

Five Calgarians In Dramatic Sea Rescue

Help Take Crew Of U.S. Vessel To Safety

In one of the dramatic sea rescue operations of this war, a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, H.M.C.S. Guysborough, brought a U.S. Navy sub-chaser and her crew of 20 safely to port.

Taking part in the rescue, details of which were announced today by naval headquarters at Ottawa, were five Calgary members of the Guysborough's crew.

The American ship was on patrol duty in the North Atlantic when a drifting log, caught by the force of a giant wave, smashed into the ship's steering gear, putting it out of commission. The ship's radio then went out of order and finally in battling the heavy seas she ran out of fuel.

She was adrift for 23 hours before being picked up by the Canadian minesweeper. The latter was commanded by Lt. Benjamin R. Russell of Halifax and Red Deer.

"In 13 years of sea service," said Lieut. Russell, "I cannot recall a rougher or colder night."

Signalman Robert Bishop, Calgary said "most of the American seamen, like many of us, were suffering from seasickness and staying on our feet on the slippery decks was a job in itself.

"The Americans, although working with life lines, had to hang onto the guard rails to keep from being swept overboard. The boys who went to secure our towing lines on the sub-chaser really deserve praise for the ship was bucking as violently as an untamed broncho."

Sig. Bishop's home is at 2940 11th Ave. W.

Four other Calgarians on the Guysborough taking part in the rescue were: Sto. James Edwin Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Reynolds, 235 4th Ave. N.E.; S.P.O. George A. Conley, 1925 28th St. W.; A.B. William Mountain, 1119 9th St. E., and A.B. Kenneth Arthur Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Brown, 1210 9th Ave. E., who had been serving on this ship for 15 months.