

Return of a submarine of the Royal Navy after a most amazing voyage under her commander, Lieutenant Duff, D.S.C. The Stubborn successfully attacked two large enemy convoys off the coast of Norway. She was then crippled by depth charges and her diving planes jammed, sending her down to nearly twice the depth of water for which she had been tested. The crew were used as human balance weights to keep her on an even keel, but she remained out of control, surfaced and then hit the bottom. She was continually depth-charged. But her captain and crew got her safely back.

And now --- the other side of the picture; the return to port somewhere in Britain of the Second Escort Group. They have just carried out the most successful patrol against enemy submarines; the First Lord described it as "perhaps the greatest cruise ever undertaken in this war by an escort group." They sank six U-Boats, for certain.

The Group was commanded by Captain Walker who is considered the greatest anti-U-Boat ace in the world. He was greeted by the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, ~~and was returning in these sloops~~ ~~and as befitting a welcome in the past four and a half days.~~ The sloops which took part in the 20-day action included the Woodpecker, which was torpedoed and later foundered; the Wild Goose, the Starling, the Kite and the Magpie. To the assembled ships' companies, the First Lord expressed what we all feel.

They had already received the admiralty signal: "Wonderful achievement. Congratulations." And they came ashore with some of the U-Boat crews who were lucky enough to escape with their lives. Their defeat has been one more check to Hitler's fading hopes. And the crews of the sloops could enjoy a well-earned leave. Well done, indeed!