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CRUISE REPORT

F.R.S. "SCOTIA"

29th July - 21st August 1965

This cruise, which was to have been a long-line trip to the Faroes, was curtailed by rather tragic circumstances. After only two days of long-lining, one of the crew, Mr. G. Paterson, was taken ill and on the same day, 11th August, he died in hospital in Trangsvaag. No further work was done then and "Scotia" returned to Aberdeen, carrying his body, on 16th August.

The first part of the cruise involved the transport of live plaice from the Isle of Man to Kentra Bay and to Loch Ewe. This work was successfully completed by 4th August.

Scientific personnel for the second part of the cruise joined "Scotia" on 4th August at Loch Ewe. The ship then proceeded to Stornoway to top up bunkers and to have repairs effected to the radar.

The passage to Faroe commenced on the morning of 6th August, and with a promising forecast, the Butt/Faroe line of hydrographic stations was commenced. Unfortunately, the expected good weather did not persist and, in the face of strong to gale force northerly winds, work on the line had to be discontinued.

After her return to Aberdeen on 16th August, "Scotia" proceeded to the Fladen area with Mr. Priestly in charge to photograph Norway Lobsters with the sea-bed camera.

Mr. Devlin, who was based shore at Torshavn for tagging operations, did not return to Aberdeen with "Scotia". He worked from a Faroese line-boat tagging 544 haddock, and left the Faroes by air for Aberdeen, on 24th August.

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1st September, 1965.