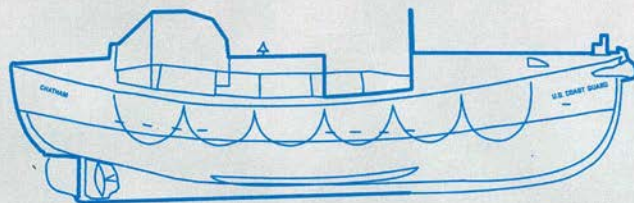


THE FINEST HOURS

Scrapbook

*This is dedicated to the USCG Station Chatham Crew of the
36500 Motor Life Boat, and the sailors of the SS Pendleton,
and the SS Mercer.*



Assembled by: Ashley Sykes, James Merrifield, and Michael Corenblith

Coast Guard Lifeboat Station Chatham



Some of the Chatham Station Crew in 1949



The Chatham CG-36500 Crew L-R: Petty Officer 1st Class Bernard Webber, Petty Officer 2nd Class Andy Fitzgerald and Seamen Richard Livesey, and Ervin Maske.



BERNARD WEBBER, 23
Coast Guardsman Hero in Rescue



BM1C Bernard C. Webber

C. G. Life Boats Have 3-Man Crew

Coast Guard motor life boats, like the one that snatched 32 seamen from the tanker Pendleton, are 36 feet, 10 inches long with a speed of nine miles per hour and a cruising range of 170 miles.

They are double-ended, with housings fore and aft and are powered by diesel or gasoline 90-horsepower engines.

With a beam of 10 feet, 10 inches and a draft of three feet, four inches, they are self-bailing and self-righting.

Weight with equipment is 22,500 pounds.

They have a three-man crew and the normal capacity is 30 persons.



Hero

Bernard C. Webber, 23-year-old Coast Guard boatswain's mate, who courageously took his 36-foot launch over some of the Cape's most treacherous sections of water to rescue 32 tanker men, takes off wet clothing after dramatic rescue. He and his three-man crew said they were blinded by heavy snow and went to the stern section and back "by instinct."

Bernie Webber



DANIEL W. CLUFF

Warrant officer in command of Chatham Coast Guard station, who directed rescue operation of crewmen from stricken tanker Pendleton.



DARING CREW THAT EFFECTED RESCUE

The four coast guardsmen who rescued 31 members of the crew of the Pendleton in mountainous seas off Chatham. Left to right, Irving Maske, Wisconsin; Bernard C. Webber, Milton, who skippered the motor lifeboat; Richard L. Livesey, Wilmington, and Andrew Fitzgerald, Whittinsville. (Photo by Daniel Sheehan, Post staff photographer).



Central Cape Press Staff Photo By Whitehouse

Ervin Maske, 22, Richard Livesey, 22, Andrew Fitzgerald, 23, Bernard Webber, 29 (left to right, above) refresh themselves on black coffee, accompanied by their commanding officer, Chief Warrant Officer Daniel W. Cluff, director of operations at the Chatham Coast Guard station.

Chatham Coast Guard Crew

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NEW YORK, MONDAY

LA GUARDIA STARTS SHIFT IN SCHEDULES TO DROP 226 FLIGHTS

Dispersal, Merger or Omission
of Runs, Agreed On by Air
Group, to Take 2 Weeks

STORMS CUT MANY IN DAY

Air Force Depot Renews Its
Plea to Reopen Newark
"for Military Planes

Airline officials began work yesterday on new schedules to trim La Guardia Airport traffic by a third in accordance with a plan announced Saturday night by the National Air Transport Coordinating Committee of Government and private aviation leaders headed by Edward V. Rickenbacker.

With 226 flights to be eliminated from the daily peak of 689 that La Guardia had reached as a result of last Monday's shutdown of Newark Airport, indications were the reductions would include:

International flights to be moved to New York International Airport at Idlewild, thirty-eight; private flights to be moved to Westchester County Airport and other fields, about fifty; and military flights to be eliminated or moved, about ten.

The rest of the reductions would

Airliner, 31 Aboard, Hits a Peak in Sicily

By The United Press.
PALERMO, Sicily, Feb. 17—A twin-engine British Viking airliner with thirty-one persons aboard smashed into a 600-foot Mount Rose in the Sicilian mountains last night. Search planes spotted the wreckage today and one pilot saw three persons—survivors or native peasants—waving and a body lying in the open.

Ground parties struggled through the trackless wilderness toward the crash scene.

The plane, chartered by the Hunting Air Transport Company, left Bovingdon Airport north of London yesterday for Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, by way of Nice, France and Valletta, Malta.

It carried a crew of five and twenty-six passengers. Most of the men among the passengers were British members of the staff of a new airfield being built at Entebbe, Uganda. Eleven women and four children were aboard.

AREA SCHOOL BOARD TO HAVE BRONX TEST

Decentralizing Move Will Start
Tonight—Community to Help
Run 11 Units in City System

A project that may lead to a

SENATE UNIT SEEKS DATA ON ALL GAINS MADE IN SHIP DEALS

Opens Inquiry Today Stemming
From Evidence of Casey
Group's Huge Profits

MARITIME CHIEF CALLED

Cochrane to Give 'Groundwork
Testimony'—Taft Assails
Investigation by McGrath

By CLAYTON KNOWLES

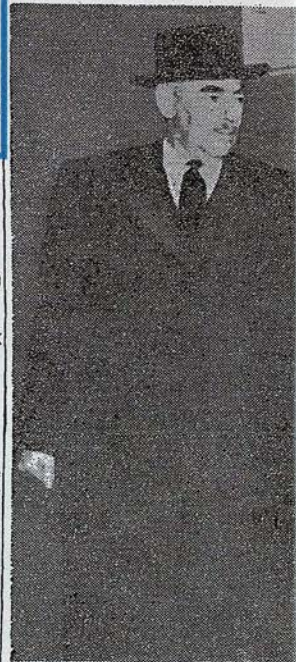
Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—The Senate investigations subcommittee will seek to learn in public hearings beginning tomorrow the full extent of profits reaped by individuals and of tax losses suffered by the government on transactions involving war surplus ships.

The inquiry stems from testimony, obtained in another investigation nearly a year ago, that one concern, whose associates included four nationally known individuals, turned a \$100,000 investment into a \$2,800,000 profit by buying and chartering five World War II tankers.

Blocked by lack of jurisdiction, a Senate Banking subcommittee then investigating the Reconstruction Finance Corporation turned further inquiry into the matter

MINISTERS



Left to right: Dean Acheson, British Foreign Secretary

BRITISH ATOM BOMB TO BE TESTED IN '52

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LATE CITY EDITION

Clearing, windy today; fair, cold tonight. Cloudy, cold tomorrow.

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Temperature Yesterday—Max., 40; Min., 32

Fell U. S. Weather Bureau Report, Page 37

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...VING CONFERENCE IN LONDON YESTERDAY



WEST'S BIG 3 BARS FULL MEMBERSHIP IN NATO FOR BONN

Seat on Board to Review War
Criminals' Sentences Will Be
Offered to Dr. Adenauer

ARMS CONTROLS STUDIED

Agreement Not Quite Reached
in London on Limiting West
Germany's Production

"In an odd coincidence, the front page of The New York Times on February 18, 1952, included an article about World War II tankers but it had nothing to do with the drama that was unfolding off the coast of Chatham"
- The Finest Hours book

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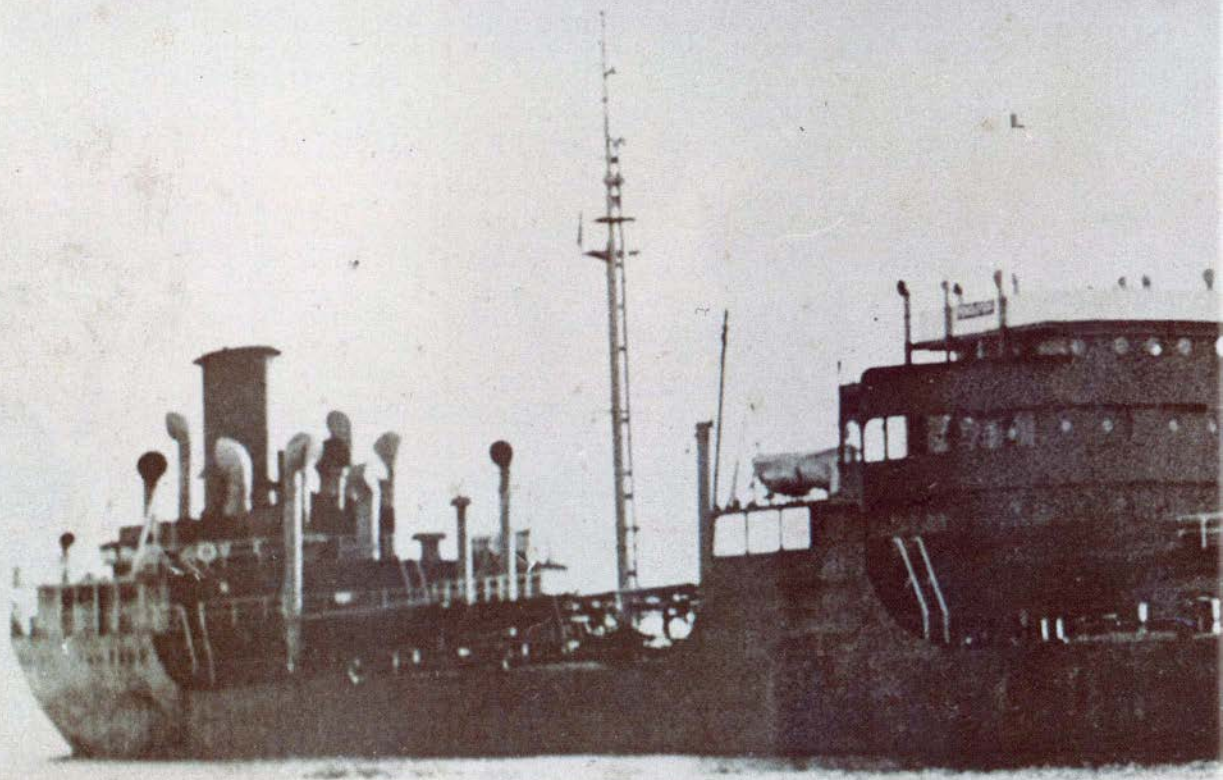
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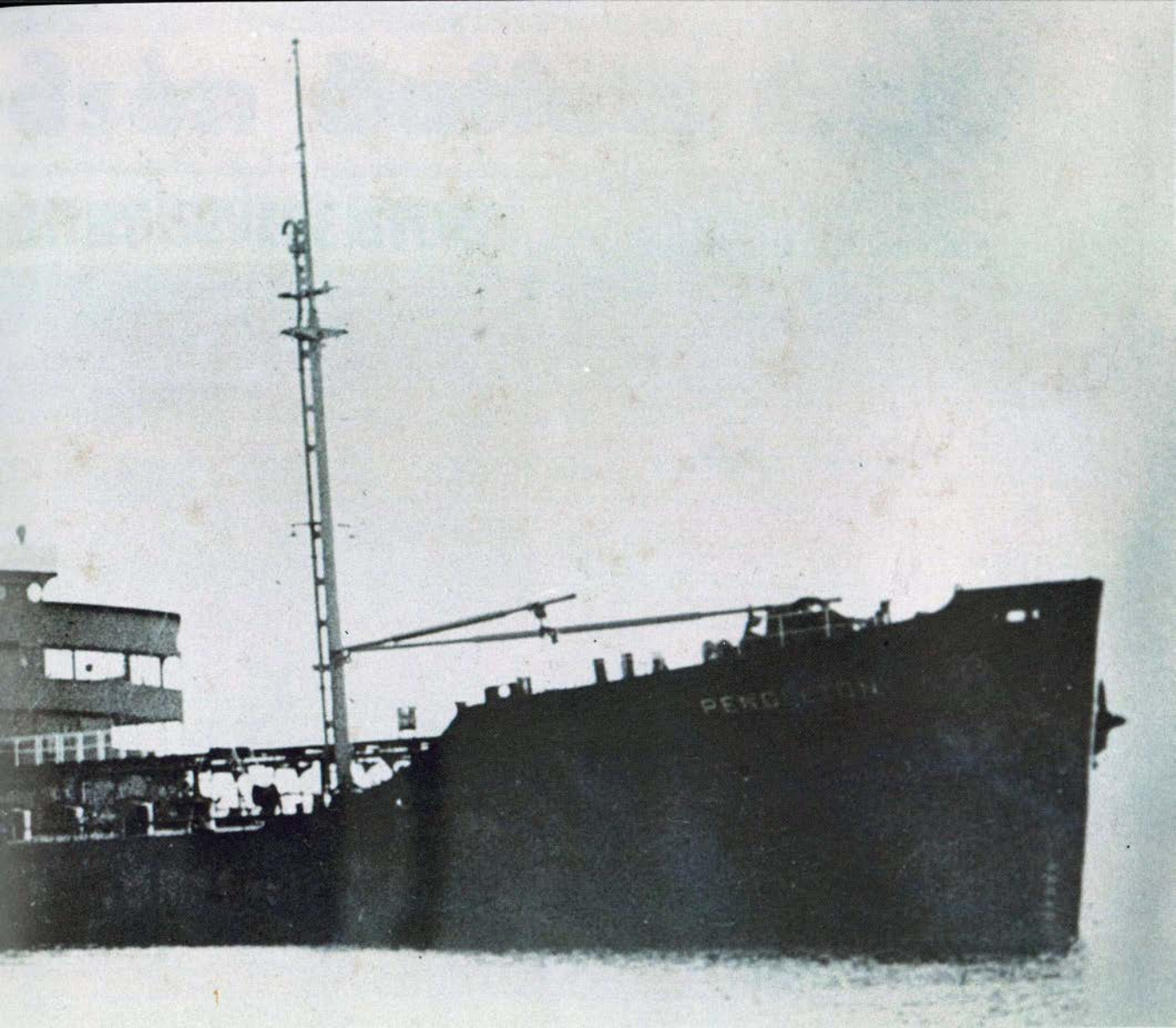
EISENHOWER TO GET
MORE NATO POWER

These decisions were taken in the course of a five-hour conference.

The task facing Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Foreign Minister Robert Schuman was to try to prevent Europe's pre-war rivalries from destroying its post-war peace.

SS Pendleton Before





Worst Storm of S

While We Complained:

The snow hit us late Sunday night. Monday morning most of us were late to work. Some took one look and then didn't try to get to work at all.

We all complained about the weather, about the weather man, about the inadequacies of our public works departments and about the hopelessness of the American automobile in a snow drift.

But while we complained a 23-year-old Coast Guard boatswain's mate down in Chatham went about his duty quietly and courageously.

Bernard Webber's duty is a bit different from the duties most of us have. He doesn't commute to work in an automobile; he doesn't spend his time at work in a nice warm office sitting on a swivel chair behind a desk.

Boatswain Webber's job is the sea. His work begins when the weather gets bad. He can never stay home from work because the seas are too rough or the seas are too high.

There didn't seem to be much hope for the crew of the broken SS Pendleton. The mountainous seas were

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too high for large vessels to get in close. It was impossible to launch lifeboats safely from the ship.

The Coast Guardsmen on the shore couldn't see much hope in launching their small craft to go out and help the men. The tide was out at Chatham; the surf was pounding on the half bare sandbar. But in true Coast Guard tradition they decided to give it a try.

Webber was chosen to skipper the 36-foot motor lifeboat. He had a crew of three. They manned the boat, Webber lashed to the wheel. Miraculously they made it out through the surf and over the sandbar. They were guided by radar, it was impossible to keep the Pendleton in view through the snow and darkness.

They came up alongside the wallowing vessel. They managed to rescue 32 of the 33 men, narrowly missing death when the stern of the Pendleton smashed down at them.

Then they made their way back to shore again, a more hazardous trip with the extra men aboard.

Boatswain Webber, who is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. Bernard Webber of Milton, deserve the same acclaim as that given Capt. Kurt Carlsen.

Rear Adm. Harold G. Bradbury, commandant of the First Coast Guard district, has commended Webber and his crew for their heroism and seamanship. The commanding officer at Chatham has recommended to Boston Coast Guard headquarters that Gold Life Saving medals be awarded to the boatswain and his crew. They should certainly get them.

Yes, we all had a rugged time with our few inches of snow. But Boatswain Webber had the edge.

TOWN MEETINGS HELD

FEBRUARY STORM 1952



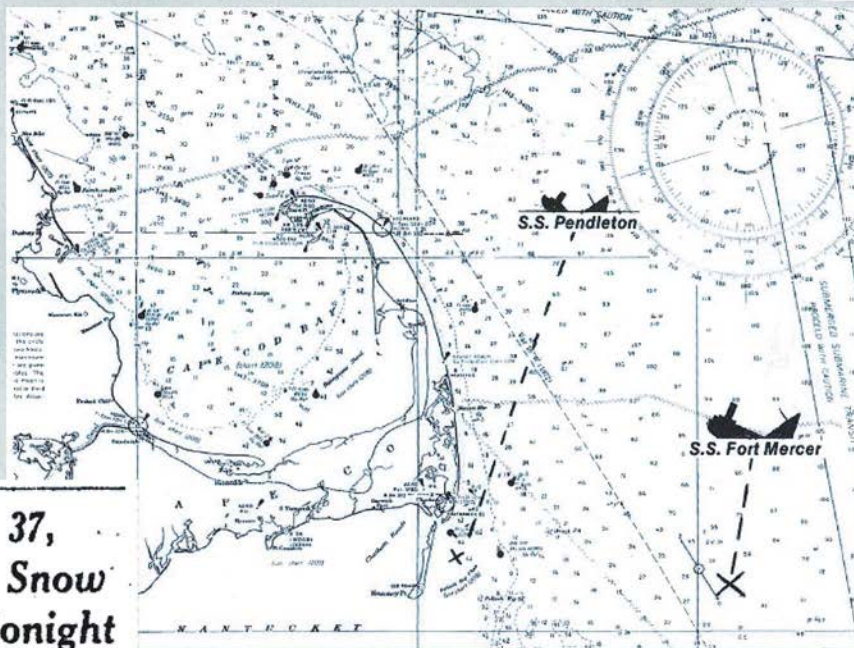
Effects of Winter's Worst Storm Is
Felt All Over New England---
Roads Still Clogged

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HIT BY SEVERE STORM

2 SHIPS TORN APART
IN CAPE COD STORM



Storm Toll 37,
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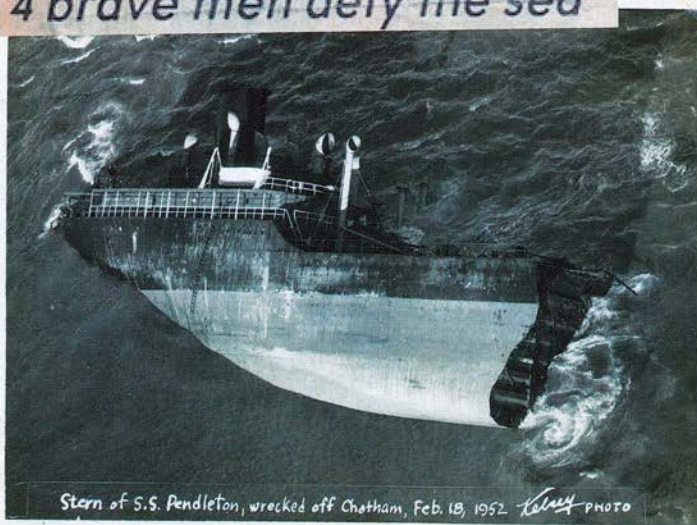
SAILORS RESCUED AT HEIGHT OF STORM
BY SKILLFUL CHATHAM COAST GUARD CREW
TELL YOU HOW IT FEELS TO WAIT AND - PRAY!



Bow of S.S. Pendleton, wrecked Feb 18, 1952 off Chatham, CAPE COD

Kelley

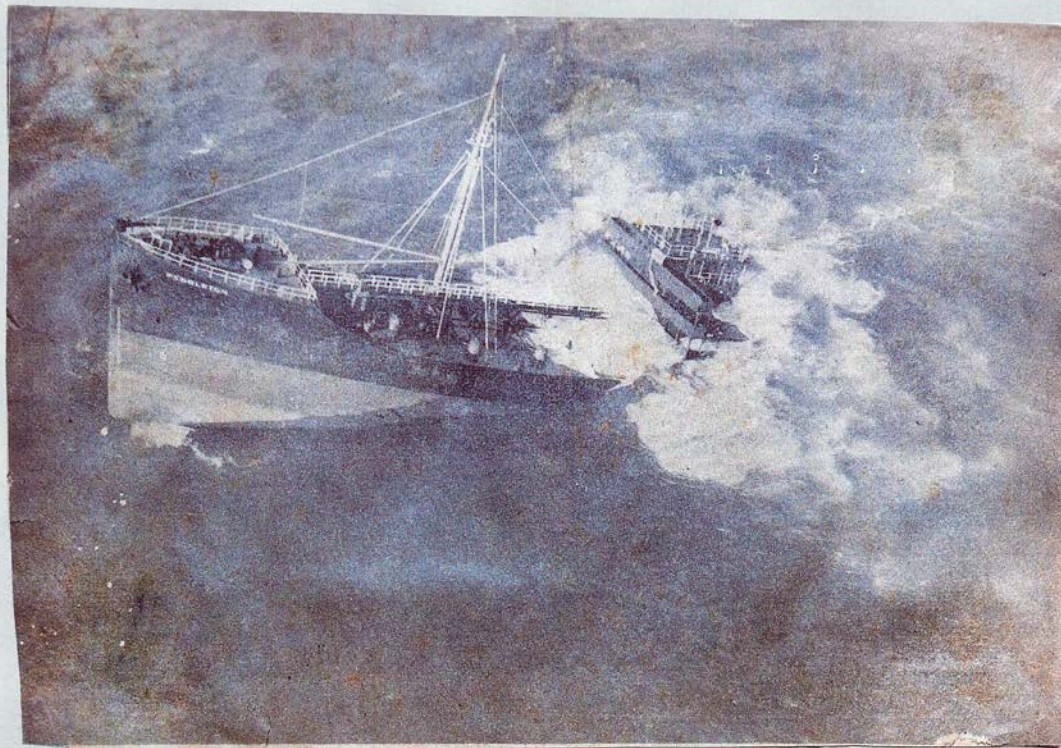
Heroic Pendleton rescue: 4 brave men defy the sea



Stern of S.S. Pendleton, wrecked off Chatham, Feb. 18, 1952 *Kelley* PHOTO

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**RESCUED, 55
NG TO SPLIT
IPS OFF CAPE**



FROTHING SEAS SWIRL OVER HER DECKHOUSE as the broken bow section of the ill-fated freighter Pendleton wallows six miles off Chatham

46 in Peril on 2d Ship in Northwest Gale

Boston Captain Dies
in Pendleton's Bow



COMMANDED PENDLETON—
Capt John J. Fitzgerald.

ADVISES STAYING ON SHIP

Pendleton Engineer
Against Use of
Small Boats

Crew members of the tanker Pendleton, which broke in two off Chatham Monday, yesterday told a coast guard inquiry board the tanker not only grounded in the Hudson River last summer and continued on her way without an official inspection of damages, but early last month left a drydock with a break in a bulkhead unrepaired.

Pendleton Cut Speed Before She Split in Two

Men Are of Tougher Stuff
Than Ships Cracked by Sea

SS Pendleton



An Epic Job

Coast Guard's 5-Day Struggle
in Fierce Seas Off N.E.
Saved 70 Lives

SS Fort Mercer

CG36500: Something special

By CHARLES KOENIGER

CAPE COD STANDARD TIMES 16 JAN. 1973

Rescue 32 From Broken Tanker



END OF THE BATTLE—Weary survivors of Pendleton, some smiling, others showing strain of their ordeal, prepare to leave Coast Guard rescue boat. (Photo by Herbert Cartwell, Globe Staff)



Chatham Coast Guard Saves 32 Men from S.S. Pendleton, Feb. 18, 1972

Anxious Eyes



C. C. C. Photo by Brown

A grim smile of thanks, hunched cold shoulders, and tired anxious eyes tell the story, as read in the faces of two unidentified survivors of the Pendleton, as they stepped ashore from the Chatham Coast Guard Life Saving Station's 36 foot motor lifeboat, skippered by Bos'n Mate Webber, after a daring rescue of 32 men from the stern of the broken collier, awash in high seas on the outer end of Chatham Bar.

SUNDAY CAPE COD TIMES, FEBRUARY 14, 1982

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challenged seas that sank 2 ships

Four Chatham Coast Guards Rescue 32 As Two Tankers Break Up off Cape



(CHT3) CHATHAM, MASS., FEB. 18—TANKER SURVIVORS—Survivors of the tanker Pendleton in ambulance before leaving for hospital. They suffered shock and exposure when a northeast storm cracked the plates of the ship and she sank off here today. The Coast Guard rescued 32 of 33 who were on the stern section. (AP WIREPHOTO) (foc233058tr) '52



*'Never Thought
They'd Make It'*
**Hero Rescuers,
Rescued Took
Terrific Beating**

CHAT-2

CLEVELAND BUREAU

CHATHAM, MASS.: BMI/c Bernard Weber, (top), USCG, is visibly affected on arriving at the Chatham Fish Pier Feb. 18 after one of the crewmen on board the tanker Pendleton was lost while transferring from the tanker to the Coast Guard craft. Weber was in charge of the rescue operation in which 31 crewmen were rescued.

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BS-7..Credit INF SOUNDPHOTO..Chatham, Mass..2/20, 1952..While townspeople look on, rescued members of the Pendleton crew are bundled into waiting ambulances outside the Chatham Coast Guard station. All were treated for shock and immersion. Photo by John Murphy..Boston Record.



BS-8..Credit INF SOUNDPHOTO..Chatham, Mass..2/19/52..Two crewmen rescued from Pendleton, A.E. Ponsell (on stretcher) and E. Rollo Kenniston (right) in blankets await transfer to Cape Cod Hospital. They were among the 32 men taken to safety from the stern of the Pendleton about a mile and a half from the Chatham shore. Photo by John Murphy..Boston Record.

That which is past and gone is irrevocable. Wise men have enough to do with this

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READ OF THEIR RESCUE IN BOSTON POST

Members of the ill-fated tanker Pendleton, rescued after mountainous seas broke the vessel in two, read the story of their rescue by heroic coast guardsmen in the Boston Post at the Chatham life boat station of the coast guard. (Photo by Daniel Sheehan, Post staff photographer.)

Missing From Pendleton

Missing and presumably drowned are the following men:

CAPT JOHN FITZGERALD JR.,
Wellesmere road, Roslindale.

FIRST MATE MOE, Jacksonville,
Fla.

SECOND MATE COLGAN, New
Orleans.

RADIOMAN GREER, Buffalo, N. Y.

SEAMAN JOSEPH LANDRY, New
York city.

SEAMAN GATTING, Jacksonville

SEAMAN WILLIAM MORGAN,
Corpus Christi, Tex.

GEORGE MYERS, West Virginia.
A third mate of Jacksonville
name unknown.

Rescued From Tanker

Rescued:

Vernon A. Collins, Brooklyn.
Wallace B. Quirey, Oklahoma.
Douglas B. Parks, 31, Texas.
Leonard Mailho, 41, New Orleans.
Domingo Garcia, Texas.
Gerald Russell, 31, Columbus, Mich.
Arthur Schuster, 53, Greeley, Penn.
Fred Brown, 35, Cumberland ave., Portland, Me.
Henry Anderson, 26, New Orleans.
Charles W. Bridges, 18, Jacksonville, Fla.
Jacob J. Hicks, 29, Jacksonville, Fla.
Frank Fauteux, 27, Bishop st., Attleboro, Mass.
Chief Raymond L. Sybert, Norfolk, Va.
Edward A. Gallagher, Orlando, Fla.

Edward C. Brown, Alabama.
Raymond Steels, New Orleans.
Eldon Hannon, 27, Oklahoma.
James Young, 30, Texas.
Aguinol Oliverie, 30, 5 Valentine st., Roxbury, Mass.
Carroll Kilgore, 16, 61 Deering st., Portland, Me.
Fred Baker, 31, Clifton Heights, Penn.
Alfgesido Balasa, 37, Philadelphia.
A. Ponsell (hospitalized).
E. Rollo Kennison (hospitalized).
T. W. Sutherland, Port Arthur, Tex.
Oliver Gendon of Chester, Penn.
Joseph W. Zesotarski of Central Falls, R. I.
Michael Faifua of San Francisco.
Albert J. Johnson of Long Beach, Miss.
F. Onno of Brooklyn, N. Y.
D. A. Brown of New York City.



(Herald Staff Photo by Maynard White)

GRIM BUT THANKFUL—Part of the surviving crew of the wrecked tanker Pendleton in the Hotel Essex, Boston, after arrival from Chatham.



Vigil Over
Aguinol Oliverie, Roxbury, crew survivor of the tanker Pendleton, was greeted by his wife, Socurra, right, and their two children, Dennis and Stephen upon his arrival at the Hotel Essex, yesterday.
(Herald Staff Photo by Frank Mahoney)

Survivors
Chief Engineer Raymond Sybert, right, of oil tanker Pendleton, signs in two of his shipmates, Frank Fauteux, Attleboro, Mass., and Carl Kilgore, Portland, Me., after their rescue and arrival at the Hotel Essex, Boston.
(Herald Staff Photo by Frank Mahoney)



Pendleton Crew

Below, seated on a cot next to a sleeping survivor, is a man who identified himself only as a brother-in-law of the captain of the ill-fated vessel. He was awaiting news which never arrived concerning the captain's welfare. Captain John F. Fitzgerald of Boston is believed to have been stranded on the bow section of the Pendleton.



11-12..Credit IMP SOUND PHOTO..Chatham, Mass..2/19/62..Hero Coast Guardsman, Chiefarrant Officer Donald R. Cluff, in charge of rescue operations, gets warm reception from men he helped rescue from 10,000-ton tanker S.S. Pendleton. Photo by Carroll Kye..Boston American



YOUNGEST CREW MEMBER THANKS RESCUER

Carroll Kilgore, 16, right, of Portland, Me., youngest crew member aboard the Pe Peterson, thanks Bosun's Mate Donald Banks of the Coast guard, one of the rescuers. (Photo by Daniel Sheehan, Post staff photographer.)



10-11..Credit IMP SOUND PHOTO..Chatham, Mass..2/19/62..survivors rescued from the S.S. Pendleton, 10,000-ton tanker, watch rescue operation at Coast Guard take men off the Port Mercer before the half-vessel repaired off Cape Cod. Photo by Carroll Kye..Boston American

TELLS STORY OF HIS RESCUE

Attleboro Man Praying as Light Sighted

(Frank Fauteux, 27, of Bishop st., Attleboro, told the following story of his rescue from the Pendleton to the Post.)

"I was on watch at the time the hull cracked. It was a sickening sound and when I heard it my senses reeled. I didn't know what to think.

"First we were hit by a big wave and the ship rolled. Then a second heavy wave struck us, probably amidships. The vessel shook as if it was on a bed of rocks . . . then it split in the middle, just forward of the number eight tank.

"What does a fellow do at a time like that? I don't know. I know I prayed . . . and plenty around me prayed, too. That's the time a man's thoughts turn to the Almighty . . . it's a time, too, when he thinks of his home and his family and he's gripped by fear.

"We waited all day for rescue and the strain was beginning to tell on all of us. We hoped for the best . . . but our spirits were pretty low until we saw a glorious sight . . . it was the sight of a single light bobbing up and down in the rolling sea. . . . No one cheered. We just watched spellbound . . . and prayed all the harder.

"I have no way of thanking that fellow who piloted the coast guard rescue boat, but I can pay him the best compliment of the sea, 'He's a wonderful seaman.'"



'A Terrific Bump Broke the Ship'

Douglas B. Potts, 31, an oiler aboard the Pendleton, told the story of what occurred on the stern section of the broken tanker and of the rescue of all but one of the 32 men with him. Potts' home is in Pasadena, Tex.

By DOUGLAS B. POTTS



Engineer Praises Coast Guard for Pendleton Rescue

Raymond Sybert of Norfolk, Va., engineer aboard the stricken tanker Pendleton was among the 32 crew members saved from the stern section in a dramatic rescue off Chatham Bar. His own story of the storm that shattered the vessel and the 14 hours he and his mates braved the elements on the tossing hulk follows.

By RAYMOND SYBERT
As Told to the United Press

We were a lot of calm but scared men.

I know I was scared, and I was surprised at how calm the men of the Pendleton were when the tanker split in two this morning.

The ship broke suddenly when all the men were on duty either aft or amidships. We'd been riding through the storm all night, and there was no sign of a break-up before the ship split. It would be hard to say how it happened. We lost one man and a couple were hurt and were taken to the hospital, but I think they'll be all right.

For the most part the boys came through in fine shape, and I must say the Coast Guard did a wonderful job. They brought us in here in a motor lifeboat after coming alongside the stern part of the boat where we were.

We didn't have to jump. The lifeboat came alongside and we climbed down ladders to get into it. It was rough and hard going. That's where we lost a man. But it wasn't the Coast Guard's fault.

We were adrift for about 14 hours after the ship split but except for a helpless feeling we got along all right. We had food, coffee, light and heat. But all we could do was sit.

None of us on the stern could navigate and there was nothing we could do if we could. We were in strange waters on a strange coast. All we could do was stand by and ride it out.

I'm glad and thankful to be alive and I think all 32 of us who were rescued owe a lot to the Coast Guard. It was a tough, hazardous job and they did it well.

Thanks to them most of us got off with only a few minor injuries and some wet clothes.

Accounts from the Pendleton Crew

PRAYED AS HE WAITED FOR RESCUE

Pendleton Sailor
Awakened as His
Ship Broke

BY FRED BROWN

(Portland, Me., member of the Pendleton crew who was rescued, as told to John S. Mannion, Post staff reporter at the rescue scene.)

I was asleep on my bunk when the ship broke. It seemed to have struck a rock. I remember hearing a big, crackling noise . . . like the tearing of a large piece of tin. It's a noise that sends shivers up and down the spine and jangles on every nerve.

WORK LIKE MAD

I quickly pulled on some clothes and dashed up to the deck. There I joined the rest of the crew and we worked like mad to keep her afloat. The bow had separated from the stern and we were in a bad way.

I've been to sea a long time, but believe me, I never had a more frightening experience than this.

We knew the sea was running . . . that is that giant waves were crashing over anything on top of it. But none of us realized it was running as hard as it was yesterday.

Seemed Like End

I guess all of us thought we were done for. It just didn't seem possible that anything could get through those rolling, pitching seas with the treacherous waves to rescue us.

What did we do? What would you do when it appeared you had reached the end of the run? You'd pray, wouldn't you? That's what I did. That's what everyone around



me did. We prayed for all we were worth . . . and our prayers were answered.

As darkness approached every one of us felt all was lost . . . we could only hope we had made proper amends to the Almighty for any misdeeds any of us had done over the lifespan. But we prayed for rescue, too.

Frozen by Spray

Between prayers we tried our hardest to keep warm. It was impossible. Blasts of freezing spray from the icy sea peppered our face and neck and hands like a million ice darts.

It looked so bad at dusk that I decided I'd go below, get into my bunk, lie down . . . and just wait patiently for the end. That's the way I'd have gone out if we hadn't been rescued.

Believe me when I saw the dancing light of the rescue boat bobbing its way toward us, I offered up a prayer of thanksgiving . . . and a second prayer for the coast guard and the brave men who risked their lives that ours would be spared.



(Herald Staff Photo by Julian Carpenter)
SOUVENIR GUN—This flare gun, held by a Pendleton survivor, Holo Kennison, was entrusted to him by a friend who died in the rescue efforts, George "Tiny" Myers. Myers fired flares to call attention to the ship and said he wanted it as a souvenir.

Ship Rescue To Be Noted In Interview

High Award
Proposed for
Rescue Crew

Coast Guardsman
Of Milton To Receive
Legion Valor Medal

Coast Guard To Get Medal

Webber Is Honored
For Pendleton Heroism

Recognition

Webber Is
'Hero of 1952'

Coast Guard Hero of Tanker Rescue to Be Feted Today

Bernard C. Webber, 24-year-old Milton and Eastern Coast Guardsman who won the Treasury Department gold lifesaving medal for



COAST GUARD HERO — Bernard C. Webber will be honored at Armed Forces' Week events today.



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Local Young Man Wins Commendation in Sea Drama

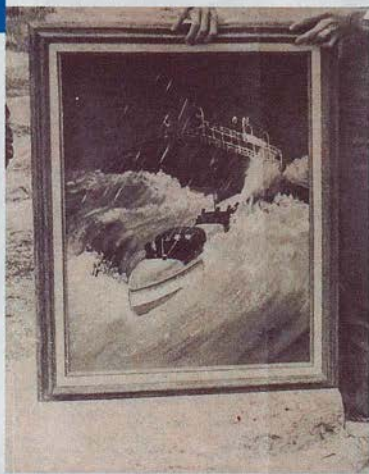
Bernard C. Webber, Son of Local Minister, Takes Charge of Motor Life Boat — Spectacular Rescue of 32 Men Takes Place Off Chatham — Near Admiral Bradbury Send Personal Message

Coast Guard Tells
Webber Promotion



"A general view of the ceremony in the Treasury Building, Washington, DC, May 14 [1952] at which 21 U.S. Coast Guardsmen were decorated for their participation in the rescue of 70 men from the tankers FORT MERCER and PENDLETON..." - USCG

Artist Renderings



Artist George Robbins' concept of the *Pendleton* rescue. Painting, raffled off to raise funds for restoration, was won by Bob Huskins, who once served with Bernie Webber on the CG 36500
Photo by Priscilla H. Craven



Bernie & Miriam



COAST GUARDSMAN TO BE CITED—Bernard C. Webber, hero of a Chatham rescue last February, will be honored by the American Legion Saturday. He is shown with his wife and son, Bernard Jr., in their home in Eastham.

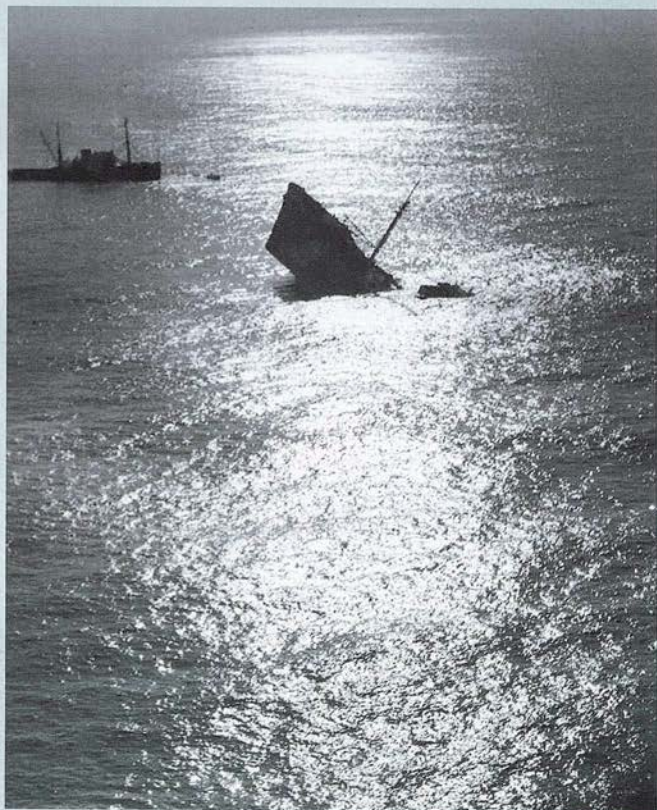


Mrs. Webber with Bernard, Jr.

ard C. Webber Jr. of Wellfleet, arrived soon afterward, at 10:40 a.m., weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces. He is shown here with his mother, Mrs. Bernard C. Webber. His father, Bernard Webber, Sr., skippered the hero- rescue of 32 survivors from the wreck of the tanker Pendleton off Chatham Bars last winter. Webber is now stationed on the lightship off Buzzard's Bay. Master Webber's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pentinen of Wellfleet while his paternal grandparents are Rev. and



The Gold Medal Crew and Pendleton Survivor Charles Bridges 50 years later



*In appreciation to the cast and
crew of The Finest Hours,
whose hard work and
endurance were critical in
bringing this heroic story to
the big screen.*

*Thank you all for your
incredible effort throughout the
making of this
important film.*

*Best always,
Dorothy Aufiero,
Jim Whitaker,
and Doug Merrifield*