and on September 27 passed through the Bering Strait. On October 16, 1944, *St. Roch* arrived in Vancouver harbour after an absence of four years. Larsen, the first man to traverse the Northwest Passage in both directions, had also made the northern run in an amazing eighty-six days. He, his crew and the dauntless little Mountie schooner were feted in the press and awarded numerous honours and medals. Larsen quietly accepted these accolades while readying his ship for a return to the Arctic and to regular duties as a police boat. Larsen and *St. Roch*'s incredible feat would never be forgotten by the Canadian people. They had conquered the fabled Northwest Passage twice, and, in doing so, had ensured recognition of Canadian sovereignty in the north.

Portrait of Henry Larsen aboard **St. Roch,** *1944.*
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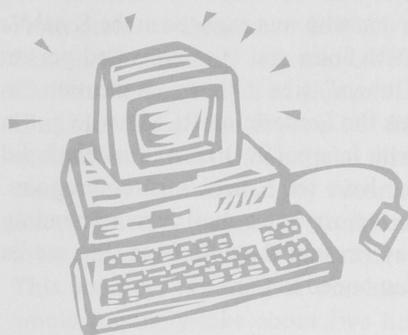
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rescue using modern technology. This is the abridged version of events as told by her husband, Warren. — Editor.

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This is the story of a rescue involving a young man in Oxfordshire, England, who had fallen out of his wheelchair while playing **Scrabble,** and two women, one in Williamsburg, New Brunswick, the other in Chicago, Illinois, who came to his

Around midnight, on April 9, 1997, Carla MacInnis Rockwell was having a game of *Scrabble* over the Internet with one of her regular player friends, John Elliot, when there was a long pause in John's response. When he finally came back, he typed on the screen that he had fallen out of his wheelchair. After another long pause, Carla typed, "Are you hurt?" and the letter "Y" appeared