

WORLD-WIDE ACTIVITIES OF THE NAVY.

The latest investiture at Buckingham Palace; decorations awarded among others to two naval officers - Lieutenant Commander W.G.Sinclair R.N.R. and Lieutenant C.P.W. Marshall, R.N. Both received the D.S.C.

Our cameras now take us aboard a minelayer where it happens that these officers are serving. The Navy's little ships that play such a big part in blockade and defence. The Captain is Commander King Harman D.S.O., D.S.C., studying navigation with Lieutenant Marshall. It's a job in which you can make only one mistake. The horns that ^{fire} ~~are~~ the main charge of the mine are fixed and now the mine is a living menace - ready to come up on deck and go overboard; ready to stand sentinel against the enemy by night and day. This is not the sowing of indiscriminate destruction as Germany does it. It is the carefully planned move against the enemy, and all shipping is warned of the danger zones. Lieutenant Commander Sinclair is checking the gauges. That's a tricky job well done - now its time for food. But while the crew is looking after itself, you'll be glad to note that Horace the ship's cat is allowed to splice the main brace.

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There seems to be a good deal of food about - but they've earned it and they've also earned the relaxation of an impromptu concert: it seems this is a pretty musical ships company - but the mascots say for a nice noise they prefer bombs every time.

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Out in the Mediterranean there's a little relief for Britains over-worked sailors. Greece has only a small Navy - but her ships have come solidly into the ranks of the Allied Fleet against Germany. Greek ships have scored many a success against Italy in the past months. They have sunk many submarines and supply ships. the mainland of Greece is overrun by the German hordes, but her Fleet is still in the fight.

On board the cruiser Averoff Prince Paul of Greece is inspecting the crew of the cruiser Averoff

Here's an intimate glimpse of a great British Admiral - Sir James Somerville who has commanded so many brilliant actions in the Mediterranean. Every morning when in harbour, the admiral takes his exercise in a dinghy before breakfast.

And now - back to business. A convoy through the so-called Italian Lake escorted by heavy units of the Western Mediterranean Squadrons. The escort includes the mighty battle cruiser Renown and the much bombed-at Aircraft Carrier Ark Royal.

This is a hornet's nest for German bombers; the air defence officer is on the look-out and the ship's phones call aircraft action stations.

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~~It is no picnic to attack the Fleet; ~~pen-poms alone~~
~~put up a barrage of devastating intensity.~~~~

The bombers are coming in to attack the Ark Royal -
but they're just not good enough. *Watch there from - poms*

Now the barrage really hots up - ~~and watch that's~~
shooting.

The Renown's Captain - Captain R.R. McGregor - never
took his eyes off the battle until it was won by the Navy.
And once more the convoy ^{was} able to sail on in safety.

It hasn't been decided yet whether air power can beat
sea power, but one thing has been proved; neither Italian
nor German air power can beat the British Navy.