



#### ERO ERICKSON

"Ero" has just rescued the 'ship's cat' "Wootzie" from a very volatile Bo'suns Mate. This was aboard KDRM - a spark job sailing inter-coastal with lumber and sulphur during the early 1930's. "Ero" seems to be cashing in on the depression of 1929 with a cruise to the Carribean (and getting paid for it as "Sparks") when others were jumping off tall office buildings or selling apples along State Street in Chicago for a nickle a throw. Ero says the emblem on the ship's stack was a Red Devil with a pitchfork, similar to the trade-mark for "Pluto Water", an urgent laxative ... if you recall.