

LONE SAILOR QUITS VOYAGE

LONDON. — Paratrooper John Ridgeway has abandoned his attempt to be the first man to sail around the world non-stop and alone, newspapers in London reported yesterday.

He was reported to have put into Recife, Brazil, last Monday after his tiny yacht, English Rose IV, was battered by mountainous seas and gale-force winds in the South Atlantic.

The British parachute regiment captain feared his boat was being given such a thrashing that the deck would be ripped off.

Captain Ridgeway, sponsored by the Sunday newspaper, "The People," was the first contestant for £5,000 award by another British weekly, the "Sunday Times," for a solo round-the-world voyage without stopping.

No word has been heard from his main rival, ex-Sergeant Chay Blyth, now thought to be in the South Atlantic. Ridgeway and Blyth achieved fame together by rowing across the Atlantic in a boat two years ago.

"The People" said Ridgeway's boat would be taken back to Britain by cargo ship.—(Sapa-
Reuter.)