. Ives, £11 1s. ; Padstow, £3 9s.

OCTOBER 18TH. - RAMSGATE, KENT. A water-logged boat had been reported, but was found to be a telegraph cable buoy which had broken away from its moorings. - Rewards, £12 2s.

OCTOBER 19TH. - WALMER, KENT. Signals for help had been reported, but no vessel



in need of help could be found. - Rewards, £16 13s.

OCTOBER 20TH. - NEWHAVEN, SUSSEX. Two people had been trapped by the tide, but the coastguard rescued them. - Rewards, £21 16s.

OCTOBER 23RD. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. A small yacht had been reported in difficulties, but her crew were rescued by a steamer. - Rewards, £15 2s. 6d.

OCTOBER 24TH. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. A motor boat had broken down, but was able to get under way again and reached the shore. - Rewards, £7 5s.

OCTOBER 25TH. - FENIT, CO. KERRY. A motor fishing boat had been reported overdue, but could not be found. Eventually it reached land unaided. - Rewards, £20 13s. 6d.

OCTOBER 26TH. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. A motor vessel had gone ashore, but her crew were not in danger and the master declined the life-boat's help. - Rewards, £41 6s. 6d.

OCTOBER 27TH. - DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN. Lights had been reported, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

OCTOBER 27TH. - HOYLAKE, CHESHIRE. A fishing boat had been reported in difficulties, but did not need help. - Rewards, £14 19s.

## NOVEMBER

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NOVEMBER 2ND. - TORBAY, DEVON. The officer of H.M. Customs at Brixham received a radio signal from the S.S. *Belgique*, of Antwerp, bound for Rio de Janeiro, that she had set her course to Torbay to land her second engineer who had been badly burned when a steam pipe burst. The Torbay and Brixham coaling depot asked for the use of the life-boat as no other suitable boat was available, and it was arranged that the motor life-boat *George Shee* should go out. She left at seven in the evening. A south-west wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The life-boat landed the man at Brixham, and arrived back at her station at 9.15. - No expense to the Institution.

NOVEMBER 2ND. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. About midnight the coastguard reported that a motor launch, which was towing a larger launch, was in difficulties three miles north-east of Owers Lightship. A moderate south-westerly breeze was blowing, and there was a slight swell. The motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched at 12.20, but found nothing. She spoke the Owers Lightship and learned that the ex-motor torpedo boat *Sea Serpent*, with three women and a child on board, was in tow of the motor launch *Flying Christine*, and that the motor launch had fouled her propeller in towing. Their position was given as one mile north-east of the light-

ship but, in the darkness, the life-boat could not find them. She received a wireless message at 6.15 that the *Flying Christine* had reached Shoreham, bringing with her the three women and the child, and at dawn, ten miles east of the lightship, the life-boat found the empty *Sea Serpent*, which the *Flying Christine* had cut adrift. She took her to Shoreham, arriving there at 9.30, and returned to her station at two that afternoon. - Rewards, £29 12s.

NOVEMBER 5TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON, NORFOLK. At 11.17 in the morning the Gorleston coastguard reported a fishing drifter ashore a quarter of a mile south of the look-out. A light south-south-east breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth, but it was very foggy. The motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 11.25 and found three drifters ashore. Two refloated without help, but the skipper of the third, the Scottish drifter *Coreopsis*, asked the life-boat to lay out an anchor for him. This she did and the drifter pulled herself into deeper water and returned to harbour. The life-boat arrived back at her station at one that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

NOVEMBER 5TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 12.2 in the afternoon a message from H.M.S. *Lundy*, which was anchored off Deal, was received through the Deal coastguard, that a cutter from the *Lundy*, with a crew of seven, had been engaged in wreck dispersal work, and had been blown to pieces two miles south-east of Walmer. A light south-easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) took on board a doctor and was launched at 12.11. She went alongside the *Lundy* which had one of three injured survivors on board. He was transferred to the life-boat. The other two men were still in another cutter which had picked them up. They were, the doctor said, too badly injured to be moved. The life-boat towed the cutter to Walmer, where an ambulance was waiting. The life-boat arrived back at her station at 2.25. - Rewards, £15 18s.

NOVEMBER 6TH. - CLOUGHEY, CO. DOWN. At 9.47 at night the Tara coastguard reported a vessel in distress in the entrance to Strangford Lough. A light north-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was calm, but it was very foggy. The motor life-boat, *Herbert John* was launched at 10.30 and, after a long search, found the motor vessel *Cranmere*, of Poole, at 6.15 next morning, ashore at Green Island. She had a crew of seven and was bound for Belfast. Her master asked the coxswain to pass a line and to tow him off. The life-boat tried, but failed. The master then asked him to take off his crew as she was leaking. She took him and his crew to Portaferry, and then took him back to his vessel. She returned to her station at three in the afternoon. - Rewards, £35 10s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 7TH. - YOUGHAL, CO. CORK. About 11.15 on the night of the 6th of November, a message was received that a Youghal

fishing boat, with one man on board, was missing. A light easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was calm, but there was a thick fog. The motor life-boat *Laurana Sarah Blunt* was launched at 12.15 on the morning of the 7th and, after a search, found the fishing boat a mile south of the harbour. The fisherman had lost his bearings and was pulling seawards. He was suffering from exposure. The life-boat towed him in, and arrived back at her station at 2.15. - Rewards, £16 14s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 7TH. - FLAMBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. Two fishing cobbles of Flamborough, the *Doreen May* and the *Pioneer*, were fishing off Flamborough Head. The weather was getting worse, and by eleven in the morning a north-easterly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. At 12.15 the motor life-boat *Elizabeth* and *Albina Whitley* was launched, and found the *Doreen May* a mile east of the life-boat station. She was making for harbour. The life-boat escorted her to the north landing. She then searched for the *Pioneer* and found her abreast of the light-house. Her engine had broken down. She had three on board. The life-boat towed her to the south landing, and arrived back at her station at 2.45. - Rewards, £12 14s.

NOVEMBER 7TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. In the early afternoon a strong north-westerly wind was blowing, with a heavy sea. The motor fishing coble *Jean and Barbara* was at sea, and at two o'clock the motor life-boat *The Cuttle* was launched. She escorted the coble into harbour at 3.25. - Rewards, £12 7s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 9TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. At 1.45 in the afternoon the coastguard passed on a message from Owers Lightship asking the life-boat to come out to the lightship and take a sick man ashore. A strong northerly breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *Canadian Pacific* was launched at 2.8, with a doctor on board. She took off the sick man from the lightship and returned at 4.45 to her station, where an ambulance was waiting. - Rewards, £11 13s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 10TH. - DUNGENESS, KENT. At 9.3 in the morning the Sandgate coastguard reported a motor yacht in distress two and a half miles south-south-west of Dungeness Lighthouse. A fresh north-easterly breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The motor life-boat *Charles Cooper Henderson* was launched at 9.30 and found the motor yacht *Fluminense*, of London, with her engines broken down. She had drifted all night. She had two on board and they were exhausted. The lifeboat towed the yacht to Rye, and arrived back at her station at 1.30 that afternoon. - Rewards, £17 17s.

NOVEMBER 10TH. - CLOUGHEY, CO. DOWN. At four in the afternoon a small fishing boat was seen to be aground at Ringley Ridge. A moderate north-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was calm, but it was thought advisable to send out the motor life-boat and the *Herbert John* was launched at

five o'clock. She found the fishing boat *Edith*, of Portrush, with a crew of two. The skipper asked the life-boat to stand by until his boat refloated, and then to tow him clear and set him on his course. This she did, and returned to her station at eight that night. - Rewards, £20 10s.

NOVEMBER 12TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. At 2.25 in the afternoon the coastguard reported a fishing boat making distress signals two miles south-east of the coastguard station. A gentle south-westerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was smooth. The motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched at 2.45 and found the motor fishing boat *Don't Know*. She had parted from her nets, had broken down, and was leaking. She had three on board. The life-boat towed her to harbour, arriving back at her station at four o'clock. - Rewards, £5 14s.

NOVEMBER 12TH. - FLAMBOROUGH, AND BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE. At 5.30 at night it was reported that the Flamborough motor fishing coble *Pioneer*, which had been due back at three o'clock, had not returned. A strong north-westerly wind was blowing, and the sea was rough. The Flamborough motor life-boat *Elizabeth and Albina Whitley* was launched at 5.50, and searched until four o'clock next morning. She did not find the coble and returned to Flamborough. As there was no news of the coble she resumed her search, until, running short of fuel, she put into Bridlington for fuel and food about nine o'clock. Leaving again about 10.15, she continued her search and eventually, about eighteen miles east-by-south of Bridlington, she saw a sail. About the same time an aeroplane saw the coble and signalled the life-boat. It was the *Pioneer*. Her engine had broken down. Her crew were three brothers. The life-boat took them on board, put two life-boatmen in the coble, and towed her to Bridlington, arriving at four that afternoon, the 13th. The life-boat was brought back to her station next morning.

When the Flamborough life-boat first put out the Bridlington station was informed. Later it was asked by the coastguard to help as the Bampton radar station had picked up an object which it was thought might be the missing coble, and the motor life-boat *Stanhope Smart* was launched at 11.35 on the night of the 12th. She made a wide search, but without success, and returned to Bridlington harbour at seven next morning. At 12.30 that afternoon the coastguard reported that the missing coble had been seen by an aeroplane, that the Flamborough life-boat was at sea and that he could not communicate with her. The Bridlington life-boat put out again at 12.50, and an hour and a half later met the Flamborough life-boat towing the *Pioneer*. She returned with them to Bridlington.

In recognition of the determination of the Flamborough men through this long and arduous service, an increase in the usual money award on the standard scale was made to each member of the Flamborough crew. The parents of the three brothers expressed

their thanks. - Rewards : Flamborough, standard rewards, to crew and helpers, £57 1s. 6d.; additional rewards to crew, £10 10s ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £67 11s. 6d. Bridlington, first service, £23 8s. 6d ; second service, £9 11s. 6d. Total rewards to the two stations, £100 11s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 14TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. Early in the morning the local fishing fleet had put to sea in moderate weather, but by noon an east-north-east gale was blowing, with a heavy sea. Four motor fishing vessels were seen to be making for the harbour, and at 1.20 the No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched and escorted them one by one into harbour. Three other fishing vessels were expected, but it was learned that they had reached Hartlepool, and the life-boat arrived back at her station at three o'clock. - Rewards, £7 11s.

NOVEMBER 16TH. - THE HUMBER, YORKSHIRE. At 11.30 in the morning the Mablethorpe coastguard asked the life-boat to put out to the Humber Lightvessel and take an injured man from it to Grimsby. A moderate north-north-east breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *City of Bradford II* was launched at 11.56, embarked a doctor and put him aboard the lightvessel. The injured man was then put into the life-boat and she took him and the doctor to Grimsby, arriving at 5.50. An ambulance was waiting. The life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 9.30 that night. - Permanent paid crew.

NOVEMBER 17TH. - GREAT YARMOUTH AND GORLESTON. At 12.20 in the afternoon the coastguard reported that a longshore rowing boat was having difficulty in making the harbour. A fresh southerly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Louise Stephens* was launched at 12.39 and found the rowing boat half a mile south-east of Gorleston. She was drifting seawards. There were two on board. The life-boat took them off and towed their boat to Gorleston. She arrived back at her station at 12.48. - Rewards, £11 4s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 19TH. - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. The local fishing coble *Kathleen* was still at sea at dusk. The tide was ebbing fast and there was a heavy swell. It was thought advisable for the motor life-boat to put out and at 4.15 the *Herbert Joy II* was launched. She found the *Kathleen*, whose engine had broken down, in tow of the fishing coble *Hilda*, half a mile east of Scarborough. She escorted them into harbour and arrived back at her station at 4.33. - Rewards, £19 9s.

NOVEMBER 19TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. During the afternoon the weather worsened. The only Whitby fishing boat still at sea was the motor fishing boat *Success*. Anxiety was felt for her safety. A south-westerly breeze was blowing and there was a heavy ground swell and fog. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was

launched at 4.15, met the *Success* a mile and a half north of Whitby and escorted her into the harbour, arriving back at her station at 5.30. - Rewards, £11 6s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 19TH. - DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN. At 7.25 at night a message was received that a motor trawler had broken down off west pier head. A moderate south-easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Dunleary II* was launched at 7.40, found the motor trawler *St. Colman*, of Arklow, with three on board, and towed her into harbour, arriving back at her station at 8.55. - Rewards, £14 11s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 20TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. About 11.30 in the morning the Whitby coastguard passed on a message from the Kettleness coastguard that three motor fishing vessels, two miles north east of Kettleness, were returning to Whitby, and were making heavy weather. A strong easterly breeze was blowing, with a heavy sea. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched at 11.40, found the motor fishing vessels *Provider*, *Pilot Me*, and *Gem*, of Whitby, and escorted them into harbour. She arrived back at her station at one o'clock. - Rewards, £7 11s.

NOVEMBER 21ST. - COURTMACSHERRY, CO. CORK. At 11.20 in the morning a message was received that two sand barges, of Courtmacsherry, were drifting across the harbour bar and out to sea. A moderate westerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *Sarah Ward* and *William David Crossweller* was launched at 11.30 and found the two sand barges with three men on each. She towed them to harbour and arrived back at her station at 12.40. - Rewards, £5 1s.

NOVEMBER 23RD. - ST. PETER PORT, GUERNSEY. At 7.10 at night a message was received from the signal station that anxiety was felt for the life-boat coxswain, who, with the bowman and five others, had left for Jethou at 12.20 that afternoon in the motor boat, *Celia*, but had not arrived. A southerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was very rough. The motor life-boat *Queen Victoria*

coxswain in weather was inner anchored to her station again at 7. search, and anchored on Herm. Her life-boat es arrived ba morning. -

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station that the S.S. *Ayrshire Coast*, of Liverpool, of 780 tons, with a crew of twelve, was in difficulties ten miles south of Start Point. Ten minutes later the motor life-boat *George Shee* set out to her help. She searched for a long time, but though she was in communication by wireless with the steamer all the time, she could not find her, for the steamer did not know where she was. The life-boat returned to her station at 3.30 that afternoon, refuelled, and left again at 4.40. At 6.16 she found the *Ayrshire Coast* drifting in Lyme Bay. The Admiralty tug *Enforcer* was trying to take her in tow. The lifeboat stood by until she succeeded, at 7.20, and then escorted the steamer and tug, as they made for Portland. At nine o'clock the tow-rope parted, and the *Ayrshire Coast* called for the life-boat to come closer, which she did ; but the tow-rope was re-connected. The life-boat continued to escort them until they were just off Portland. She then made for Weymouth, for fuel and rest, and arrived there at 10.53 on the morning of the 25th. At 12.45 she left Weymouth for her station. She arrived early in the evening, was ready for service again at 7.45. During this very arduous service of 36 hours, the life-boat had covered about 200 miles.

At Salcombe the news of the *Ayrshire Coast* was received from the coastguard at 5.30 in the morning of the 24th, and the motor life-boat *Samuel and Marie Parkhouse* left at 5.50. She searched and found nothing, and put into Dartmouth about ten o'clock that morning. At 11.30 the steamer was reported two and a half miles south of Skerries Buoy. The life-boat put out again, and again searched without result. She went into Dartmouth for the second time about two that afternoon. She had then been out for eight hours. Her crew returned by road to Salcombe, and fetched the life-boat back two days later. The honorary secretary of the station, Commander A. C. Roberts, O.B.E., R.N., was in the life-boat on this service. He said that when she was launched, it was touch and go if she would get over the bar at Salcombe, and that he had never seen such a sea as was running in the Channel.

At Weymouth the coastguard reported at 6.30 in the evening of the 29th that the Torbay life-boat was standing by the *Ayrshire Coast*, and the Weymouth motor life-boat *William and Clara Ryland* left at 8.15 to relieve her, but missed her and returned at five in the morning of the 25th of November. She had been out for nearly nine hours.

The crew of the *Ayrshire Coast* made a collection for the Institution.

An increase in the usual money awards on the standard scale was made to each member of the crews of the three life-boats :

Torbay : standard rewards to crew and helpers, £47 5s. ; additional rewards to crew, £24 ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £71 5s. ;

Salcombe : standard rewards to crew and helpers and other expenses, £25 12s. 3d. ; additional rewards to crew, £16 ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £41 12s. 3d. ;

Weymouth : standard rewards to crew and helpers, £14 14s. ; additional rewards to crew,

£18 ; total rewards to crew and helpers, £32 14s. ;

Total rewards for the three life-boats, £145 11s. 3d.

NOVEMBER 24TH. - ST. DAVID'S, AND FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE. At 10.15 in the morning a message from the Land's End Radio Station was received through the St. David's coastguard that the S.S. *Merganser* had reported that the S.S. *J. P. Cressey* had her engine-room flooded, and that she was in need of immediate help five miles west of The Smalls. A second message received from the coastguard at 11.38 said that no vessel was standing by her and that a tug which had been sent out was making heavy weather. A moderate but increasing south-westerly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The St. David's motor life-boat *Civil Service No. 6* was launched at 12.30. She found the *J. P. Cressey* and the tug, and helped to pass a towing hawser across. The master of the steamer and the tug's skipper then told the coxswain that the life-boat's services were no longer required, so she returned to her station arriving at six that evening. At 6.25 a message was received at the Fishguard life-boat station from the Fishguard coastguard that the tug and the *J. P. Cressey* were then twenty miles north-west of Strumble Head, and were making for Fishguard. The life-boat crew assembled at 7.5. At 8.5 another message came. The steamer had asked for the life-boat. The motor life-boat *White Star* was launched at 8.10. She found the tug and the steamer three miles north of Strumble Head. The steamer was sinking. The life-boat escorted her into harbour. After she had anchored the life-boat took off seventeen of her crew of twenty-nine and arrived back at her station at 12.26 in the morning of the 25th. - Rewards : St. Davids, £10 7s. ; Fishguard, £13 13s.

NOVEMBER 24TH. - WALMER, KENT. A message from the S.S. *Stephen W. Kearny*, of San Francisco, was received through the coastguard. It said that she would be anchoring in The Downs at two o'clock that afternoon and had asked for a doctor. A strong south-westerly gale was blowing, with a very rough sea. No shore boat could put out and at three o'clock the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin (Civil Service No. 2)* was launched with a doctor. She put him on board the steamer and after he had treated a very sick man, she brought him ashore. She returned to her station at 5.30. - Rewards, £24 19s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 27TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At 7.25 at night a message was received from the Berry Head coastguard that the S.S. *Eminence*, of Rochester, had anchored in Torbay. She had a man on board with an injured spine, and had asked for a doctor. As a fresh to strong south-westerly gale was blowing, with torrential rain, the port medical officer asked that the life-boat should go. The motor life-boat *George Shee* put out at eight o'clock with a doctor, and brought the injured man ashore. She arrived back at her station at 9.30. - Rewards, £11 17s.

NOVEMBER 27TH. - FOWEY, CORNWALL.. At 7.30 at night the S.S. *Valborg*, of Copenhagen, which was off the harbour, signalled on her siren for a pilot. A fresh south-south-west gale was blowing, with a rough sea. It was not possible for a pilot to go out, but at 10.30 the steamer signalled the coast-guard that she must have one, and at 11.48 the motor life-boat *C.D.E.C.* was launched to pilot her in. Her master refused. The weather, he thought, was too bad to bring his ship into harbour, and he stood out to sea. The life-boat returned to her station arriving at two next morning. Later in the morning the steamer approached the harbour again and about ten o'clock again signalled for a pilot. The weather was still too bad for the pilot to go to her and the life-boat again put out, at 10.30. She escorted the steamer into harbour, and arrived back at her station at 11.45. - Rewards : first service, £13 2s. 6d ; second service, £6 13s.

NOVEMBER 28TH. - RUNSWICK, YORKSHIRE. At seven in the morning the Staithes fishing fleet put to sea in moderate weather, but by ten o'clock a gale was blowing, with a very rough sea, and at 10.15 the motor life-boat *Robert Patton - The Always Ready* was launched. She found the fishing cobles *Silver Line* and *Star of Hope* a mile east of Staithes and escorted them to harbour, arriving back at her station at noon. - Rewards, £12.

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

NOVEMBER 1ST. - SHOREHAM HARBOUR, SUSSEX. Red flares had been reported south of Brighton, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £15 10s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 1ST. - PORT ASKAIG, HEBRIDES. A motor boat had been reported overdue, but, she reached Port Ellen without help. - Rewards, £14 18s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 3RD. - YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT Signals had been made by a motor boat, but she was escorted into harbour by another boat. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 3RD. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. A small boat had been reported in difficulties, but she reached Hayle without help. - Rewards, £22 18s.

NOVEMBER 6TH. - REDCAR, YORKSHIRE. A motor vessel had gone ashore, but her crew were in no danger and she refloated later. - Rewards, £15 4s.

NOVEMBER 6TH. - BALLYCOTTON, CO. CORK. A fishing boat had gone ashore, but she was refloated by small boats when the tide rose. - No rewards desired by the life-boat crew.

NOVEMBER 7TH. - LYTHAM-ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE. Two fishing boats had been

delayed by a dense fog, but returned while the life-boat was searching for them. - Rewards, £8 3s.

NOVEMBER 8TH. - FISHGUARD, PEMBROKESHIRE. Red flares had been seen, but nothing could be found. - Rewards, £20 2s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 10TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. An aeroplane had come down in the sea, but the pilot and his two passengers were rescued from the shore. The owner of the aeroplane gave a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £10 11s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 11TH. - LYTHAM-ST. ANNES, AND BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE. An aeroplane had been reported down in the sea off Southport, but nothing could be found. - Rewards : Lytham-St. Annes, £17 9s. ; Blackpool, £19 19s.

NOVEMBER 12TH. - PORT ASKAIG, HEBRIDES. A steamer had run ashore, but refloated. - Rewards, £13 17s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 12TH. - LONGHOPE, ORKNEYS. A fishing boat had broken adrift from a steamer which had her in tow, but the steamer recovered her. - Rewards, £6 10s.

NOVEMBER 14TH. - CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLLSHIRE. Flares had been reported, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £16 4s.

NOVEMBER 14TH. - BALLYCOTTON, CO. CORK. A steam trawler had struck a mine and been wrecked, but the survivors were picked up by other trawlers. - Rewards, £15 12s.

NOVEMBER 17TH. - PENLEE, CORNWALL. A yacht had broken adrift from a tug which had her in tow, but a fishing vessel brought her in. - Rewards, £12.

NOVEMBER 17TH. - ARRANMORE, CO. DONEGAL. A fishing boat had been reported missing, but she had sunk and her crew had landed on a small island. - Rewards, £10 11s.

NOVEMBER 20TH. - DUNBAR, EAST LOTHIAN. A trawler had been reported on fire, but she was towed to Leith by a tug. - Rewards, £22 9s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 20TH. - PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE. Red flares had been reported, but no vessel in distress could be found. - Rewards, £13 15s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 21ST. - GIRVAN, Ayrshire. A motor fishing vessel had been reported in distress, but she reached safety without the life-boat's help. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 22ND. - PLYMOUTH, DEVON. A steamer had been reported in distress, but she was towed into Torbay by a destroyer. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 26TH. - WESTON - SUPER-MARE SOMERSET. A dredger had been in collision, but she sank very quickly, with the loss of her crew, before the life-boat arrived. - Rewards, £11 5s.

NOVEMBER 26TH. BALLYCOTTON CO. CORK. A trawler had come into harbour sounding signals, but she needed provisions and was not in distress. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 27TH. - CULLERCOATS, NORTHUMBERLAND. A man had been reported in the sea, but he was not found. - Rewards, £28 3s.

NOVEMBER 28TH. - ST. IVES, CORNWALL. Two Royal Marine commandos in a canoe had capsized, but they were rescued by a motor boat. - Rewards, £11 7s.

NOVEMBER 28TH. - BARRA ISLAND, HEBRIDES. A steamer had been seen in difficulties entering Castlebay harbour, but she did not need the life-boat's help. - Rewards, £13 14s. 6d.

NOVEMBER 28TH. - WALMER, KENT. A barge, with no one on board, had broken away from her moorings, but was towed in by a tug. - Rewards, £14 17s.

NOVEMBER 29TH. - TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE. A fishing boat had been reported drifting, but made fast to a buoy before the life-boat reached her. - Rewards, £27 1s. 6d.

## DECEMBER

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DECEMBER 4TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. At five in the morning the local motor fishing vessels *Pilot Me* and *Gem* put to sea in bad weather. During the morning the weather worsened and at one o'clock the coastguard reported that a fishing boat could be seen approaching and it was thought advisable for the life-boat to put out. A strong northerly wind was blowing and the sea was heavy. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched at 1.30. She found the *Pilot Me* four miles north of Whitby and escorted her into the harbour. She remained there, ready to go out again, until a message came at 3.45 that the *Gem* had put into Hartlepool. The life-boat returned to her station at four o'clock. - Rewards, £7 11s.

DECEMBER 5TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At 11.5 at night the Brixham coastguard reported that a vessel, anchored about a quarter of a mile north of Brixham breakwater, was making distress signals. A northerly breeze was blowing, and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched at 11.35 and found the drifter *Westward Ho*, of Torquay. She had been herring-fishing, but had used up her fuel by keeping her engines running while she recovered her nets, and her anchor had failed to hold her. Her crew asked the life-boat to tow them to Brixham. This she did, and

returned to her station at 12.15 the following morning. - Rewards, £12 9s.

DECEMBER 6TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. During the afternoon the local motor fishing coble *Sheila* became overdue. A north-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was calm, but it was thought advisable for the motor life-boat to put out before dark and *The Cuttle* was launched at 2.35. She found the *Sheila* with her engine broken down, a mile east of Speeton coastguard station. She had a crew of three. The life-boat towed her in and arrived back at her station at 4.15. - Rewards, £12 1s. 6d.

DECEMBER 7TH. - FLAMBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. At 5.30 in the morning the life-boat coxswain heard an SOS call. There was a dense fog. A nasty swell was running with a southerly wind which freshened later into a gale. The motor life-boat *Elizabeth and Albina Whitley* was launched, with difficulty, at six o'clock, and near the south landing in Bridlington Bay found two Scottish drifters ashore. They were the *Loranthus*, of Banff, and the *Harvest Reaper*, of Buckie, on their way home from the Great Yarmouth herring-fishing. Fishermen had already gone on board them from cobbles. The life-boat put four men on board one of the drifters and stood by. As the tide flowed, the cobbles ran out kedges and the drifters refloated about 1.5. The life-boat reached her station again in rapidly worsening weather at 2.10 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

DECEMBER 7TH. - HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM. When the evening came the local motor fishing boat *Rose Mary* had not returned and anxiety was felt for her safety. About eleven o'clock the coastguard reported a small vessel making distress signals a quarter of a mile east of Heugh Light. A strong south-south-east breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. The motor life-boat *The Princess Royal (Civil Service No. 7)* was launched at 11.5 and found the *Rose Mary*, with a crew of four, anchored on a lee shore. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her to Hartlepool and arrived back at her station at 12.25 next morning. - Rewards, £13 1s.

DECEMBER 8TH. - FALMOUTH, CORNWALL. At eleven in the morning the coastguard reported a vessel in distress off The Manacles. A strong north-easterly gale was blowing, with a very heavy sea. The motor life-boat *Crawford and Constance Conybeare* was launched at 11.30 and found the S.S. *Irma*, of Sweden, bound for Cardiff, half a mile north-east of The Manacles. She was drifting, towards the rocks. The master asked the life-boat to stand by until a tug came out and the life-boat wirelessed for one. After she had attended to a vessel in distress in the harbour, the tug *Zwarte Zee* came out and took the *Irma* in tow. The life-boat stood by until the *Irma* was moored in the harbour and arrived back at her station at 5.45 that afternoon. - Rewards, £10 8s. 6d.

DECEMBER 10TH. - DUNBAR, EAST LOTHIAN. At 2.30 in the afternoon the motor life-boat *George and Sarah Strachan* was taken out for exercise by the district inspector. The sea was choppy. After she had been at sea about half an hour she came across an auxiliary naval ketch, with a cutter in tow, a mile north-east of the harbour. The ketch's engine had broken down and there was not enough wind for her to get under way by sail. She had two on board. The life-boat towed her to harbour, arriving back at her station at four o'clock. - Rewards, £6 13s.

DECEMBER 9TH - 10TH. - SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. On the night of the 26th of October the S.S. *Bilsdale*, of Middlesbrough, ran ashore two miles north-west of Cley. The motor life-boat *Foresters Centenary* went to her help, but the master declined it, and as the crew were not in danger the life-boat returned to her station. The steamer remained ashore. An attempt to refloat her was to be made on the morning of the 9th of December by a Great Yarmouth tug, and an official of the Ministry of Transport asked the life-boat to be in attendance. About four in the morning the tug was seen, and at 4.20 the life-boat was launched. A light south-east wind was blowing, with a moderate swell. It was found that the *Bilsdale* was being driven up the beach by the swell, the attempt to refloat her was abandoned, and the life-boat reached her station again at seven that morning. On the afternoon of the next day the coxswain received a telephone message that the tug was on her way to make a further effort, and at 3.20 the life-boat was again launched. The sea was smooth and a light wind was blowing. High water was about eight o'clock, and half an hour later the tug towed the steamer off, and made with her for Great Yarmouth. At the request of the master the life-boat started to escort them, but when off Sheringham the coxswain was told that the steamer was not leaking, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at ten that night. - Property salvage case.

DECEMBER 11TH. - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. The local fishing boats were out, a strong south-south-east wind was blowing, raising a heavy, broken sea, and the life-boat crew were standing by. At 3.23 in the afternoon the Burniston coastguard telephoned that a boat had broken down half a mile north-north-east of Long Nab and was drifting towards Hundle Point. The motor life-boat *Herbert Joy II* was launched at 3.30, and found the keel boat *Mary Joy*, off Scalby Ness. The keel boat was then heading for Scarborough under her own power, and the life-boat escorted her. They arrived at 4.30. - Rewards, £22 16s.

DECEMBER 12TH. - HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM. At 8.50 at night the coastguard reported a small vessel flashing SOS signals half a mile east of Heugh Light. A light westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was slight. The motor life-boat *The Princess Royal* (Civil Service No. 7) was launched at

9.5 and found the motor yacht *Platypus*, with two on board, bound for Whitby. Her engines had broken down. She was nearly on the rocks. The life-boat towed her to harbour and then returned to her station, arriving at ten o'clock. - Rewards, £13 1s.

DECEMBER 13TH. - WALMER, KENT. About 8.40 in the morning a message was received that a steamer was aground off Walmer Castle. A light north-north-west breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth, but there was a thick fog. The motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 8.45 and found the S.S. *Empire Kinsman*, of Sunderland, bound for London from Le Havre. The life-boat put a man on board and although no immediate help was needed the master asked her to stand by. She stood by until eleven o'clock, when the steamer refloated and got under way. The life-boat arrived back at her station at 11.30. - Rewards, £14 12s.

DECEMBER 13TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. The district inspector was at the station preparing to take the life-boat out for exercise, when at 2.40 in the afternoon the coastguard reported the local fishing coble *Windsor Lad* in difficulties off Filey Brigg. A light west-south-west breeze was blowing, with a slight sea. The motor life-boat *The Cuttle* was launched at 2.45 and found the coble under sails and oars. Her engine had broken down. The life-boat towed her to Filey, arriving at 4.30. - Rewards, £10 3s. 6d.

DECEMBER 16TH. - TORBAY, DEVON. At daylight the life-boat coxswain saw a yacht at anchor about half a mile from Preston Sands, Paignton. She was in an exposed position, and an east-north-east breeze was blowing, with heavy seas, but the yacht was not showing any signal of distress. Later the Torquay harbour master reported that she needed help, and at 11.35 the motor life-boat *George Shee* was launched. She found that the yacht was the *Harbinger*, cruising from Burnham-on-Crouch to Cherbourg. She was riding heavily to her anchor. The life-boat helped her to weigh anchor and towed her into Torquay harbour. She reached her station again at two that afternoon. The owner sent a donation to the Institution. - Rewards, £6.

DECEMBER 16TH - 17TH. - SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX. At eight at night information was received from the king's harbour master at Sheerness that two lighters had parted from their tug and were adrift, with two men on board. A moderate north-east breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Greater London* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at 8.25 and went to the Grain Spit area where the lighters had last been reported. With her searchlight she looked for them, but could not find them and returned to her station at 10.15. Another message came from Sheerness next morning, asking that another search should be made. The lighters were still missing. At seven o'clock the life-boat

again put out and found the lighters ashore near Yantlet Creek. They were being pounded by heavy seas. The life-boat went alongside and life-boatmen boarded one of the lighters. In the cabin they found the two men in a state of collapse. They took them on board the life-boat, where they were made as comfortable as possible, and she landed them at Southend at 8.30. At 6.45 that evening, the 17th, the life-boat was asked by the owners to tow the lighters off and into deep water so that a tug could tow them away. She was launched at 7.10 and found the lighters afloat, but the tug did not arrive and she returned to her station at nine o'clock. The owners made gifts to the Institution and to the life-boat crew. - Rewards : first service, £12 19s. 6d. ; second service, £6 11s. ; third service, £16 14s. 6d.

DECEMBER 17TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. During the afternoon information was received through the coastguard that the motor fishing vessel *Helping Hand*, of Lowestoft, with seven on board, was in difficulties, but that a tug had gone to her aid. An easterly gale was blowing, with a very heavy sea. At 5.30 the trawler *Brisbane*, which then had the *Helping Hand* in tow, asked for the life-boat. The *Helping Hand* had broken her propeller shaft and was leaking. The motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched at 5.45 and at seven o'clock found the two vessels a mile east of the East Newcombe Buoy. Both asked that the life-boat should remain by them, and on the advice of the coxswain they went ten miles to windward away from the sands. Heavy seas broke aboard the three vessels, and it was so cold that the sea water froze on the life-boat. The tug, which had failed to find the vessel the previous night, arrived at five next morning and took the *Helping Hand* in tow. As the *Helping Hand's* steering gear was damaged, the life-boat, at her master's request, went with them to Lowestoft, where the *Helping Hand* was beached at 9.45. This was a long, cold service in bad weather, and the master thanked the life-boat crew for standing by throughout the night. - Property salvage case.

DECEMBER 18TH. - LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. At 3.50 in the afternoon the coastguard telephoned that the motor vessel *Esso Ottawa*, of Liverpool, was drifting towards the Newcombe Sands. She was a tanker of 900 tons and had a crew of eight. An easterly gale was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Michael Stephens* was launched at 4.12. Her coxswain was absent on account of illness, following the arduous service of fourteen hours to the *Helping Hand* the previous night. The life-boat arrived to find the tanker on the sands a mile south-south-east of Lowestoft firing distress signals. She was rolling heavily, but the life-boat went alongside and took off her crew. She landed them at 4.30. Later the *Esso Ottawa* was brought in by a tug. - Rewards, £12 16s. 6d.

DECEMBER 19TH. - FILEY, YORKSHIRE. During the afternoon it was

thought advisable for the motor life-boat to put out, as the fishing cobbles were still at sea. The sea was slight, but the strong north-easterly breeze was increasing. The *Cuttle* was launched at 1.30, met the *Peggy II* and escorted her to the harbour. She put out again, escorted in the coble *Jean and Barbara*, and arrived back at her station at 2.50. - Rewards, £12 1s. 6d.

DECEMBER 21ST. - ST. ABBS, BERWICKSHIRE. At 1.45 in the afternoon the motor fishing boat *Laurel* put out from St. Abbs to search for another local boat, the motor fishing boat *Faithful*, which, with a crew of three on board, was overdue. A south-west gale was blowing, with a rough sea. At two o'clock a flare was seen and the motor life-boat *Annie Ronald* and *Isabella Forrest* was launched. She found the *Faithful* three miles east-north-east of St. Abbs. Her propeller had been fouled by a rope and she had been in danger of being swamped by the heavy sea. Her flare had also been seen by the *Laurel*, which had her in tow, but as they were making little progress the life-boat took them both in tow, and brought them into St. Abbs at three o'clock. - Rewards, £7 17s.

DECEMBER 22ND. - CLOUGHIEY, AND DONAGHADEE, CO. DOWN. At 5.50 in the morning the Tara coastguard telephoned the Cloughiey life-boat station that a vessel was ashore between Kearney Point and North Rock. A strong southerly wind was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *Herbert John* was launched at 6.37 and an hour later found the ex-naval motor vessel *1503*, with a crew of five. She was on the rocks in a difficult position, but after several attempts the life-boat was able to go alongside her and rescue her crew. She landed them at 9.30, and one of them died shortly afterwards. The life-boat put out again at 10.30 to help a tug in an attempt to save the vessel, but in the rough seas they could do nothing and had to return. The life-boat reached her station at 1.30 that afternoon. The Donaghadee life-boat *Civil Service No. 5* launched at 6.15 in the morning, but found that the crew had already been rescued by the Cloughiey life-boat and returned to her station at 11.30. - Rewards : Cloughiey, £17 18s., and property salvage case ; Donaghadee, £10 8s. 6d.

DECEMBER 22ND. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. At 4.55 in the afternoon the Portland Bill coastguard telephoned that a red distress signal had been seen a mile north of the Shambles Light-vessel. A strong south-south-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea. The motor life-boat *William and Clara Ryland* was launched at 5.18 with the second-coxswain in charge. A few minutes later the Wyke Regis coastguard reported the Admiralty *L.C.T.711* making for Portland harbour in tow of a naval tug. This landing craft had made the distress signal. She did not now need help, but she signalled the life-boat that her consort, *L.C.T.723*, from which she had parted company about an hour earlier, was somewhere about and probably in difficulties. The life-boat went to look for the second



vessel, and found her about one mile off White Nose, on the north side of Weymouth Bay. She had broken down and was drifting on to a lee shore. She had not shown any distress signals as she was not aware that she was in danger of going ashore and breaking up on the rocks. She had eleven on board. The life-boat passed a tow rope to her. She was an unwieldy craft, but after careful manoeuvring the life-boat got her under control and towed her into Portland harbour, where a naval tug took charge of her at 7.45 that evening. The naval authorities and the coastguard expressed their admiration of the prompt and seamanlike way in which the life-boat had carried out the rescue.- Property salvage case.

DECEMBER 23RD. - WALTON AND FRINTON, ESSEX. At four in the morning the Walton-on-the-Naze coastguard reported a message received from the S.S. *Parkeston* that a barge was in distress on Platters Ground. A fresh south-westerly breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. The motor life-boat *E.M.E.D.* was launched at five o'clock and, helped by the train ferry searchlight, found the barge *Glencoe*, of Rochester, laden with potash. Her sprit band had carried away and her loosened wire stays dangerously swept her deck, making it impossible for her crew of two to control her. The life-boat towed her to Ipswich and arrived back at her station at 3.30 that afternoon. - Property salvage case.

DECEMBER 24TH. - WALMER, KENT. At 12.30 in the afternoon the Deal coastguard reported that a vessel had been seen at noon heading towards the Goodwin Sands. It was misty, and she had not been seen since. A north-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. The life-boat coxswain put out in his motor boat to investigate and found the S.S. *Northeastern Victory*, of San Francisco, of 7,600 tons, bound for Antwerp, stranded on the South Goodwin Sands. The motor boat returned and the motor life-boat *Charles Dibdin* (Civil Service No. 2) was launched at five o'clock. She found that the *Northeastern Victory* had broken her back and that her engine-room was flooding. A wireless message from Lloyd's agent at Dover advised the master to land the crew. He decided that he and six officers would stay, but that the remaining thirty-six men should leave. The life-boat took them on board, and arrived back at her station with them at 8.35 that night. The weather quickly got worse and it was thought advisable for the life-boat to go out again to stand by the steamer. She was launched at nine o'clock and stood by until daylight. The steamer was then listing and beginning to break up. A gale warning had been received and the master decided to abandon ship. The life-boat took off him and his six officers and returned to her station, arriving at 9.15 in the morning of the 25th. Later the steamer broke in two. - Rewards : first service, £32 9s. 6d. ; second service, £47 18s. 6d.

DECEMBER 25TH. - WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. At 11.40 at night the coastguard telephoned that a vessel was ashore at the North Cheek of Robin Hood's Bay, six miles south of Whitby. A light southerly wind was blowing, and the sea was moderate, but there was dense fog. The No. 1 motor life-boat *Mary Ann Hepworth* was launched at midnight and found the S.S. *Fosdyke Trader*, of London, of about 500 tons, laden with scrap iron and bound from London to the Tees. The life-boat could not get alongside, as there was not enough water. She stood by. Later a Whitby fishing boat brought out Lloyd's agent and put him on board the life-boat. As the tide rose, the life-boat put him on board the steamer. As the tide continued to rise the steamer began to move. By this time several other fishing boats had arrived from Whitby and they helped the life-boat to refloat her. She was able to go on her way north, and the life-boat, with Lloyd's agent on board, returned to Whitby, arriving at 7.15 next morning. - Property salvage case.

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

DECEMBER 1ST. - KIRKCUDBRIGHT. Flares had been seen, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £23 15s. 6d.

DECEMBER 1ST. - MOELFRE, ANGLESEY. Rockets had been reported, but no vessel in distress could be found. - Rewards, £16 14s. 6d.

DECEMBER 4TH. - THE MUMBLES, GLAMORGANSHIRE. A salvage officer had wished to board the American tanker *Tillamook*, which had gone ashore, but the invasion defences prevented the life-boat from getting alongside. - No expense to the Institution.

DECEMBER 5TH. - PADSTOW, CORNWALL. A fishing boat had been reported in difficulties, but she reached Port Isaac under her own power. - Rewards, £4 8s.

DECEMBER 7TH. - THE HUMBER, YORKSHIRE. A steamer had run aground, but she had a pilot on board and did not need

the life-boat. - Permanent paid crew ; rewards, 6s.

DECEMBER 7TH MARGATE KENT, AND WALTON AND FRINTON ESSEX. A drifter had run aground and a fishing boat was in difficulties, but the drifter refloated and a pilot boat took the fishing boat in tow. The owners of the drifter made gifts to both life-boat crews. - Rewards : Margate, £16 19s. ; Walton and Frinton, £10 6s.

DECEMBER 7TH. - FERRYSIDE, CARMARTHENSHIRE. A fishing boat had run aground, but her crew scrambled ashore. - Rewards, £16 5s. 6d.

DECEMBER 7TH. - CLOVELLY, AND APPLIEDORE, DEVON. A minesweeper had broken adrift while being towed, but there was no one on board. - Rewards : Clovelly, £20 8s. ; Appledore, £24 2s. 6d.

DECEMBER 8TH. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. A tug had gone ashore, but refloated. - Rewards, £8 11s.

DECEMBER 8TH AND 9TH. - BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. A small boat had been reported in difficulties, but reached shore safely, and a motor boat had been reported adrift, but later was reported safe. - Rewards : first service, £8 8s. ; second service, £12 15s. 6d.

DECEMBER. 8TH. - SWANAGE, DORSET. A tug had capsized and five members of her crew of nine had been saved by another tug, but the life-boat could find none of the other four. - Rewards, £26 4s.

DECEMBER 10TH. - PORTRUSH, CO. ANTRIM. An aeroplane had been reported crashed in the sea, but nothing was found. - Rewards, £18 14s.

DECEMBER 10TH. - ARRANMORE, CO. DONEGAL. A fishing boat had been reported in distress, but was helped by another boat. - Rewards, £25 16s. 6d.

DECEMBER 11TH. - FOWEY, CORNWALL. A Looe fishing boat had been reported overdue, but she reached harbour unaided. - Rewards, £13 2s. 6d.

DECEMBER 11TH. - WEYMOUTH, DORSET. A vessel had been reported in difficulties, but nothing was found. Later, wreckage was washed up, but there was no trace of the crew of seven. - Rewards, £9 19s. 6d.

DECEMBER 13TH. - APPLIEDORE, DEVON. An amphibious tank had got into difficulties, but her crew were rescued by a launch. - Rewards, £7 7s.

DECEMBER 21ST. - MARGATE, KENT. The Dutch motor vessel *Verba* had signalled for a doctor, but it was a pilot that she needed. - Rewards, £10 7s.

DECEMBER 25TH. - SELSEY, SUSSEX. A yacht had run aground, but her crew scrambled ashore without help. - Rewards, £12 16s.

DECEMBER 26TH. - VALENTIA, CO. KERRY. A trawler had been reported flying a distress signal, but only a buoy with a tall superstructure was found. - Rewards, £10 9s. 6d.

DECEMBER 27TH. - TORBAY, AND SALCOMBE, DEVON. An aeroplane had been reported crashed in the sea, but nothing was found. - Rewards : Torbay, £27 6s. ; Salcombe, £21 11s. 6d.

# Services by Shore-boats

## JANUARY MEETING

NAIRN, MORAYSHIRE. About 11.15 on the night of the 13th of November, 1945, an R.A.F. Warwick aeroplane was seen by the Lossiemouth coastguard to crash in the sea in flames, six to eight miles in a north-easterly direction from Lossiemouth. The wind was slight from the south-east and the sea calm. The coastguard enlisted the services of the Nairn motor fishing boat *Larus*, and with her crew of eight she put out at 11.45. Of the aeroplane's crew of seven the *Larus* was able to save only two, and one of them died before he was landed. One of the rescuers was lost overboard from the *Larus* the morning after the rescue when she was going out to the fishing grounds. - Rewards, £8. (See Buckie, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," 1945, page 49.)

CASTLEBAY, BARRA ISLAND. At 5.3 in the evening of the 2nd of December, 1945, it was reported that a torch was being flashed from Ennister Island, some four hundred yards east of the life-boat station. A strong, south-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea. The life-boat motor-mechanic, with two other men, at once put out in his own motor boat, without waiting for the life-boat crew to assemble. He found the motor boat *Press-home* on a rock. She had a crew of five, but two had already got away in the ship's boat. He rescued the remaining three with some difficulty, owing to the rocks, the rough sea and the darkness. - Rewards, £3.

SHESHADER, ISLAND OF LEWIS, HEBRIDES. At 1.30 in the morning of the 8th of December, 1945, the continuous blowing of a ship's whistle was heard in the village of Sheshader, some twelve miles from Stornoway. Later, rockets were seen. A strong south-south-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea. The ship in distress was the steam trawler *Eileen Wayman*. She had stranded on outlying rocks under steep cliffs in Sheshader Bay. Of her crew of thirteen, two had got ashore in the trawler's boat, but it had been damaged and sank. Five fishermen from Sheshader launched a rowing boat. They pulled a mile and found the trawler with a list and her gunwale level with the water. At great risk in the darkness and rough seas they rescued the remaining eleven men of the trawler. Shortly afterwards she disappeared. The Stornoway life-boat was called out, but the men had been rescued before she arrived. - Rewards, £12 10s. (See Stornoway, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," 1945, page 53.)

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At one in the afternoon of Christmas Day, 1945, news was received from Perch Rock Fort that a girl

and her dog were being surrounded by the rising tide on a sandhank. The sea was smooth, with a light southerly wind. The two motor-mechanics of the life-boat went out in the life-boat's motor boarding boat and found the sandbank covered. No one was to be seen. The girl and the dog had got ashore. - Rewards, £1.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

LYBSTER, CAITHNESS-SHIRE. At 10 o'clock in the morning of the 4th of December, 1945, three men in the motor fishing boat *Seaflower*, of Wick, had completed hauling their lobster creels, when their boat shipped a sea which stopped the engine. They were about a hundred yards from the shore, off the rocky coast at Achastle, about a mile south-west of Lybster. A fresh south-westerly wind was blowing. The sea was rough. The men let go the anchor at once but it failed to hold and within a few minutes their boat was driven on to a partially submerged rock. She was pounded to pieces, but the men scrambled on to the rock and managed to hold on to it. A crofter-fisherman, William McGregor, saw the accident from the cliff top. He ran down to his rowing boat, pulled to the spot and at some risk, and with much difficulty, rescued the three men. - Rewards, a letter of appreciation, £2, and 7s. 6d. for a broken oar.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON. In the early afternoon of the 21st of January, 1946, two men put out in the outboard motor boat *Brian*, with a punt in tow, to attend to their crab pots. An easterly breeze was blowing. The sea was fairly rough, with a heavy ground swell, and the boat capsized crossing Teignmouth Bar. Three men put out in a motor boat, found one of the men swimming and the other clinging to the upturned boat, both exhausted, and rescued them. They also recovered the motor boat, her gear, and the punt. - Rewards, £3, 4s. for fuel used, and 16s. For a boat-hook lost.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX. At 8.15 on the night of the 21st of January, 1946, the life-boat motor-mechanic was leaving the life-boat-house, when he saw what he thought was a boat on fire, about 300 yards off the west pier. A light southerly wind was blowing, there was a heavy swell and the night was dark. Motor-mechanic Philcox at once put off single-handed in a motor boat and found the crew of the *Pete II* burning clothing as flares. She was aground; her engine had broken down and she was shipping water. Four were on board. They passed a rope to the motor-mechanic and he was able to tow the boat afloat and take her into harbour. - Rewards, 10s.

### MARCH MEETING

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON. At 3.30 in the afternoon of the 18th of November, 1945, a man was cut off by the tide at Hele Bay, Ilfracombe. A marine told 73-year-old Mr. C. Galliver, and the two men put out in a rowing boat. A fresh east breeze was blowing, with a heavy ground swell. In the heavy swell and among dangerous rocks it was only with considerable difficulty that they rescued the man. - Rewards, £2, of which £1 was returned to the Institution as a donation.

PORTLAND, DORSET. On the morning of the 7th of January, 1946, the small Royal Army Service Corps motor boat *Ena* broke down while engaged on supply service. A light south-south-west wind was blowing and a slight swell running. The motor boat was seen by two fishermen, who put off in an open rowing boat. They reached the *Ena*, two miles north-north-west of Portland Bill. They found her too big to tow, so one of the fishermen tied a waistcoat to his oar and waved it, and told the crew of the *Ena* to signal. The *Ena* had been under observation by the coastguard. He saw that she was in difficulty, and the Weymouth life-boat crew were assembled, but they did not launch as the naval authorities sent a tug, which was working off Portland Bill, to the rescue. With the help of the men in the rowing boat, who carried a rope from the tug to the *Ena*, the tug took the *Ena* in tow and brought her into Portland Harbour. - Rewards, £2.

PORT ISAAC, CORNWALL. About four in the morning of the 6th of February, 1946, the S.S. *Sphene* struck some rocks between Tintagel and Boscastle, and foundered forty minutes later. Her crew of twelve took to their boat. At two o'clock in the afternoon they were approaching Port Isaac and burned red flares. The westerly wind was light, but there was a heavy swell. They were warned to lie off and the Padstow No. 2 life-boat was launched, but Mr. Anthony Provis, owner of the motor boat *Maple Leaf*, with six other men, had already gone out to the rescue. His engine broke down, but he re-started it and brought the twelve men into Port Isaac. Rewards, £5 5s., 5s. for fuel used, and £2 10s. for two oars broken. (See Padstow, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 24).

### APRIL MEETING

CROOKHAVEN, Co. CORK. At one in the afternoon of the 31st of December, 1945, six men put out in a six-oar rowing boat to salve a bale of rubber about two miles at sea. A south-south-east wind of almost gale force was blowing, with a very rough sea. When about a mile out the boat shipped a sea and the men turned back. It was then three o'clock. After they had rowed for half an hour another sea struck the boat and capsized her about 400 yards off Rock Island Lighthouse. Six men on shore saw the capsize and put out in a six-oar rowing boat. They had to row

a mile. They found that two of the men were drowned, but there was a man in the waterlogged boat, another in the sea hanging on to her, and the other two in the sea, one holding on to an oar and the other to a plank. All were exhausted. The tide, the heavy swell and the rocks contrived to make the work of rescue very dangerous, but the rescuers showed both skill and courage and were successful in getting all four men into their boat. They revived them with brandy and landed them at Crookhaven pier. From there the men were taken to hospital. - Rewards, £15 and £2 for the brandy.

### MAY MEETING

REDCAR, YORKSHIRE. At 6.30 in the morning of the 30th of March, 1946, Saltburn coastguard informed the honorary secretary of the life-boat station that a motor vessel was reported ashore on the Salt Scar rocks. A light south-west wind was blowing and the sea smooth, but there was fog. The honorary secretary engaged a rowing boat, with a crew of two, and he and a coastguardsman went out to the vessel and found no help was needed. The vessel refloated under her own power at 11.30. - Rewards, £1 for hire of boat and services of her crew.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 12.20 in the afternoon of the 7th of April, 1946, a message was received from the Wallasey police that a woman and two children were surrounded by the tide on a sandbank opposite the New Brighton baths. The sea was rough and a strong north-north-west wind was blowing. The second-coxswain of the life-boat, two motor-mechanics and a life-boatman went out in the life-boat's motor boarding boat. They found the sandbank covered and the police signalled to them that their help was not needed. The woman and children had been hauled to safety by life-buoys and ropes. - Rewards, £1 10s.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 1.15 in the afternoon of the 12th of April, 1946, the stageman reported that a boy in a canvas dinghy was in difficulties in mid-river off New Brighton Stage, and drifting seawards. Five men in a rowing boat had already put off from a hopper to the boy's help, and it was seen that they also needed help. A moderate north-west breeze was blowing and raising a choppy sea. The life-boat coxswain and motor-mechanic put out in the life-boat's motor boarding boat. They found the hopper's boat half full of water and in danger of capsizing. The boy was on board and his dinghy in tow. They towed the ship's boat and dinghy back to New Brighton Stage, landed the boy and his dinghy, baled out the ship's boat and towed it, and its crew of five, back to the hopper. - Rewards, 15s.

### JULY MEETING

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON. At 6.30 in the evening of the 3rd of March, 1946, the police reported that two boys were cut off by the

tide on the rocks at Lee. A strong northerly breeze was blowing and raising a rough sea. Mr. S. Williams, ex-life-boat coxswain, aged 66, and two other men put out in a motor boat, with a small boat in tow. They attempted, at great risk in the gathering darkness, to get to the rocks, but failed. They were, however, able to assure the boys that they could wait in safety until the tide had ebbed, when the police would rescue them from the shore. They then returned to Ilfracombe. The two boys were rescued when the tide ebbed. - Rewards, £4 10s., 6s. for fuel used, and 4s. for damage to tow ropes.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. At 12.10 in the afternoon of the 31st of March, 1946, the coastguard received a message from a resident that a dinghy had capsized two miles off the Marine Parade. A light north-easterly breeze was blowing, with a slight southerly swell. Two men put out in a small motor boat and rescued the dinghy's crew of two. - Rewards, a letter of appreciation to Mr. C. A. Wood and to Mr. R. Andrews. (See Shoreham Harbour, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 29.)

LOSSIEMOUTH, MORAYSHIRE. On the afternoon of the 6th of April, 1946, the Danish fishing vessel *Bent Erik* went ashore on the Covesea Skerries and at 4.47 the motor fishing boat *Snowdrop* put out to her help from Lossiemouth. A light south-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was choppy. The *Snowdrop* found that the fishing vessel was not holed and that her crew wished to remain on board. They returned to Lossiemouth, arriving at 5.45. Buckie life-boat was launched at five o'clock, reached the vessel at 7.20 and rescued three of her crew. - Rewards, a letter of appreciation to Mr. Joseph Stewart, skipper of the *Snowdrop*. (See Buckie, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 30.)

WORTHING, SUSSEX. At 4.10 in the afternoon of the 6th of April, 1946, Shoreham coastguard received a message from the Worthing police that a rubber dinghy, with three boys on board, was drifting seawards half a mile off Worthing. A light north-easterly breeze was blowing, and the sea was calm. A local boatman, Mr. A. Winfield, put out in a rowing boat and picked up the boys, who by that time had drifted to a point two and a half miles off Goring. - Rewards, 10s.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 6.5 in the evening of Easter Monday, the 22nd of April, 1946, a message was received from the police that a boy in a canvas dinghy appeared to be in difficulties in mid-river. A moderate westerly wind was blowing against the ebb tide and raising a choppy sea. The coxswain and motor-mechanic launched the life-boat's motor boarding boat and went to the Rock Channel. From there they saw the boat on the Crosby side of the river, crossed over, and found that the boy was out of the tide, in smooth water and making for the Crosby shore. As he appeared to be in no danger they returned to New Brighton, arriving there at 7.10. - Rewards, 15s.

FORTROSE, ROSS AND CROMARTY. At five in the afternoon of the 27th of April, 1946, the lighthouse keeper at Chanonry Point, Mr. Norman McLeod, saw two boys drifting seawards on a raft, five hundred yards due east of the point. A fresh easterly breeze was blowing against a strong ebb tide and raising a choppy sea. The lighthouse keeper, a painter and a student, manhandled a rowing boat and towed it down to the shore by means of a motor car. They put out and picked up the boys, whose raft by that time was half submerged. The Cromarty life-boat was launched at 5.49, but her services were not needed. - Rewards, £3, and £1 for damage to boat. (See Cromarty, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 32.)

NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. At 6.30 in the evening of the 3rd of May, 1946, the motor pleasure fishing boat, *P.W.30*, with two on board, was in difficulties in Newquay Bay. She was drifting towards the cliffs with her engine broken down. A light south-easterly breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. Ex-bowman Brown, who had left the harbour on a fishing trip in his motor boat, saw the motor boat to be in need of help and towed her into harbour. - Rewards, £1 for loss of fishing and fuel used.

BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. At 3.20 in the afternoon of the 4th of May, 1946, the life-boat coxswain's wife received a telephone message that a sailing boat was reported to have sunk off Sea View. As the life-boat was off service for overhaul and the coxswain away from home, she passed on the message to the Harbour pilot, Mr. Wade. He put out alone in his motor launch. A fresh easterly wind was blowing and had raised a rough sea. He found that the sailing boat, as she rounded the Isle of Wight end of the Spithead defence boom, had missed stays and been carried on to the steel piles of the boom. They had torn out her side and she had sunk at once, leaving her crew of two clinging to the piles. The fresh breeze, the rough sea and the tide made it extremely difficult for the rescuing boat to get near the boom, but Mr. Wade handled her very skilfully, and manoeuvred her close enough to be able to drag the men from the piles to his boat by means of ropes. - Rewards, £1, and 5s. for fuel used.

HAYLING ISLAND, HANTS. At 6.30 in the evening of the 4th of May, 1946, a soldier and his son were out in a rowing boat near the mouth of Chichester Harbour, when they were caught by the strong tide and lost control. A light north-east off-shore wind was blowing. Seeing the boat in difficulties two men put out from Hayling Island in a small motor boat and brought the men to shore. - Rewards, £1 and 2s. for fuel used. (See Selsey, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 36.)

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE. At seven o'clock in the evening of the 11th of May, 1946, the life-boat coxswain learned that a boy was drifting seawards in a rubber dinghy, two miles south-west of the boat-house. A light off-shore breeze was blowing

and the sea was calm. He launched his motor boat and, with the second-coxswain and motor-mechanic, put to sea only to find that the coxswain of the Fleetwood life-boat, who was returning home from fishing, had picked up the boy and his dinghy. He could not, however, have landed him at Blackpool, so the boy was transferred to the Blackpool coxswain's boat and brought safely ashore.- Rewards, £1 10s. to the crew of the boat from Blackpool.

CARNA, CO. GALWAY. On the morning of the 14th of May, 1946, two men left Moyrus, Carna, in a small boat to go fishing in Cashel Bay. A strong, squally north-west wind was blowing, with a rough sea, and when they were passing Freaghillaun Island about ten o'clock a sudden squall struck the boat and capsized it. A man working on the mainland saw the accident and called two other men. They launched a curragh, only to find that one of its two oars was broken. With difficulty they got the curragh ashore again, procured other oars and then rowed half a mile to the capsized boat. They found one man clinging to an oar, dazed. They rescued him. He had been hanging on for over an hour. The other man had disappeared when the boat capsized. - Rewards, £3.

GIRVAN, AYRSHIRE. About 9.45 in the evening of the 14th of May, 1946, the police telephoned to the life-boat coxswain that a fishing boat, lying off the entrance to Lendal Bay, about four miles south of Girvan, had made distress signals. A fresh north-north-west breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. As the life-boat was off-service for overhaul, the coxswain arranged with Mr. Peter Stephens, owner of the motor fishing boat *Margaret*, to put out in his boat. They both went in her, with a crew of three, at 10.15 and found the motor fishing boat *Advance*, with her engines broken down. She had three men on board. They took her in tow and brought her into Girvan Harbour at 11.50 that night. - Rewards, a letter of appreciation to Mr. Stephens, and £3 to the crew of the *Margaret*.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 4.55 in the afternoon of the 16th of May, 1946, the New Brighton stageman telephoned that a person had fallen overboard from the ferry-boat off New Brighton Stage, and was drifting out with the tide. A fresh northerly wind was blowing and the sea was choppy. The life-boat coxswain, second-coxswain and motor-mechanic put out in the life-boat's motor boarding boat and searched, but without success. A boat was also launched from the ferry, but she also found nothing. It was learnt later that a woman had jumped overboard from the ferry. - Rewards, £1 2s. 6d.

HAYLING ISLAND, HAMPSHIRE. At 3.30 in the afternoon of the 16th of May, 1946, a sailing boat was capsized in a squall off Pilsey Sands in Chichester Harbour. A light, north-east wind was blowing, with a slight sea. The Sister at Treloars' Home reported it to the coastguard, but the accident had been seen

also by Mr. Sparkes, a demobilised R.N.V.R. officer, owner of a boatyard at Sandy Point. He at once put out single-handed in his motor boat and rescued a man and a woman. Both had been hurt when their boat capsized. - Rewards, a letter of appreciation to Mr. Sparkes.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At two in the afternoon of the 30th of May, 1946, the police reported to the life-boat coxswain that a motor boat, used by the Corporation's shore-watcher, was in difficulties. Her engine had broken down and she was drifting through the Rock Channel. The man on board was signalling for help. A south-east breeze was blowing and the sea was choppy. The life-boat second-coxswain and motor-mechanic put out in the life-boat's motor boarding boat. They reached the boat and found that the man had got the engine going again. The two boats returned together. - Rewards, £1 2s. 6d.

LLANERCH-Y-MOR, FLINTSHIRE. At 1.30 in the afternoon of the 2nd of June, 1946, the Hoylake coastguard reported that a yacht was in difficulties in the River Dee, two miles from Mostyn. A south-westerly gale was blowing and the sea was choppy. Four men put out in the motor trawler *Britannia* at 1.45. They found the motor yacht *Mildred*, but by that time she had been able to anchor and did not require their help. - Rewards, £2 10s. and 5s. for fuel used.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON. At 7.30 in the evening of the 2nd of June, 1946, information was received from the King's Harbour Master that a naval dinghy was in difficulties south-west of Mewstone, about five miles from Plymouth. A strong west-south-west wind was blowing. With the flood tide it had raised a confused sea. Six men of the life-boat crew put out in the port medical officer's launch at 7.45. They searched with naval vessels, but without success, and the launch returned at 9.15, knowing the naval vessels were remaining on the look-out. Of the two men in the dinghy, it was learnt later, one had been rescued by a yacht, but the other one was drowned. - Rewards, £7 10s.

CRAIL, FIFESHIRE. At 6.30 in the evening of the 3rd of June, 1946, a sailing dinghy from the Crail Royal Naval Air Station was capsized by a squall when three miles south-west-by-south of Fifeness. A light north-north-west wind was blowing, with a slight sea. The accident was seen from the shore and two men at once put out in two motor boats, the *Valerie* and the *Harvester*. They found a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service and an artificer of the Royal Naval Air Service. The Wren was suffering from shock and the *Valerie* took her ashore at once. The artificer remained by the dinghy until it had been righted and was then brought ashore in the *Harvester*, which also towed in the dinghy. - Rewards, £1 5s.

RAMSGATE, KENT. At 11.30 in the morning of the 16th of June, 1946, the police

reported to the dockmaster that some children had been trapped by the tide at the Western Undercliff. The weather was fine with a smooth sea, and a light, south-west wind was blowing. Two men put out in the motor boat *Favourite* from Ramsgate Harbour, but found that the children had already been rescued from the shore. - Rewards, £1 for loss of business and fuel used.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE. About 2.20 in the afternoon of Easter Sunday, the 21st of April, 1946, the pleasure craft *Skylark* sank in Bournemouth Bay about a mile off Alum Chine, with 70 or more people on board. The weather was fine and the sea smooth. A number of boats put out from Bournemouth and rescued everybody but one man, a member of the crew, who had put on a life-belt and jumped overboard. Among the rescuers were two schoolboys, Tony Dryansky, aged 14, and James A. Salisbury, aged 15. Each rowed out single-handed and rescued five lives. James Salisbury also went overboard from his boat in an attempt to rescue the man who lost his life. At the inquiry held by the Ministry of Transport, reference was made to their gallantry. Besides the boats from Bournemouth two boats put out from Poole, a launch of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the Poole and Bournemouth life-boat. The life-boat had five miles to travel and arrived in time to rescue only one from a raft. - Rewards, inscribed silver watches and £1 each to Tony Dryansky and James A. Salisbury. (See Poole and Bournemouth, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 30.)

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON. A boy of eleven fell from the Torrs Cliffs on to the rocks at White Pebble beaches on the evening of the 9th of May, 1946. The police found it impossible to reach him without a boat and obtained the services of four men in a rowing boat. A strong easterly wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. The men found the boy, with severe injuries to the head, and took him to Wildersmouth beach. - Rewards, £2.

FINDON, ABERDEENSHIRE. A Barracuda aircraft crashed in the sea two miles east-by-north of Findon coastguard station at 3.45 in the afternoon of the 19th of June, 1946. The sea was calm and the wind light. The accident was seen by a man, who informed the police and they collected a crew of five, who put off at once in a motor boat, but just before they reached the spot a passing steam trawler had rescued the pilot. - Rewards, £3 and 3s. for fuel used.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 9.45 in the evening of the 30th of June, 1946, the life-boat motor-mechanic saw two girls and two boys trapped by the tide on the bank opposite the boathouse. A light, southerly breeze was blowing, with a smooth sea. The motor-mechanic and a life-boatman put out in the life-boat's motor boarding boat and

brought the girls and boys to New Brighton stage. Their prompt action undoubtedly saved four lives, for the beach and boat patrols had gone off duty. - Rewards, 15s.

PORTHOUSTOCK, CORNWALL. At 10.45 on the night of the 2nd of July, 1946, the relatives of a 74-year-old man, who had gone fishing earlier in the day in a rowing boat, reported that he had not returned and they were anxious for his safety. A light westerly breeze was blowing, the sea smooth, but there was dense fog. Coverack life-boat was launched at 11.55 and searched all night, but without success. She arrived back at her station at nine o'clock next morning, the 3rd. At 10.45 that morning the motor fishing boat *Ocean Swell*, which was at sea with a crew of three, picked up the fisherman in Falmouth Bay, near the Manacles rocks, and brought him to Porthoustock. - Rewards, £1 17s. 6d., 5s. for fuel used and £2 for loss of fishing. (See Coverack, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 44.)

HASTINGS, SUSSEX. On the night of the 3rd of July, 1946, the motor fishing boat *Ocean Spray* was fishing two miles south of the coastguard watch-house at Fairlight. At 11.23 her skipper saw distress signals from another fishing boat, the *Minnie*. The sea was smooth, with a light south-east wind. The *Ocean Spray* found the *Minnie* with her engine broken down and towed her into Rye about two o'clock next morning. A thunder-storm, the worst for many years, delayed her return to Hastings. - Rewards, £1 10s., and 12s. for fuel used.

GIRVAN, Ayrshire. About 12.40 in the afternoon of the 4th of July, 1946, the police telephoned the honorary secretary of the life-boat station that a small yacht appeared to be in difficulty off Currach, about two miles north of Girvan. A strong south-south-west wind was blowing, with a rather rough sea. The life-boat coxswain went out with six other men in the motor fishing vessel *Teresa*, but returned two hours later without having found the yacht. He had not been given her true position. He put out again and towed her in. - Rewards, £4 7s. 6d. and 10s. for fuel used.

CLACHNAHARRY, INVERNESS-SHIRE. At six in the evening of the 14th of July, 1946, the sailing boat *Lyre Geo* was capsized while pleasure sailing in Beaulieu Firth, some four hundred yards from Inverness shore. The strong ebb tide and a squally north-west wind had raised a choppy sea. The accident was seen by Mr. George Ralph (who already held the Institution's thanks on vellum for a rescue) and he put out single-handed in his rowing boat. As he rowed out a woman swam ashore from the sailing boat. He arrived to find three men clinging to the up-turned boat and rescued them. - Rewards, £1.

PADSTOW, CORNWALL. At four in the afternoon of the 18th of July, 1946, a message was received by the honorary secretary of the life-boat station that a girl was stranded on the bar. Motor-mechanic Orchard and

reserve motor-mechanic O'Dell pulled the life-boat dinghy across the bar to the sands on the eastern side. There they found a girl who told them that she and a friend who had been paddling had been swept off their feet by the tide. She had managed to get back to the bar, but her friend had disappeared. The mechanics waded into the sea and searched, but without success. They returned to the life-boat station for a motor boat and were joined by motor-mechanic Baker and another man. The four men manned Orchard's motor boat and searched the eastern channel, but again without success. After mooring the motor boat the four men got into the dinghy but it capsized, and they had to swim ashore. Later motor-mechanic Baker swam out and pulled the dinghy to the shore. - Rewards, £2 and 6s. for fuel used.

BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT. At four in the afternoon of the 18th of July, 1946, the sailing dinghy *Snark* capsized half a mile off shore at Under Tyne. A moderate south-west wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. Mr. Blackman, a bathing-hut proprietor, put off in a rowing boat and found three men clinging to the dinghy. As his boat was too small to take the men aboard he supported them until the arrival of Mr. Wade, the harbour pilot, who had put off in a motor boat. He brought the three men ashore, went out again and brought in Mr. Blackman and the capsized dinghy. - Rewards, £1 5s. and 5s. for fuel used.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. At 12.50 in the morning of the 19th of July, 1946, the coastguard informed the life-boat station that a man had reported that an aeroplane had crashed in the sea. A light off-shore wind was blowing and the sea was slight. The life-boat coxswain and four other men put out in a motor coble, made a thorough search, but found nothing. They returned about four that morning. - Rewards, £7 10s. and 12s. for fuel used.

ABERYSTWYTH, CARDIGANSHIRE. About five in the afternoon of the 28th of July, 1946, the motor boat *Skylark*, with a crew of two, was towing in the sailing yacht *Mary Lou*. A fresh westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was rough. When they were off the harbour bar the rope parted, but the *Skylark* continued on her course. She thought that another motor boat astern would pick up the yacht, but this she did not do. The yacht was now in a dangerous position and the honorary secretary of the life-boat station sent out six men in the motor boat *Belle Isle*. In the meantime the *Skylark* had put about and was trying to get a line aboard the *Mary Lou*, which had anchored. After several attempts the *Belle Isle* went alongside, got a line aboard, and towed the *Mary Lou* into harbour, with the *Skylark* standing by. - Rewards, £4, and 5s. each to the *Skylark* and *Belle Isle* for fuel used.

PADSTOW, CORNWALL. At five in the afternoon of the 29th of July, 1946, the Stepper Point Coastguard reported receiving a message that two people had been seen trapped under Pentire Head. The coastguard could see no sign of them, but the life-boat coxswain and motor-mechanic went out in the mechanic's motor boat, with a punt in tow. They searched, but found nothing. - Rewards, £1, and 4s. for fuel used.

LULWORTH, DORSET. At 7.25 in the evening of the 29th of July, 1946, two visitors reported to the coast preventative man at Lulworth that they had seen a boat capsize, three miles west of Lulworth Cove, and two people swimming in the water. A light, west-north-west breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. Both wind and sea were increasing. Three men put out in an open motor boat and another man in a smaller motor boat. They searched over a large area, but found nothing and returned at ten o'clock. On the following morning it was learnt that at the time of the reported accident a small fishing boat had fouled her propeller. For an hour her crew tried to clear it, and then rowed ashore. - Rewards, £3 and 8s. for fuel used ; and £1 10s. for loss of business.

MARGATE, KENT. At two in the afternoon of the 30th of July, 1946, a man in a rubber dinghy was carried out to sea. A strong south-west breeze was blowing, with a rough sea. Mr. R. J. Chidwick, a retired hotel keeper, and Mr. W. A. Kemp, an accountant, were out fishing off The Ness in a motor boat. They saw the drifting dinghy. Being unable to pull up their anchor they buoyed it and went after the dinghy, which they reached when it was about two miles east of Margate harbour. They found the man rather distressed, took him into their boat and brought him and his dinghy to Palm Bay. The Margate life-boat was called out, but her services were not needed. - Rewards, letters of appreciation to Mr. Chidwick and Mr. Kemp. (See Margate, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 45.)

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE. About 3.45 in the afternoon of the 4th of August, 1946, a rubber dinghy drifted out to sea with four people on board. A light off-shore wind was blowing and the sea was smooth. A boatman, the owner of a motor pleasure boat, was asked by the coastguard to help and, with two other men, went after the dinghy. He picked it up a mile and a half south of Mablethorpe. The Humber life-boat was called out, but her services were not needed. - Rewards, £1 10s., 2s. for fuel used, and 15s. for loss of business. (See Humber, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 51.)

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE. At 4.50 in the afternoon of the 4th of August, 1946, a boatman, who had just brought in a dinghy, was asked by the coastguard to go out again to the help of another dinghy in which a man was drifting out to sea. The sea was smooth and a light off-shore breeze



was blowing. The boatman, with his assistant and a coastguard, put out in his motor pleasure boat and picked up the man, very distressed, six miles north of Mablethorpe. The Humber life-boat was called out but her services were not needed. - Rewards, £1 10s., 5s. for fuel used, and £5 for loss of business. (See Humber, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 51.)

THE MUMBLES, GLAMORGANSHIRE. At five in the afternoon of the 12th of August, 1946, it was reported to the life-boat coxswain that two girls, aged about fifteen, had been cut off by the tide at Mumbles Head. If not rescued they would have to remain there until the following morning. A fresh south-west wind was blowing, causing a rough sea. The coxswain, with the motor-mechanic and two other men, went out in his rowing boat. To get ashore to the girls he had to wade in up to his armpits, while the other men kept the boat from being dashed on the rocks. - Rewards, £2.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 6.20 in the morning of the 13th of August, 1946, the honorary secretary of the life-boat station heard that anxiety was felt for the crew of the yacht *Arabis*, anchored off New Brighton Stage. A north-east gale was blowing, with a rough sea, and they were unable to get ashore. The coxswain waited for low water, and at 7.30 put out with the motor-mechanic in the life-boat's boarding boat. No one was on the yacht, but he found her crew of two on a near-by fishing boat, to which they had been carried in their small dinghy. He brought them ashore. - Rewards, £1.

### OCTOBER MEETING

KIRKWALL, ORKNEYS. On the afternoon of the 2nd of August, 1946, a Polish soldier was off Crow Nest Point, in Kirkwall Bay, on a raft and being blown out to sea. A westerly breeze was blowing, with a moderate sea. At the request of the coastguard two men put out in a boat from Shapinsay at 3.28. A naval drifter also put out from Kirkwall harbour, and, when it was seen that she would rescue the man, the small boat was recalled. - Rewards, 10s.

WEYMOUTH, DORSET. On the 5th of August, 1946, two service men and two service women in a small pleasure boat got into difficulties in Weymouth Bay. A light, westerly wind was blowing. The sea was moderate, but increasing. At 7.40, when returning home, a Weymouth fisherman saw the boat low in the water, with something flying from the mast. He found the boat, a dinghy, half full of water and sinking. A white shirt was flying from her as a distress signal. The fisherman took the two women into his boat, and then towed the dinghy to Portland Dockyard. - Rewards, 10s. and 4s. for fuel used.

ST. IVES, CORNWALL. On the afternoon of the 6th of August, 1946, three service men

were out sailing in a whaler, when, at 1.30, it capsized half a mile off St. Ives Head. A fresh south-west breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. Two men in the motor fishing boat *St. Eia* were near by. They went to the help of the men, found them clinging to the keel of their boat, rescued them and towed their boat into harbour. - Rewards, £1, and 3s. for fuel used.

LITTLESTONE, KENT. On the afternoon of the 13th of August, 1946, a small boat, with three persons on board, was reported to be making distress signals in Littlestone Bay, two miles off shore. A moderate westerly wind was blowing, with a moderate sea. The Dungeness life-boat was off service and the coastguard asked two men to go out in a motor boat. They put out at 12.44. A few minutes later information was received that the small boat was safely ashore and the motor boat was recalled. - Rewards, £1 and 7s. 6d. for fuel used.

RAMSGATE, KENT. At 8.50 in the morning of the 6th of September, 1946, the east pier signalman reported that the small sailing yacht *Simple Simon* had capsized a mile east-north-east of the harbour. The sea was moderate, with a light, west-south-west wind blowing. The life-boat was called out but did not go as two men in the speed boat *Carol* had put out and rescued the man, who was clinging to his upturned boat. - Rewards, £1 16s. for loss of business and 3s. for fuel used.

RAMSGATE, KENT. The S.S. *Helena Modjeska*, of New Orleans, was wrecked on the Goodwins on the 12th of September, 1946. The Walmer life-boat went out to her help and stood by altogether for 38 hours, landed 21 of her crew and returned to her station on the 14th of September. She was satisfied that the men remaining on the steamer were not in peril, but arranged to go out again if needed. The Ramsgate coxswain was uneasy about the steamer and, with two other men, put out in his own motor boat. He found five tugs in deep water some distance from the steamer, and, while circling the ship, was hailed to come alongside and to stand by. The wind was steadily increasing and he took off nineteen of the crew and four Dover Harbour welders, and landed them at Ramsgate. - Rewards, £3 15s., and 10s. for fuel used. (See Walmer, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 53.)

FRASERBURGH, ABERDEENSHIRE. About six in the evening of the 14th of September, 1946, the coastguard reported that the small motor boat *Sandy* had broken down one mile north-east of Kinnaird Head look-out. Her crew of two were waving clothing to attract attention. The sea was calm, with a light, southerly wind. The life-boat coxswain, second-coxswain and motor-mechanic put out in the motor boat *Shepherd Boy*, and towed the disabled boat into harbour, arriving at 7.22. - Rewards, £1 2s. 6d. and 6s. 6d. for fuel used.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

MARGATE, KENT. At nine o'clock on the night of the 5th of July, 1946, the Margate coastguard asked a local boatman to go to the help of the fishing boat *Barbie*, which appeared to be drifting seawards. A light south-west breeze was blowing, with a slight sea. The boatman and two other men went out in the motor pilot boat *Nayland* and found the boat drifting seawards with her engine broken down. They towed her into Margate Harbour at 10.20 that night. - Rewards, £2 5s. and 5s. for fuel used.

TORBAY, DEVON. During the afternoon of the 6th of September, 1946, a man and two women were out sailing in a pleasure boat. A squally north-west wind was blowing and the sea was choppy. At 4.45 the main-sail shackle-pin carried away. The man climbed the mast to reset the sail. At that moment a squall struck the boat and he dropped into the water to save a capsize. The boat was then 200 yards north-west of Brixham breakwater. Hearing cries of "Man overboard" two men put out in a motor boat, and with considerable difficulty pulled the man out of the sea. He was fully dressed, wearing seaboots and was very exhausted. The rescuers gave him first aid and when they reached harbour a visitor gave him artificial respiration. Another motor boat then put out from the landing jetty, overhauled the sailing boat with the two women on board and towed it into Brixham. - Rewards, £1, with 2s. 6d. for fuel used.

PAPA WESTRAY, ORKNEYS. At eleven at night on the 13th of September, 1946, a sailing boat, in which two merchant seamen were returning to Papa Westray from Westray, capsized in Mid Sound. A fresh west-north-west breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The men clung to their upturned boat and shouted for help. Their shouts were heard at Papa Westray and three men put out in a small rowing boat and searched with torches. After a hard pull they found the capsized boat, picked up the two men, now exhausted, and took them ashore. - Rewards, £3 15s.

MARGATE, KENT. At 8.25 in the evening of the 17th of September, 1946, the Margate coastguard reported that a small motor boat appeared to be in difficulties and drifting two and a half miles north-east of Margate jetty. A light southerly breeze was blowing, and there was a slight sea. Two men put out in the motor pilot boat *Nayland* and found the motor boat *Sea Ace*, broken down and drifting seawards. They took her in tow and reached Margate harbour at 9.50. - Rewards, £1 5s., and 5s. for fuel used.

BURGHEAD, MORAYSHIRE. At eleven at night on the 17th of September, 1946, the sailing yacht *Irene*, with four on board, was seen drifting towards the shore about a mile east of the coastguard station. She had split her mainsail. A moderate south-west breeze was blowing, with a slight sea. The coast-

guard signalled the yacht to keep off the shore. She replied with a red flare and the coastguard informed the Cromarty life-boat, some 20 miles away on the other side of the Moray Firth. She put out at once. A few minutes later the yacht's lights went out, and the coastguard, considering that instant help was needed, obtained the services of the local motor fishing boat *Vigilante*. Five men took her out, found the yacht and towed her into harbour. The services of the life-boat were not needed. - Rewards, £5, and 2s. 6d. for fuel used, of which £1 was returned to the Institution as a donation. (See Cromarty, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 57.)

PORT ERIN, ISLE OF MAN. At noon on the 21st of September, 1946, news was received from Bradda Head Cafe' that two rowing boats were drifting north and signalling for help. A strong southerly breeze was blowing, with a choppy sea. The honorary secretary of the life-boat station sent out two men in a motor boat. They reached the two rowing boats half a mile north of Bradda Head, and with some difficulty took them in tow and brought them in against wind and tide. - Rewards, £1, 2s. 6d. for fuel used, with £1 for loss of business.

NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. About five in the afternoon of the 22nd of September, 1946, the motor boat *Poppy*, which was pleasure-cruising with four people on board, was seen by the boat inspector to be in difficulties and drifting seaward. An off-shore south-east wind was blowing, with a choppy sea. At the request of the inspector a boatman put off in a motor boat, found that the *Poppy's* engine was giving trouble and towed her into harbour. - Rewards, £1 for loss of business and 3s. for fuel used.

MARGATE, KENT. Shortly before midnight on the 23rd of September, five members of the crew of a naval motor fishing vessel put out in a small rowing boat to go to the motor fishing vessel 1165. The small boat did not return as expected. The *MFV1165* was lying about a hundred yards from the jetty. The night was very dark with a fresh westerly breeze. A moderate swell was running. Two local boatmen, with two other naval men, put out in the pilot boat *Nayland*. The coastguard turned on a searchlight from the shore and the boat used her Aldis lamp. The men in the pilot boat heard shouts and found the rowing boat waterlogged, with one man holding on to it and supporting another. Both were completely exhausted. It was only with much difficulty, and after one of the naval men had dived overboard, that the rescuers were able to get them into the pilot boat. A signal told them that the Margate life-boat had rescued another man, but that two were still missing. They continued their search but found nothing, and returned to Margate half an hour after midnight. - Rewards, £2 10s., 5s. for fuel used, 16s. for a life-buoy and £1 3s. for a boathook which were lost. (See Margate, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," p. 56.)

RAMSGATE, KENT. On the 27th of September, 1946, the motor speed boat *Louise II* left Margate, with twelve passengers and a crew of two, to visit an American steamer aground on the Goodwins. She ran on the North Goodwin Sands at high speed, bending her main shaft and badly straining herself. When she failed to return, the owner of the boat sent out another boat, but found nothing. Both the Ramsgate and Margate life-boats were then launched and made unsuccessful searches. The weather was fine, there was neither wind nor sea, so the occupants of the boat were in little or no danger. The Ramsgate coxswain, in his motor boat *Salvor*, an ex-life-boat, with a crew of six, was returning to harbour from servicing the South Goodwins Light-vessel at seven in the evening, when he saw the speed boat aground. He could not go alongside owing to the shallow water, but he rescued the fourteen on board her by hauling them on a life-float to a dinghy, which then put them on board the *Salvor*. He did not take them ashore at once, but decided to wait until the tide rose and he could save the speed boat. He towed her in at midnight. - Rewards, £5 5s. and 7s. 6d. for fuel used.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. At 6.4 in the evening of the 5th of October, 1946, the honorary secretary of the life-boat station was asked by the coastguard to send the life-boat or some other boat to the S.S. *Torni*, which had been ashore for some days on Petard Point, five miles to the north of Scarborough, to bring ashore an injured seaman. The sea was smooth, and only a light north-west breeze was blowing, so it was decided to send a coble, and four men put out in the motor coble *Betty*. They also took with them a rowing boat in case it was difficult to get alongside the steamer, as her deck cargo of pit props was washing about all round her. The service was promptly carried out and the injured man was landed at 8.45. - Rewards, £4, and 8s. for fuel used.

LANCING, SUSSEX. At one in the afternoon on the 7th of October, 1946, four men were returning to Shoreham in the motor fishing boat *Florence Nightingale* when, off the Lancing sewer pipe outlet, she struck a submerged object and sank. A light south-westerly breeze was blowing and the sea was calm. A local pilot and another man, in the motor fishing boat *Iona*, were also returning to Shoreham. They saw the *Florence Nightingale* sink, went at once to the four men in the water and rescued them. They then took the *Iona* as close in shore as possible and the rescued men waded ashore. - Rewards 15s.

BURGHEAD, MORAYSHIRE. The motor fishing vessel *Vigilante* was in difficulties inside the Covesea Skerries about four in the afternoon of the 10th of October, 1946. There was no wind or sea. She was seen by the lightkeeper at the Covesea Lighthouse, who passed information to the coastguard,

and five men put out from Burghead harbour at 4.25 in the motor fishing boat *Lupin*. They found the *Vigilante* with her engine broken down. She had no sails and was drifting towards shallow water. The rescuers showed fine seamanship in taking the *Vigilante* in tow in the gathering darkness. They brought her into Burghead harbour at 6.45 that evening. - Rewards, £5, and 2s. 6d. for fuel used.

NEW BRIGHTON, CHESHIRE. At 5.10 in the evening of the 15th of October, 1946, the pier master at Princes Landing Stage reported a motor launch broken down in mid river and drifting seawards. A light east-north-east breeze was blowing and the sea was smooth. Two life-boat motor-mechanics put out in the life-boat's motor boarding boat, came up with the launch opposite Gladstone Dock, found that she had one man aboard, and towed her to New Brighton. - Rewards, 15s.

## DECEMBER MEETING

INVERGORDON, ROSS-SHIRE. On the 21st of August, 1946, the Invergordon and Blair motor ferry boat was on a run to Invergordon when, at 4.20, she saw a naval whaler capsized. A north-east wind was blowing against the ebb tide and raising a choppy sea. The crew of the ferry-boat consisted only of sixteen-year-old Munro Fraser. He had one passenger, Mr. David Ross, aboard. They went at once to the rescue and had picked up five men before service craft arrived. Four men of the whaler were lost. - Rewards, an inscribed wrist watch and £1 to Munro Fraser and a letter of appreciation and £1 to Mr. David Ross.

SHEERNESS, KENT. On the afternoon of the 28th of August, 1946, three men were out in the motor boat *Nancy*, in a rough sea, with a moderate south-west wind blowing. The boat's engine failed, and she drifted out to sea off Sheerness. She was seen by Mr. J. F. Bell, and at 2.30 he put off single-handed in the motor fishing boat *LO.149*. He took the *Nancy* in tow, but his own boat became water-logged. Their difficulties were seen, and at 4.20 two men went to their help in the motor boat *Silver Queen*, although one of her engines was not working. They found the two other boats three miles below the Nore No. 1 Buoy and at considerable risk took them in tow, but they had to cut the *LO.149* adrift and later she sank. They brought the *Nancy*, with her three men and Mr. Bell on board, into Sheerness at 7.30 that evening. The tide was then out, and they could not moor the *Silver Queen* until midnight, and employed two watchmen to look after her. Mr. Bell valued his lost boat and gear at £150. She was not insured, and there was little hope of salvage. A public subscription was raised and he received £136. - Rewards, £14 to Mr. Bell to bring the public subscription up to

the £150 ; £3 to the crew of the *Silver Queen* ; 6s. for fuel used and £2 to the watchmen and £1 7s. for a lost rope.

BRIXHAM, DEVON. During a north-north-west gale of almost hurricane force, with a very rough sea, on the afternoon of the 20th of September, 1946, an Admiralty motor fishing boat broke adrift and fouled and badly damaged the yacht *Casita*, anchored 200 yards east of Brixham pierhead. Two men put out in an open motor boat, but realising that further help was needed put back and went into the inner harbour, where two other men joined them. They handled their boat with fine seamanship in that very rough weather, and at great risk brought her alongside the *Casita* and took off first a baby and then the mother. The crew of two followed her, and then, after some hesitation, the owner jumped aboard the rescuing boat. Later the yacht caught fire and foundered.

- Rewards, £9, and 5s. for fuel used. (See Torbay, "Accounts of Services by Life-boats," page 55.)

TORBAY, DEVON. About eleven in the morning of the 7th of October, 1946, two children, a girl aged 8 and her brother aged 9, were cut off by the tide on the rocks at Corbyn's Head, about half a mile outside Torquay harbour. They tried to wade ashore. The boy succeeded but the girl returned to the rocks. The boy told a man, who informed the police. A police sergeant obtained the help of five men and a motor boat. He went with them and they took with them a rowing boat. A strong south-east wind was blowing, with a rough sea. With the rough sea breaking among the rocks the motor boat had to lie off, but the police sergeant and three of the men rowed in the rowing boat close to the rocks and rescued the girl. - Rewards, £4 10s.

# Services by Auxiliary Rescue-boats

Launches 1

Lives rescued 4

VALENTIA, Co. KERRY. The auxiliary rescue-boat, *St. Bernard*, was returning to harbour on the night of the 22nd of May, 1946, as the weather was too bad for fishing, and when she was three miles north-west of Bray Head, about nine o'clock, the crew of four of the motor fishing boat *Dun Clara*, of Portmagee, hailed her. Their engine had

broken down. A strong east-south-east wind was then blowing and the sea was rough. The *St. Bernard* took the *Dun Clara* in tow, but the tow rope parted five times in the heavy seas, before she was able to bring her safely to Portmagee pier. That was at one o'clock next morning. - Rewards, £5 and 9s. for fuel used.