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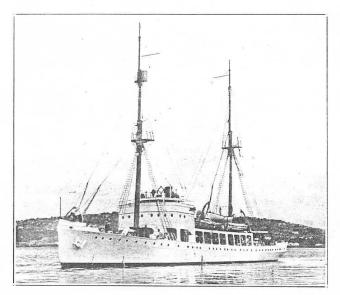
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## Coastguard Activities Described in Broadcast from U. S. Coastguard Cutter "Northland"

The following news item was given to the press on May 15, 1934:



U. S. COASTGUARD CUTTER "THE NORTHLAND" AT ANCHOR IN SEATTLE HARBOR THE NORTHLAND has recently been equipped with a COLLINS 20B
Transmitter

"The strange and numerous duties of the United States Coast Guard in the far reaches of the Arctic Ocean were described this afternoon by Commander William Kirk Scammell, of the USCG Northland, in a broadcast from the deck of that ship as it steamed out of Seattle harbor on the first leg of its annual spring journey to Alaska and the islands of the far north. The short-wave broadcast was picked up by RCA at Point Reves, a suburb of San Francisco, and relayed to the nation-wide network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Although the signals of an amateur short-wave operator cut into the program, reception was satisfactory.

"Microphones located at strategic spots about the coast guard cutter picked up the voices of Commander Scammell, his chief radio operator, the bo'sun and the crew. During the interview, Commander Scammell told how he and his subordinate officers serve as physicians, peace officers, and public benefactors, when they stop at the villages along the Alaskan coast.

" 'We have a doctor and a dentist of the United States Public Health Service along with us,' he said, 'with a fully equipped hospital for them to work in. They'll relieve the ills and aches of the Eskimos. You can bet the fellows up there with bad chronic appendices or ulcerated teeth are watching for the Northland's medical staff to come along.'



COASTGUARD RADIO OFFICIALS ABOARD THE NORTHLAND The man with the soft hat is Lt. Hadley Evans, Communications Officer, Seattle Division U. S. Coastguard.