

FOUR FISHERMEN DROWNED

RAMSGATE TRAWLER TRAGEDY

In the height of the holiday season Ramsgate has been plunged into mourning by the disaster to one of the few remaining steam trawlers of the town, which was sunk on Saturday with the loss of four lives.

The trawler was the *Mary Evelyn* (R. 333) a wooden vessel of 40 tons, and she was sunk as the result of a collision with the Glasgow steamer *Skerries* in a dense fog between Haldwick and St. Govan's, about nine miles off the Pembrokeshire coast.

The *Mary Evelyn* went down within two minutes and of her complement of nine, the following four members lost their lives:—

Robert William James Osborne, aged 28, deck hand, single, of 33, Nixon-avenue, Ramsgate.

Frederick S. Holness, aged 48, deck hand, married, of 14, Floraroad, Ramsgate.

William Ivor Marshall, aged 22, second engineer, single, 30, Percyroad, Ramsgate;

Richard Frank Kennett, aged 51, cook, married, Trinity-place, Ramsgate.

The five survivors, who were landed at Waterford, Irish Free State, by the *Skerries*, are: Daniel Mynheer, skipper, of 7, Alfred-cottages, Ramsgate; Thomas Knight, mate; Bert Osborne, bosun; Samuel Pullman, trimmer, all of Ramsgate, and C. Rice, chief engineer, of Lowestoft.

A poignant feature of the disaster is the tragedy of the brothers Osborne, one of whom was drowned and one saved. It was at first reported that



R. W. J. Osborne (missing).

Bert Osborne, who is a married man, was missing, but later came the news that he had been rescued and his brother drowned.

Holness was a member of a well-known Ramsgate fishing family and

