

HMCS MORDEN - AB Bob Reaume, RCNVR

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**An Eastern Canadian Port** – Able Seaman Bob Reaume, R.C.N.V.R., of Windsor, Ont., played an important role in H.M.C.S. “MORDEN’s” latest adventure at sea, which was revealed today by the Royal Canadian Navy.

Reaume, who joined the navy in September 1941 and has been with the Morden for more than a year, was a member of the boarding party which took part in the salvage of a motor launch and gear from a bombed freighter before she sank to the bottom of the sea.

“I was detailed to search the ship’s cabins,” Reaume said. “When I had done that, I pitched in with the others. I went up on the bridge and helped pass down ammunition and guns.

“I wasn’t alarmed until we returned to the lifeboat,” he added. “The jimmy jumped back aboard the freighter and cut away the net, which was entangled in the propeller. Then we rowed for all we were worth, so as not to be sucked down by the freighter.

“Each man grabbed an oar and we pulled so hard to get away that I thought they’d break.”