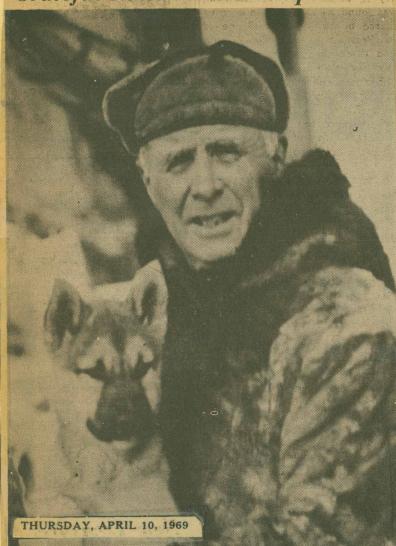
Commander - Explorer, Donald MacMillan, Continued

Grateful Nation Honors Explorer



Telegrams from President Nixon to reach them and weather and and Secretary of the Navy John D. other vicissitudes prevented their Chaffee were among congratulatory rescue for four years. messages received Sunday by Rear-Admiral (ret.) Donald B. Mac-Millan on the 60th anniversary of the discovery of the North Pole by the late Robert B. Peary.

only surviving member of the his- explorers had succumbed. toric Peary Expedition that in 1909 ducted exploration of Hudson's Expedition, to name only a fer of the Arctic expeditions he has Mac." headed.

at the end of the year, was unable sociation of which Dr. Morse is

During this time the Provincetown-born explorer and his company dug in and for all intents and purposes lived the lives of Eskimos successfully combatting the haz. Admiral MacMillan, 94, is the ards of the Arctic to which many

The anniversary Sunday of the successfully reached the North successful Peary Expedition was Pole. Admiral MacMillan also con- marked by the gift to the explorer of a half-model of the famed Bay, was commander of the Mac-schooner Bowdoin in which Don-Millan Baffin Land Expedition, the ald MacMillan made 32 voyages MacMillan North Greenland Expe- to the Far North. His success in dition and the MacMillan Polar navigating ice-laden Arctic seas won him the nickname of "Lucky

The scale half model was pre-He spent four years marooned sented him by Dr. Edward Morse in the Polar regions, from 1913 to of Camden, Me., who with Mrs. 1917, when he headed the Crocke Morse spent the weekend with the Land Expedition for the Field MacMillans at their home here at Museum. The party which was to 473 Commercial Street. It was the have taken off expedition members gift of the Schooner Bowdoin As-

president. About four feet in length, the model was built by George Hodgdon of East Boothbay, Me., a son of one of the original builders of the famed Arctic schooner. The schooner itself is now in Camden undergoing extensive renovation. It will be part of a permanent marine museum complex there.

The holder of many honors during his long and adventurous career, the explorer today, his wife says, retains the unfailing good spirits that characterized him in storm or good weather. Miriam MacMillan, who sailed with him as a crew member on many of the Bowdoin voyages, declares "Mac just paced the deck," calmly and with no show of anxiety when trouble loomed.

Answering the telephone this week at the MacMillian home, Miriam MacMillan commented: "Cheerful? Yes, indeed, he has

the same good spirits he always had! That's one thing about Mac - he never loses them! He's out now pacing the deck" - the deck on the water side of the MacMillan home.

President Nixon's telegram to Admiral MacMillan said the President was proud "to join the many Americans who are one in admiration for you; your courageous spirit will live forever to inspire each new generation." The telegram from the Secretary of the Navy said a "grateful nation" honored him

Additional messages included those from Roger Howell, Jr., president of Bowdoin College; Melville Payne, president of the National Georgraphic Society; Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe; Walter A. Wood, president of the Explorers' Club, Governor Francis Sargent, members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Robert Hancock

Veteran Of Arctic Seas Undergoes Renovation

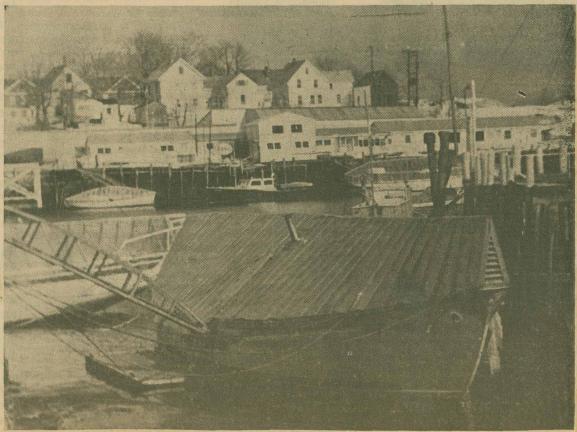


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The covered vessel above in Camden Harbor, Me., is the protected hull of Admiral Mac-Millan's Arctic schooner, Bowdoin, veteran of 32 voyages to the Far North. Protected from the weather, it has been undergoing extensive repairs since its removal from Mystic Seaport, Conr. When fully restored the Bowdoin will be a permanent part of a marine museum complex in Camden. The schooner is expected to be ready for her sails later this Spring.