

MYSTERY SHIPS TRAP U-BOATS

Exploits of Fleet of British Decoy Craft.

FALSE BULWARKS HID GUNS

"Panic Parties" Fled Over Side as Submarines Approached, but Left Marks-men Behind—Stories of Encounters With German Submarines Are Filled With Deeds of Heroism—Many Ruses Are Employed.

One of the most exciting chapters of the war against U-boats is a series of accounts of notable engagements between British decoy ships and the submarines, made public by the British admiralty. While the whole story of the part played by these decoy vessels, "mystery ships," or "Q" craft has not been revealed, it is evident that several of them were used to lure the undersen craft to destruction.

Some incidents in this campaign already have been made known, dealing chiefly with a few of the exploits of Commander Gordon Campbell as master of the decoy vessels; but others in which he and other captains participated, now are available. That at least a small fleet was used in this work is evident from the fact that Campbell at different times appears as the master of the Farnborough, the Pargust, the Dunraven, and the Q-5.

The Prize, another decoy ship, was commanded by Lieut. William E. Sanders, and the Stock Force by Lieut. Harold Anten.

Full of Heroic Deeds.

Stories of the encounters between these ships and the U-boats are filled with deeds of heroism and instances in which the discipline of the British navy was displayed under trying circumstances. For many months the decoy ships, heavily armed, but with their guns hidden behind false bulwarks, steamed zigzag paths in the seas which were the hunting grounds of the submarines.

In their character of lazy colliers or slow cargo craft they presented to the submarine commander an inviting object of attack, but once he was well within range of the British guns the

false superstructure hiding the guns fell away and the helpless collier became suddenly transformed into a fighting craft, bent on destruction. It was dangerous work, requiring a high order of courage, for the submarine must be lured near before the guns could safely begin their work. Meantime the Hun frequently had sent his torpedo home, and the decoy ship was disabled, sometimes on fire and part of her crew wounded. In that condition the battle was fought and often the submarine destroyed.

"Panic parties" was one of the ruses practiced by the decoy ship's commander to coax the submarine alongside. When the mystery ship was torpedoed these panic parties took to the boats, apparently abandoning their vessel, but always leaving on board another crew to man the guns and finish the submarine if it came near enough.

The first encounter mentioned by the admiralty occurred in March, 1916, when the Farnborough, disguised as a collier, was attacked by a submarine. The "panic party" took to the boats, and when the submarine closed in to about 800 yards the Farnborough opened fire on her. The U-boat submerged and the Farnborough passed over her, dropping depth bombs. The submarine reappeared, standing almost on end. Five rounds were fired into her at nearly point-blank range, and she went to the bottom of the sea.

Sunk by Gunfire.

Prior to that action the Farnborough had cruised throughout the entire winter without being attacked. Within a month the Farnborough coaxed another submarine near enough to sink her by gunfire.

Commander Campbell later was transferred to the command of the Q-5, and in the following February, 1917, his vessel was torpedoed by a submarine, which eventually approached so near that a shot from the Farnborough beheaded the U-boat captain as he climbed out of the tower. The submarine was sunk, with her conning tower open and her crew pouring out. Destroyers towed the Q-5 in and beached her. For this exploit the Victoria Cross was awarded to Campbell.

The decoy ship Pargust, with Campbell in command, was torpedoed on June 7, 1917, when disguised as a British merchant vessel. The submarine came within 50 yards of the Pargust, which then opened fire on her with all guns. The submarine crew poured out of the conning tower and held up their hands in token of

surrender, but the U-boat steamed away, trying to escape in the mist. The Pargust again opened fire on her, and sunk her with one man clinging to her bow as she went down. The decoy vessel was towed back to port by American destroyers. Two Victoria crosses were awarded for this successful action.

HONORED BY FOUR NATIONS



Wearing decorations from France, Russia, Belgium and Montenegro, Mrs. Nina Larrey Duryea, president of the Duryea War Relief in France, has come home. Mrs. Duryea was the first American woman to cross the battlefields of the Somme, Argonne and Arras. She returned to this country to stimulate the interest of the organization's 72 branches throughout the United States in "the greatly increased need of the impoverished French people."

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Little Edith was very fond of hearing her father play the guitar, but one evening he placed a table knife across the strings and it sounded somewhat like a ukulele. Edith listened for a moment and then said: "Papa, what makes the music sound so sick?"

Had Had an "Explain."

Kenneth and his cousin were especially fond of playing in the barn, and when told by his sister to be careful and to play only where there was no danger of being hurt Kenneth said, with a grownup air, "Oh, yes, we'll be careful, 'cause daddy just gave us an explain all about that."

Daily Health Talk

URIC ACID IN THE SYSTEM

BY LEE H. SMITH, M. D.

Uric acid is now generally recognized as the cause of more diseases than was heretofore believed. When the kidneys are out of order uric acid accumulates within the body in super abundance. The disordered kidneys do not filter the poisons out of the blood, as they ought to do, and so the poisons remain in the blood and float around until they find a place to lodge, in form of urate salts. The thing to remember is that you may have rheumatism in any part of the body—you may have pains anywhere—your back may ache and your head may be dizzy—but the trouble is not where the pain appears. The trouble is in the kidneys, and what is the first thing to do? You must get that excess uric acid out of your system, which can be done by taking Anuric Tablets, the splendid remedy which Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., has put on sale in the drug stores at a low price. Anuric Tablets (made double strength), when taken into the system as medicines, have the peculiar power of dissolving the uric acid deposited there. Drop a bit of sugar or salt into hot water, and it will disappear. In precisely the same way do these Anuric Tablets dissolve uric acid. Of course, after ridding the system of uric acid, it may return again unless you eat the right foods and live the right kind of life, but Dr. Pierce will advise you fully on proper food and correct living if you write and ask him. He makes no charge for such advice. Take Anuric Tablets to-day, by all means, and get that uric acid out of your system. Don't, don't, don't, put the matter off.

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Liberty is Responsibility.
Peace and order and security and liberty are safe so long as love of country burns in the heart of the people. It should not be forgotten, however, that liberty does not mean lawlessness. Liberty to make our own laws does not give us license to break them. Liberty to make our own laws commands a duty to observe them ourselves and to enforce obedience among all others within their jurisdiction. Liberty is responsibility, and responsibility is duty, and that duty is to preserve the exceptional liberty we enjoy within the law and for the law and by the law.—McKinley.

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