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SEA RESCUE BY A.A. REGIMENT

A sergeant of a light A.A. regiment who used the predictor on his gun-site to locate a drowning woman in the sea, and then swam out in an attempt to save her, has been commended in orders by Anti-Aircraft Command.

He is Sgt. Henry Tyson, aged 37, a clerk in peace time, whose home is at 3, Lorrin Street, Newton Heath, near Manchester.

A woman and two children who were bathing in the sea off the south coast got into difficulties in strong currents of the out-going tide. They were in danger of drowning and lost to view.

Hearing cries for help from people on the beach, two officers from a ~~near-~~ by light A.A. troop headquarters swam out and rescued one of the children.

Then Lance-bombardier William Bentley, aged 32, of 673 Middleton Road, Chadderton, near Oldham, Lancs. rescued the second child and returned to the beach. Meanwhile, Sgt. Tyson was searching the sea through the telescopes of the predictor, a gunnery instrument normally used to direct the fire of A.A. guns in action against enemy planes. He spotted a woman in the water and, with Bentley, dashed into the sea to bring her ashore. Together they tried artificial respiration on the body, but without success. The children were taken away in an ambulance, but were unharmed.

The two N.C.Os, and the officers, Lt. Michael Sawyer R.A. aged 23, of 10, Woodfield Road, Bristol 6, and 2nd/Lt. William Jackson, R.A., aged 22, a former civil servant, of 79, Carter Street, Goolc, Yorkshire, are congratulated by General Sir Frederick A. Pile, G.O.C.-in-C., of A.A. Command for their bravery and prompt action in saving the lives of the two children.

A record of their action will be made on their conduct sheets.

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