



# PADSTOW LIFEBOAT'S LAST RESCUE PORT ISAAC MEN SAVED— ONE FOR SECOND TIME

After red distress flares had been seen off Kellan Head, near Port Isaac, Padstow lifeboat was launched and later the naval minesweeper H.M.S. Adventurer was diverted to the area.

The lifeboat found a small fishing boat, the Eleanor Anne, which had two men aboard her. They had been out all day fishing and had trouble with the engine when starting on the return trip. The two men were taken off and then the lifeboat took the Eleanor Anne in tow and headed back to Padstow.

The two men rescued were Mr. Neville Andrews, whose father is the licensee of the Golden Lion Inn at Port Isaac, and Mr. Raymond Provis, also of Port Isaac. There is a coincidence in the story inasmuch as it is almost exactly two years since the Padstow

lifeboat had rescued Mr. Raymond Provis in similar circumstances and in the same locality. On that occasion it was not possible to salvage the boat and Mr. Provis's companion last time was a Mr. Bailey Trayes.

That exploit brought the award of the R.N.L.I. silver medal to Coxswain Gordon Elliott and vessel in charge of Padstow lifeboat was Hunter and her mechanic Jim Reserve. The regular coxswain and her mechanic Jim Draper, collecting George Pinch were away James Macfarlane, which is due to go into service at the new station at Tre- vose Head.

This rescue will probably prove to be the last mission in North Cornish waters of the Hiram Chadwick after some 15 years at the Padstow station.