

## SEA SLUG STORIES

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deal like that of a friend of mine who is in the service, and it goes to show the truth of the statement that it's mostly luck gets a submarine. This chap I speak of had been cruising around for months and had never seen a hostile periscope, much less a submarine. He hadn't even found one of those spots of dirty oil that are becoming classic around the British Isles.

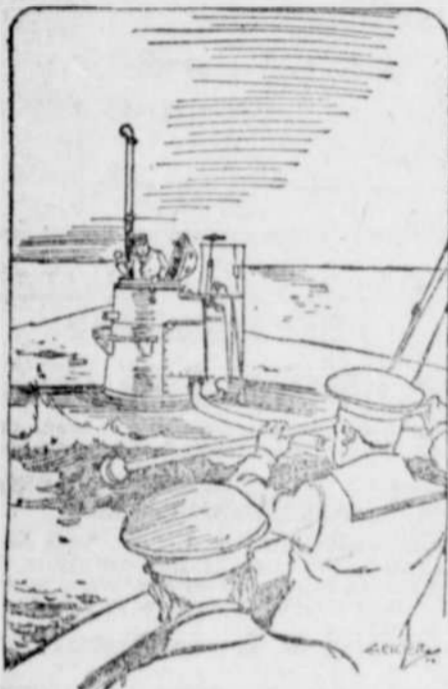
"Then one day, about noon, with the sun shining brightly, he was running along at top speed wondering whether there really was such a thing in the world as a German U boat, when suddenly, almost dead ahead, he saw something sort of wallowing in the sea.

"The bow gun was loaded, and the gunner saluted and said, 'Submarine off the starboard bow, sir. Shall I fire?'"

"No," ordered my friend. "It's probably one of our own. No such luck as for us to run into a German."

"With that the U boat sent a shell whistling past his ear, and he decided his luck was better than he had thought. His three incher began to spit, and the fire from the submarine stopped. A couple more shots from the chaser, and without any further sign of life on the U boat there suddenly was a big roar, a cloud of smoke, and she disappeared. They ran over to where she had been lying, but could not find a sign of her except for a few bubbles. These told of her fate. The last time I talked with that chap he hadn't seen a U boat since."

"Well, if our pal, D., had been as cautious as this fellow you tell about," said another subaltern, "he would have saved himself a lot of trouble and a bawling out. You boys all know D. He's mighty keen after U boats. He



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was cruising round off Peterhead last autumn, when all of a sudden he sighted one, only a few yards ahead, just awash. She didn't seem to show any signs of life.

"D. is a nervy chap, and to save time he decided to run full speed ahead and ram her instead of waiting to fire his guns. He crowded on every ounce of power he could and crashed down into the hull of the submarine.

"The shock as he struck her just abaft the conning tower knocked every one of his men off their feet and dented his own bow badly. When they picked themselves up there was one wild scramble to get forward with the lance bombs."

The lance bombs, I might explain, are bombs fastened to instruments somewhat like harpoons which stick to the side of the submarine and explode. Their chief characteristic is their liability to go off before you can throw them and blow the hurler up.

"Well," the subaltern continued, "D. himself had grabbed a bomb and was just about to hurl it when he turned sick and his knees gave way under him. A head had stuck out of the conning tower of the submarine, and an English voice yelled:

"What in h--s the matter with you? Are you trying to knock us loose from our steering post? Do you want a tow?"

"It was an E boat. Both the submarine and the chaser had to go in for a refit, and D. came uncomfortably near a court martial."

I have heard of many incidents like this, and it explains why the British submarine service hates the Sea Slugs. Every time any kind of a submersible shows itself above water somebody is likely to take a pot shot at it. San got us another round.

The three remaining installments of this remarkable personal narrative will appear soon. They are as follows:

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No. 4.—Experiences at Dover.

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