

NEPTUNE GOES TOO FAR

Whipped by a 70-mile gale great seas pounded the south ~~main~~ coast in the recent storm. Promenades and seafronts were badly damaged along a stretch of nearly a hundred miles.

Channel boats were harbour-bound for two days - great news for troops ^{on leave from} ~~of the garrison~~ in Germany, for whom it meant extended ~~leave~~ ^{to stay}.

Waterfront houses at Sandgate were undermined. Tremendous ^{waves} ~~had~~ smashed through ~~was~~ ~~hubbub~~ the sea wall. Happily, just when the gale looked like doing untold damage it blew itself out - a ~~thin~~ real Xmas gesture.