

ATLANTIC CROSSED UNDER WATER

Her Majesty's submarine "Andrew" returns to Gosport after crossing the Atlantic entirely under water. At last the weary fifteen days below deck have ended. "Andrew" will dock at Gosport and her crew of sixty will be back on Blighty's shore again. The last time they were on dry land was 2,840 miles away in Bermuda. There is no record of any other underwater crossing of the Atlantic but the crew of "Andrew" did it without any special training.

After tying up at H.M.S. Dolphin, a submarine depot, "Andrew's" crew get down to cleaning up before going on leave. Barnacles on the sub's bottom, and fungus on the face are souvenirs of the trip. While most of their pals go to work, others take a few hours shore leave.

Tom Holpen will soon be home in Carnforth, Lancashire. Putting plenty of elbow grease into cleaning the sub's gun are John "Ducker" White, from Manchester -- Welshman John Huntley and Stoker-Mechanic Heathcote from Salford, Lancashire. It was a modified Snort breathing tube that enabled "Andrew" to make its Atlantic crossing. When the crew go on a fortnight's leave, there'll be no extra for their great dive. That was "just another job" for the Navy.