CHURCHILL AND NAVY.

Now that we're making a fortress of these islands, the Prime Minister inspects the battlements.

Mr Churchill paid a visit to a naval port on the east coast and inspected naval officers and ratings. The Premier was in his customary modd of grim good humour --- typical of the wave of determination that has swept through Britain with each new shock of disappointment. Since the collapse of France, this Empire stands alone. But it won't be the first time; [redacted]. The spirit that built Britain into the greatest Empire in the world is still with us to keep it so.

At another port in Britain our cameras called in to record the refitting of a light cruiser --- part of the routine that never gets into the headlines. The Navy never rests. Now more than ever before it is vital that the eternal watchfulness should not relax. Add to the guarding of home waters the huge increase in the coastline that must now be blockaded and you will realise how enormous is the task that our sailors have to perform. But they are proving every day that they are more than equal to it.

Supplies of all kinds go aboard ready for the months at sea. Ammunition follows, turned out in ever-increasing bulk by the tireless labours of the munition workers. Yes --- the Navy's ready. Underneath the occasional episodes of grandeur --- Narvik --- Dunkirk --- River Plate --- raids on the enemy coast ---

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there is a solid foundation of unspectacular work superbly done; blockade, troops escort, submarine hunting, convoy work for food and armaments --- and the unremitting guard of our shores.... Every night that brings another day safely to its end we may well thank God for the Royal Navy.

Merchant-men lost.
Destroyers
2 U-boats.
1 U-boat.
1 "
1 "
1 "
Very high
Wash & down.
Just off Pr. reports
U-boats intention.