

TANKER 1.

AERIAL: An R.A.A.F. Neptune bomber sights the tanker Bridgewater which broke in two about two hundred miles off the coast of Western Australia. The tanker, with thirty-two men aboard, broke her back after taking the full force of an eighty mile an hour hurricane, and heavy seas still running will make rescue operations difficult.

BOW: The bow section drifts miles apart from the stern of the stricken ship. Seven men, including the captain, are trapped here and because the bow's listing considerably their danger is greater than that of those on the stern.

AERIAL: Bridgewater.....a tanker on the Liberian register.....was bound for New Zealand from the Persian Gulf. She was carrying fifteen thousand tons of crude oil, worth

PLANE: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a hundred thousand pounds.

AERIAL: But help is on the way. Three ships, including the Italian tanker Elios, raced to aid the broken ship. Elios passes the stern and heads for the bow where the seven survivors await rescue. Heavy seas hamper the lifeboats, but soon the seven men are safe.

STERN: Then Elios returns to the drifting stern section to take off the others. Bridgewater has snapped just astern of the bridge, and though the valuable oil cargo is streaming out the stern was expected to stay afloat for several days. The twenty-five men on board won't be sorry to leave, though!

ELIOS: Despite the heavy seas, "Operation Rescue" goes without a hitch, and the last lifeboat is hoisted aboard Elios.....and safety.

A tug is on its way from Fremantle to make a salvage attempt, but the job looks hopeless.

TANKER 2.

AERIAL: The two halves of the broken tankers are left behind and Elios steams for Geelong. Only one member of Bridgewater's crew was injured --- the chief officer. He suffered a leg injury. And now the entire crew is safe in port at Geelong.

MEN: They've been through quite an ordeal.....a hurricane and a freak accident. But Captain Dimeglio and his men are in good spirits.

CAPTAIN: Thirty-two men plucked from danger in a drama of the sea..... a disaster which cost fifteen thousand tons of oil and the loss of a ship. But for these men, all's well that ends well!