

## U BOATS TAKE FINAL DIVE

The first six of the hundred German submarines to be disposed of by sinking, set out from Loch Ryan, to be towed to their ocean grave off Northern Ireland. It called for first rate seamanship to get to ~~lines~~ lines on the U-boats and take them ~~to~~ to the North Channel into the Atlantic. It was blowing half a gale and there was a good swell. Something between three and four knots was the maximum safe speed and even then one of the U-boats broke away. It was presumed to be sunk. At the sinking ground, a hundred miles North west of Donnegal, one of our destroyers opened fire on the sitting targets.

(second captain) They were not all destroyed by gunfire. Some were sent to the bottom with explosive charges attached to the hull. It all seems a waste of good steel and equipment but the Admiralty decided that to sink the vessels was the best course.