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Jersey Wife Cheered by a Cable From Husband on Freed Ship

Tears of joy streamed from the eyes of Marion J. Bock of Bogota, N. J., as she read a cablegram from her husband, Wilbert, a Mayagüez radio officer.

Mr. Bock was en route to Singapore aboard the freed vessel along with other crew members. He said in the wire:

"Thank the Navy and the Marines. I'm safe and well. Had rough time. Did not think we would get out alive. Will write as soon as possible. Arrive Singapore the 17th. Heard you on radio. Thought you were wonderful. Give my love to all. Love you very much. Love, Bill."

"My heart's jumping, I'm so happy," said Mrs. Bock, hugging her son, Nicholas. "Thank God it's over. Right now, I don't know what I'll do when he gets home except maybe grab him to make sure it is him."

Mr. Bock, who is 52 years old, joined the merchant marine

after his Coast Guard service in World War II. He left last October for what would be his longest time away from home—a year's service in Asia.

On Monday, the container-ship was reported seized by Cambodian gunboats. Up to Wednesday, Mrs. Bock said, the family had received no word from the government, but a telegram from Representative Andrew McGuire, a New Jersey Democrat, yesterday assured them of her husband's safety.

"I've lived through hell the last couple of days, believe me," said Mrs. Bock, who was born in South Africa and met her husband 30 years ago when he landed there on a voyage. "I never want to go through something like this again."

Mrs. Bock said she did not know when her husband would be returning, but "we'll be glad to see him whenever he does."

After reading the cablegram, Mrs. Bock said laughingly that "I'm afraid we were doing a little jig here a while ago."