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On the rocks at Sker Point, near Porthcawl, lies the seven-thousand ton oil-tanker Samtampa, smashed into three parts by the gale that swept the whole country. The crew of forty and the eight brave men of the Mumbles Lifeboat were all drowned. The lifeboat failed in its first attempt to reach the stricken tanker but though the fury of wind and sea did not abate the crew put out again. Some of the Samtampa's own sailors perished when the ship's boat was dashed onto the rocks.

Close by lay the overturned lifeboat. She disappeared from sight when she went out to make her second rescue attempt. When it was dawn the anxious watchers on the

beach knew that the worst had happened. It was ~~in~~ ^{with} this rescued forty-four

boat that coxswain Gammon ~~was awarded~~ men from a Canadian ship three years ago close to the scene of the present disaster. For that exploit he was awarded the

Malton Gold Medal ~~for the Mumbles Lifeboat Institution. The~~

The lifeboat was not of the self-righting type, ~~and~~ ^{and} she was to have been replaced next August by a twin-engined ^{craft} ~~boat~~ fitted with radio. The Mayor of Swansea has opened a

distress fund for relatives of the ~~lifeboat~~ crew. The men who died, add their names to the long roll of honour of that most heroic company, the lifeboat crews of Britain.

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