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May 17, 1944.

Bayport, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia.

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These are further stories of Captain Colp's experiences as skipper of a Lunenburg fishing vessel. Some of these captains used to take awful chances fishing off Sable Island where the waters and reefs are very treacherous. But the catch was likely to be good and the time at sea was shorter, so some of them risked it. He tells about it on this or one of his other records.

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Informant; Captain Maynard Colp; aged 65; retired sea captain. The captain is crippled now. He went to sea all his life and then came home and had a log fall on him, breaking his hip. He is a huge man, and seems much older than his years. Although I explained it to him, he was very surprised when I was through to find he had been making records. We sat in the car, he in the front seat and I in the back, and the microphone was close beside him. Being crippled he could not turn around, and I thought he understood what I was doing. He seemed quite satisfied however. I still wonder what he thought I was doing back there!

The Teaser was a privateer that was blown up near here. I had often heard of people seeing the light, or a ship on fire of some other supernatural sign. Capt. Colp carries his story further than most people in describing the conversation of the crew as being in a tongue he could not understand. Many people claim to have seen the light either at certain seasons or before a storm.

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1. These are stories of the last war and also his experiences as captain of fishing schooners out of Lunenburg and Riverport. Captains from these ports are famous for their seamanship. Notice what is known as his "Dutch" accent. It is curious that they are so often spoken of as Dutch in this part of the province, because actually they came from Hanover, Germany. It is in this part of the province that the accent is most pronounced. These records should be valuable for both speech and story.