



TINY OIL TANKER HAD HAZARDOUS VOYAGE

The 79-foot oil tanker John George reached Montreal this week after a hazardous 26-day voyage from Scotland, during which the crew of eight men fought a fire, steered the tiny craft by hand, combatted adverse gales, lived largely on a diet of ship's biscuit and rain-water. No. 1 shows the John George in the trough of a 60-foot wave in mid-Atlantic. No. 2 shows the crew. BACK ROW, LEFT to RIGHT: Seaman P. Taylor, Chief Engineer Clott, First Mate W. Wake, Captain A. Storey; FRONT ROW LEFT to RIGHT, Seaman Benson, Second Engineer Blythe, Seaman Ralston, Cook Johnson. No. 3 shows the motor vessel safely in port at Montreal.

This clipping from the Ivan Brookes collection gives some idea of what the trans-Atlantic crossing by JOHN GEORGE was like. We'd like some day to see more photos taken during that trip. It should be noted that JOHN GEORGE at that time carried two lifeboats on platforms over the deck and forward of the bridge. They were relocated atop the aft end of the deckhouse before JOHN GEORGE went into lake service.