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SHIP DISASTER ON THE GREAT LAKES!

Tragedy on upper Lake Michigan! Rescue ships - and aircraft - on a desperate search mission after a vicious storm. Near Gull Island, the searchers find two survivors. All-told, the freighter Carl D. Bradley - shown here in a still photo- carried a crew of 35 men. Just before sundown radio stations heard:

"Run, grab life jackets. Get the jackets. Mayday, the ship is breaking up." At this moment, another ship was only three miles away. But the wind was more than 60 miles an hour, the waves 20 feet high. The barrier was insurmountable. x *Paul*

At Charlevoix, near the top of Michigan's lower peninsula, the Coast Guard Cutter Sundew returns with the two survivors - and some of the victims. The two men who lived used the vessel's only life raft. x

The first day's search recovered eighteen bodies from the Bradley - once the largest on the lake. The vessel broke in two during the height of the gale. While these victims are brought home, the search goes on for the missing. x

The two survivors are the first mate and a deck watchman. They lived through 14 hours of the mountainous sea, with temperatures near freezing. x

And now the second. Three times their raft was overturned by the raging waves, and three times they regained their haven. Two other crewmen who started out on the raft were unable to survive the battering. x

Here rests the freighter Bradley in what is known as the "graveyard of ships". x

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