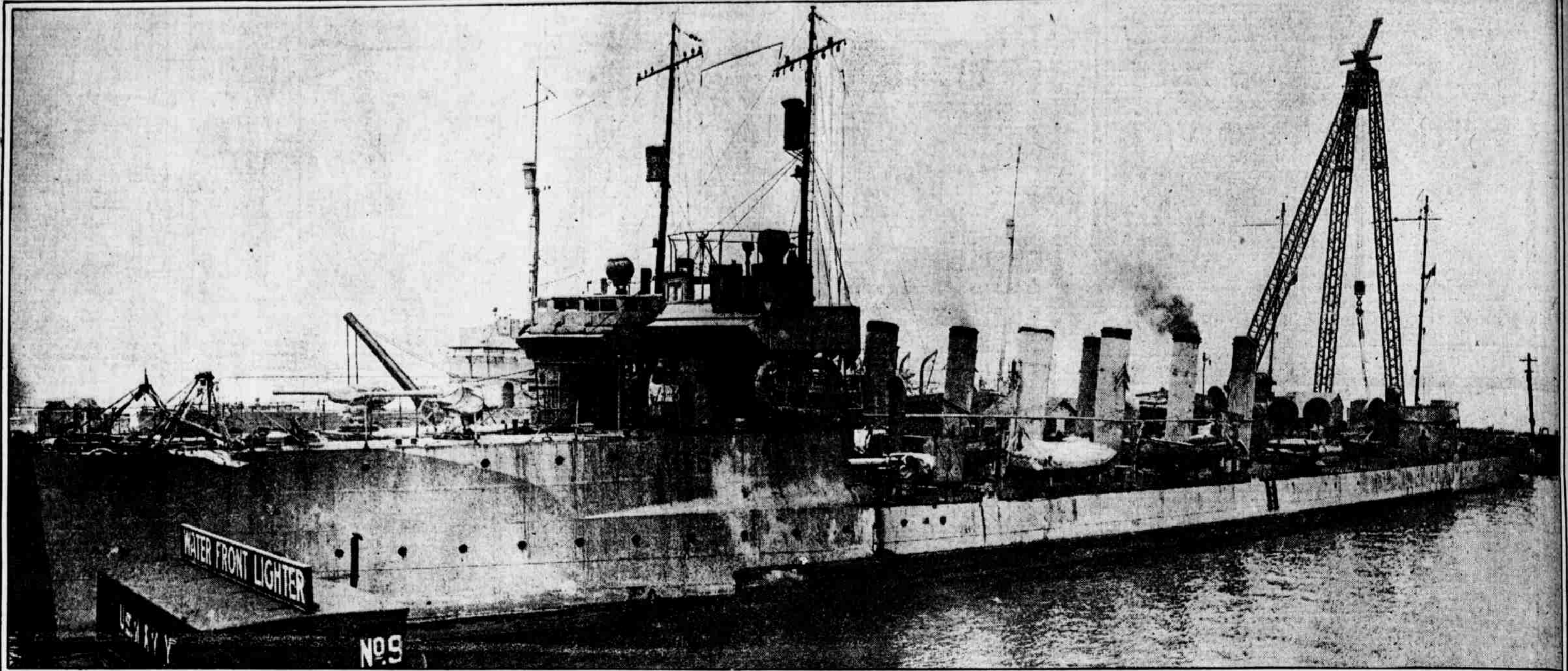
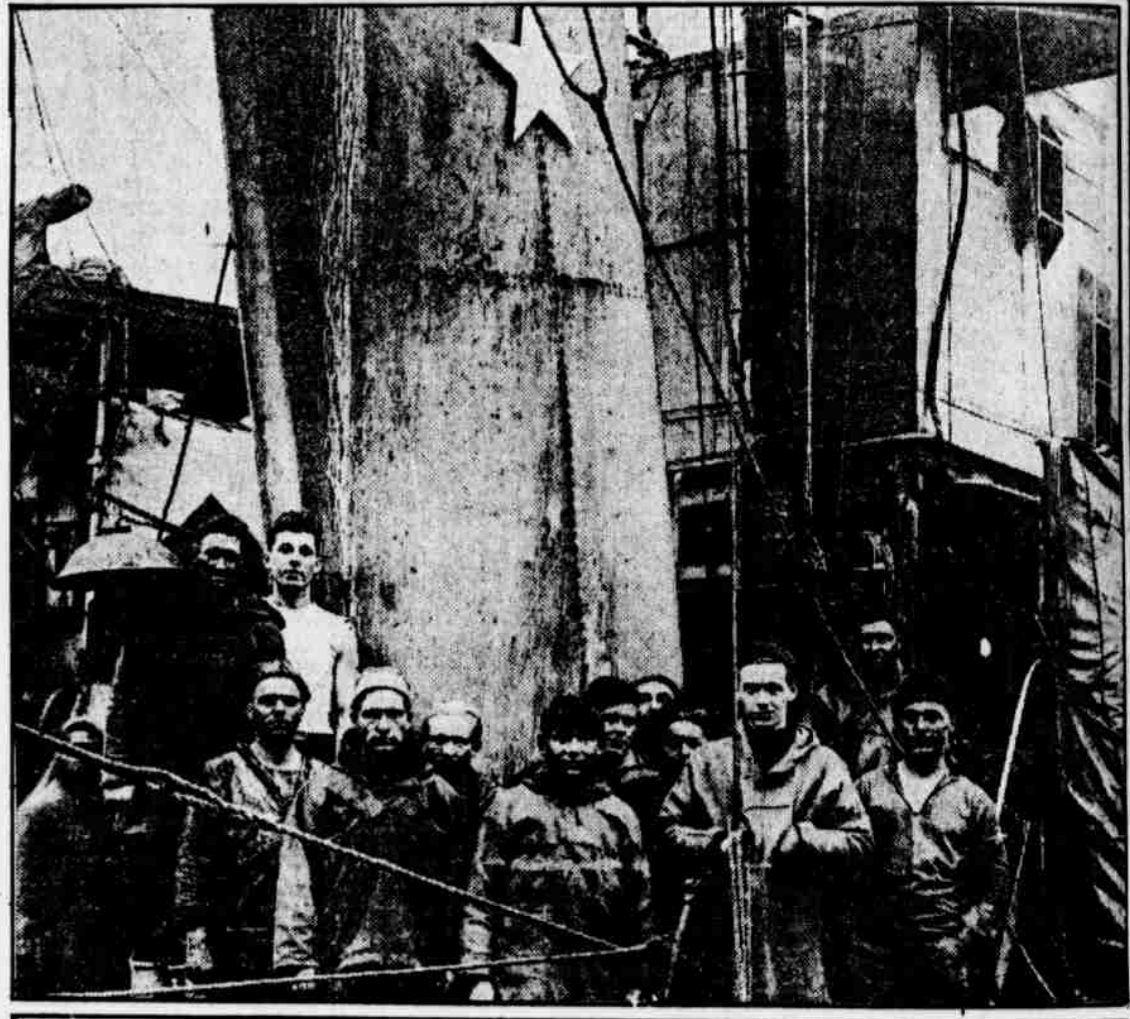


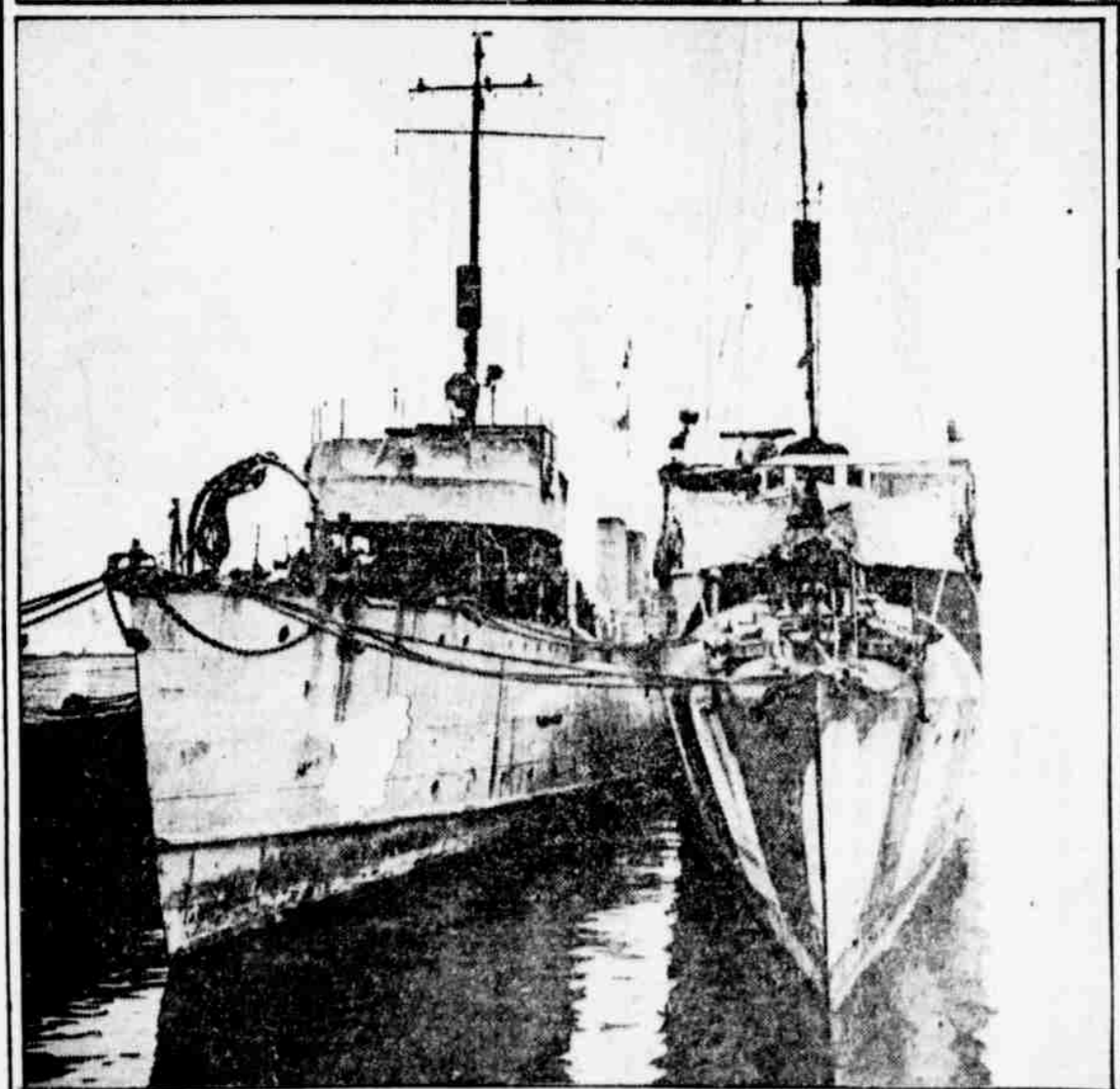
Flotilla of American Destroyers Reach League Island, "Home Again" After Overseas Duty



AMERICAN TORPEDOBOAT DESTROYERS RETURNED TO THEIR HOME PORT, the Philadelphia Navy Yard, League Island, after eighteen months' exciting service overseas against the German sea scorpions. Entering the Delaware Capes at 9 o'clock yesterday morning the destroyers were welcomed home with shrill whistle blasts and wireless greetings by other vessels passing up and down the river. These boats have done the hardest sea service of the war while doing patrol duty in the Irish Sea and in French waters.

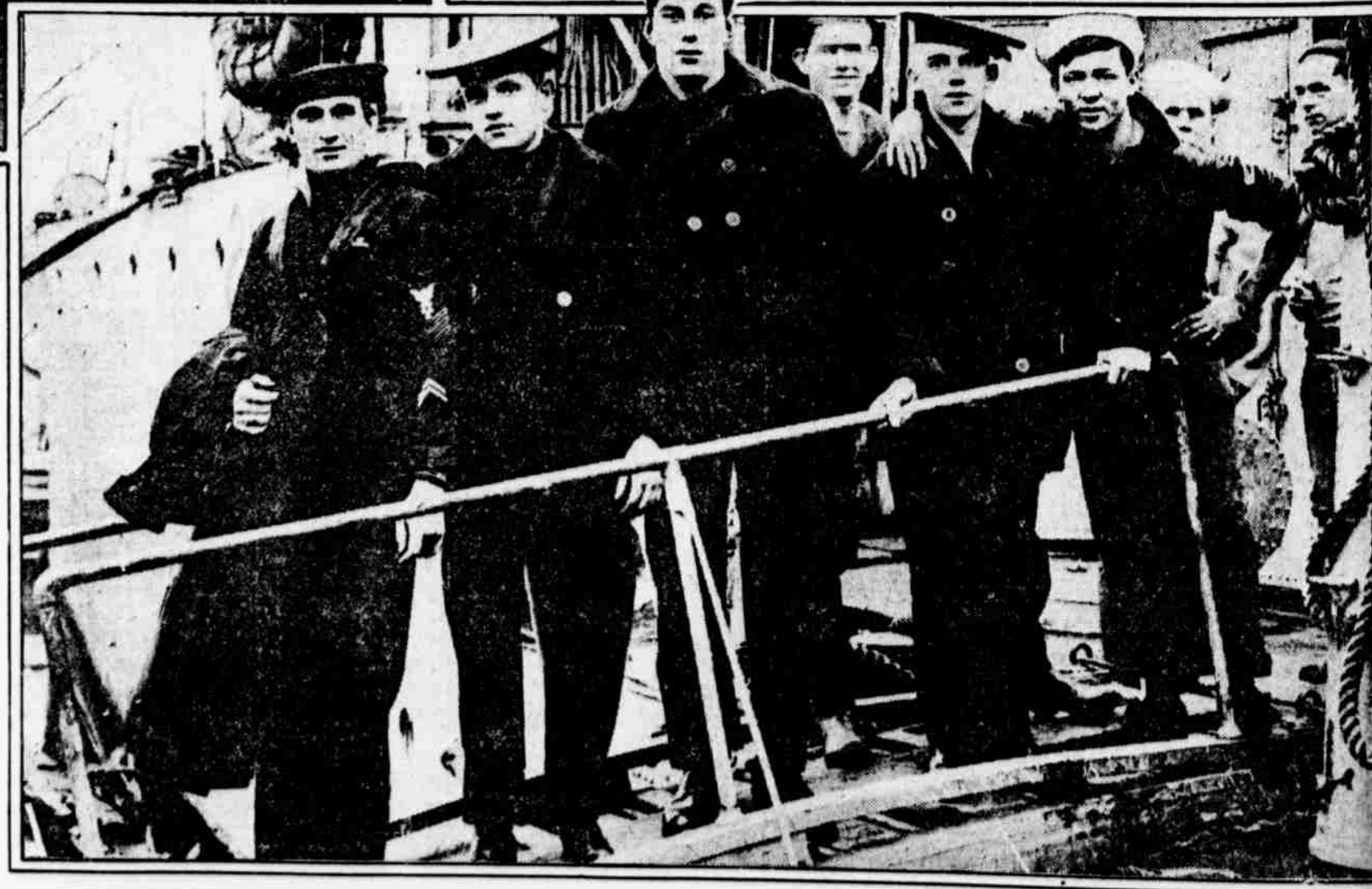


SHIPS GET THEIR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MARKINGS, TOO, as well as the crew. The star on the smokestack indicates that this destroyer is officially credited with destroying a submarine.



TWO U. S. DESTROYERS SAFELY BERTHED at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Following the custom of naval vessels returning to their home ports after war service, the boats displayed "homeward bound" pennants trailing far from their mastsheads as they came into harbor.

A FEW OF THE DESTROYER BURROUGHS'S FIGHTING "BEARCATS," and the two service stripes, indicating the length of war service, ready to be fastened to the ship.



THE DESTROYER BURROUGHS WAS DUBBED THE "FIGHTING BEARCAT" over at the flotilla's base. Here are a few of her fighters; each can a thrilling tale unfold of an attack on a lurking U-boat or a rescue at sea.

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