

HMCS MORDEN – CPO Howard English, RCNR

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An Eastern Canadian Port – H.M.C.S. “MORDEN” First Lieutenant today gave special praise to the work of Chief Petty Officer Howard English, R.C.N.R., of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., in aiding the salvage of a Motor Launch from a sunken merchant freighter, the story of which was released by navy officials today.

“I can’t say too much for the way Morden’s crew responded to the emergency,” said Lieut Douglas Watson, R.C.N.V.R., the “No. 1”, “but I would like to draw special attention to the work of English, whose skill at the wheel and untiring devotion to duty enabled us to get the ML into port under her own power.”

English, a merchant seaman for 11 years before joining the navy, was one of the first to board the sinking freighter. He spent about half an hour cutting cables from one of the MLs with a hatchet.

During the 300-mile trip to Gibraltar, he took turns with the commanding officer standing watch on the bridge.