

SWEPT TO DEATH FROM SUBMARINE

Pennsylvanian Lost Life During 70-Mile Gale Off Irish Coast

VIGIL CHECKED U-BOATS

Flotilla, Now at Navy Yard Here, Now Praise of British Admiral

[This is the fourth of a series of stories on the exploits of crews of submarines in the war zone.]

On January 24, 1918, when the Allies were calling upon America to send troops and warships against the ruthless Germans, a fleet of tiny submarines under command of Commander W. L. Friedell was fighting its way from the Azores to the Irish coast.

A seventy-mile gale lashed the ocean and churned the waters into great seas that tumbled down upon the American warships with the fury of a thousand demons.

But through the terrific seas that did their best to sink the undersea craft went the tiny boats, and when the outer lights of Queenstown harbor came into view every vessel in the flotilla was safe.

One man had been lost, and that chap was a Pennsylvanian, Royal A. Leese, of Gettysburg. The 600 men that comprised the personnel of the flotilla were saddened for Leese was a good shipmate and an efficient seaman. He was the first man in the squadron to lose his life in the war against the U-boats, but his memory is still fresh to those who went through the trials of the next year.

The fleet is now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and on the morning of the missing, they are: Leese, washed overboard in the great storm; Lieutenant E. W. F. Childs, of Lewiston, Pa., who was lost on the British submarine H-11, when that craft was rammed by a German U-boat; and Horace E. Whittaker, of St. Louis, washed overboard on June 6 when his ship was making its way from Bantary Bay, Ireland, to Queenstown.

Influenza Attacks 75; None Dies
At Bantary Bay, the base for the fleet, influenza played havoc with the blue jackets, and at one time seventy-five men were in the hospital of the mother ship Bushnell, but not a man died.

"Such a record in operations as hazardous service," said Commander Friedell, "speaks volumes for the efficiency of our surgeons and the common sense and grit exhibited by the men." Commander Friedell, in command of the flotilla during its service overseas, has made his home in this city for three years, and is warm in his praise toward Philadelphia.

The seven submarines in this flotilla that are listed in the Navy Register as L-boats 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, patrolled the Irish coast and the English Channel from early in March until the signing of the armistice. In that period they had many narrow escapes from the shells of German British destroyers and depth bombs released by the British trawlers, but came through with flying colors, and not a boat was lost.

Vigilance Checks U-Boats
The vigilance of the daring and fearless crews checked the operations of the U-boats, and, according to Admiral Lewis Bayley, of the British navy, made it possible for surface ships to sail the waters with a minimum degree of alarm.

During the war period the navy censorship was rigid and virtually nothing concerning the exploits of the navy ships was given to the folks at home. Those who "kept the home fires burning" knew that the navy was active and appreciated that it was adhering to the best traditions of America.

Other than that, the public was in total darkness, and not until recently has the veil of censorship been lifted. Now that the curtain is raised, the public is learning about the operations of the brave submariners, and no chapter in the navy's gripping war story is more interesting than that dealing with the submarines in Division No. 5, of which Friedell was commander.

That these ships participated in the war and returned to Philadelphia is due to the sterling seamanship of their crews, for the storm in which Royal Leese lost his life came very near ending their careers.

On December 4, 1918, the fleet slipped out of Newport on its way to the Azores. To spare the engines of the submarines the Bushnell took two in tow, and the tug, Genesee, Lykens and Conestoga trailed along, each with two of the undersea boats in tow. Added to the fleet was the E-1, assigned to duty around the Azores.

Although the weather was cold, there was no indication of a storm, and the sailors started on their first leg of their long voyage in high spirits. For months they had been anxious for real service and now their wishes had been gratified. They were glad to be out on the bit and help drive the boche U-boats from the seas.

For the first day all went well, but late in the afternoon, December 8, a storm cloud gathered, and that night broke with the fury of a gale. The next day the wind increased, the seas became higher and by late afternoon the tiny subs had broken away from their towns and were fighting their own way in the storm.

So severe was the storm that Commander Friedell was unable to signal his charges, and when the dawn broke on the following morning not one could be seen. The Bushnell, an able ship of 800 tons displacement, had poked its bow into the wind and waves and was riding out in the gale like a bucking broncho.

On December 8 the weather cleared somewhat and the Bushnell headed for the Azores. A few days later the ship made port, and by December 24 the entire fleet, with the exception of one sub and a naval tug, hobbled in. Those boats managed to make Boston and joined the fleet a month later.

Elements "Aided Kaiser"
After resting at the Azores, the Bushnell, heading for Queenstown, was made off for Queenstown, but again the elements were against the flotilla. "On January 24," said Commander Friedell, when discussing the trials of the fleet, "a great storm struck us. It was just to the Kaiser's liking, and if he had directed the elements he could not have created greater havoc. Seas almost mountains high covered the subs about, and it was on that day that Leese was washed overboard. But never once did I fear for the L-boats. They had been tested in the storm that struck us a month earlier. I knew they would live through it, and my confidence was vindicated."

At Queenstown the fleet reported to Admiral Bayley, of the British navy, and two weeks later proceeded to Bantary Bay. For the next six weeks the crews were given intensive training in submarine fighting, and early in March when they had mastered the trials of "sea sickness" were told to "go to it."

CONFER ON PARCEL POST

Philadelphians to Attend Meeting in Washington Tomorrow

Discussion of improvements to the parcel post is the cause of a conference of the trade organizations of this city in Washington tomorrow. The meeting, which was called at the instance of the Postoffice Department, will give special attention to the suggestions which have been formulated by a committee of business men and which embody the following tentative changes:

What to your mind are the chief advantages to the exporting manufacturer of the parcel post system? How far should the government go in making concessions to other countries in order to secure a better parcel post service? What are the faults of the present parcel post system and what suggestions have you as to how these may be remedied?

SCHUMANN-HEINK'S SON DIES

Succumbs to Wounds Received in German Naval Service

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 10.—Miss Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the prima donna of the Grand Opera House, received here of the death of her eldest son, August Schumann-Heink, who died two months ago from wounds received in German naval service. The letter was the first word the prima donna had received of her son since he became an officer in the German navy. It contains no mention of the manner of her son's death, except to say it was "in performance of his duty."

Medals for Boy Scouts

New York, Feb. 10.—(By A. P.)—Boy Scouts are receiving government medals like their victorious older brothers overseas, in recognition of their aid in winning the war. The Department already has made 71,015 awards to scouts who sold Liberty Bonds in ten or more homes. For the sale of war savings stamps 13,989 achievement medals have been given.

And So They Were Married

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FOR two or three days after this Scott acted several times as though he were on the point of telling Ruth something. Each time he happened to be directly after they had been referring in some way to the previous Sunday. Once Ruth said curiously:

"What were you going to say?" "Why?"

"Oh, nothing, only I was certain you were about to say something which was mistaken." "Does you must have been mistaken?"

One night not long after this Ruth awoke in the middle of the night, a thing she seldom did, and wondered vaguely what had waked her. She lay still on her pillow only half awake and then suddenly heard a strange sound from the bed across from her.

"She raised herself on one elbow. "Scott, dearest, what is it?" She slipped out of bed and turned on the electric light in the rose-colored lamp. For a moment she was blinded, then she saw in the soft glow Scott's face on the pillow unnaturally flushed. He was breathing hard and once in a while he uttered a queer little groan, which he seemed apparently unconscious, for he was in a deep sleep.

Ruth bent over him tenderly. "Dear, are you ill? Scott, wake up and speak to me."

Slowly he opened his eyes, they were very bright and his hands were not dry. Ruth's heart gave a queer leap and seemed to turn in her breast. This was the first time in her life she had ever looked into those eyes, and she knew home everything had been different. Married, she was on her own. Head of the family, she had never stopped to think what would happen if either of them happened to be ill. And worse still she had not faced a possible life without Scott. It stared at her now as a probability, and she was stark frightened before it.

Scott was speaking now. "Dearest, what are you doing up?" He tried to rise; "Oh, I feel so funny. I wonder what is wrong?" "Don't you feel well, dear?" "No, I ache, and my mouth feels dry. Guess I'll get a glass of water." "I'll bring it to you. I'm up, dear, why shouldn't I?" as he protested. And then she was on her way out to the kitchen.

Her hands trembled as she groped in the dark for the ice pick. Everything seemed more than usually horrible in the night. Hitherto if she had any trouble to solve, she had turned to Scott. Now Scott was ill and she must be brave and self-reliant.

She cracked several small pieces of ice, got out a glass and filled it with water, which she carried back to the bed. Scott drank it all eagerly and asked for more. Then he dropped back on the pillow and groaned a little, as if the water hurt so terribly. "I can't seem to get comfortable." "Ruth looked at the clock. It pointed to 3:15. She simply could not call up the doctor at this hour; she would have to wait till morning, and yet Scott had a raging fever; she was sure of it, and all the rest of the symptoms that went with grip, if not the dreaded influenza. She filled a hot-water bottle and put it to his back, and then she brought cool water and bathed his hot forehead, and his face and hands. Finally, muttering occasionally, he dropped off into a heavy sleep. Ruth dozed off and then woke up again with a start, each time feeling more than ordinarily guilty.

At 7 o'clock she was telephoning for the doctor, and at 8 o'clock she had Scott freshened up, as well as the room itself, and was waiting for the doctor. It was a strange little Ruth who opened the door half an hour later. A subdued woman, not a laughing, radiant girl. Her lips trembled as she explained matters to the doctor, and then waited

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as he took Scott's hand with professional briskness and proceeded to insert a thermometer beneath his tongue. "It's," he said drily, after a moment, when he withdrew and looked at the slender piece of glass. "One hundred and three. He has had a cold; when did he begin to feel this way?" "What is it, doctor? Influenza?" The doctor nodded. "But there are

no complications that I can see. I don't think you need a nurse; you can manage. I think you have common sense. Ruth." The doctor had known Ruth from a child, and knew now what he was talking about.

"You're sure that he will be all right?" He looked at her over his glasses. "Don't lose your nerve, child; he'll need you to be brave, because he's pretty sick. Sure you don't want a nurse to help?" "Certain," Ruth responded, swallowing back a sob that threatened to bring tears. "Of course I want to take care of him myself."

(The next chapter Ruth discovers some more things about life.)



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Many Charming Spring Frocks Are of Silk

Sometimes they are of soft crepe de chine, sometimes of foulard, and very often of Georgette crepe, taffeta and crepe meteor. Whatever the silk they're as springy as daffodils and as fresh.

Two Special Groups of Crepe Meteor Dresses

2 Models at \$22.50. 6 Models at \$23.75. Both are of heavy quality, beautifully made and lined throughout the bodice with silk. Both are trimmed with ball buttons and are to be had in navy and brown.

Serge Frocks, Special at \$15. A little lot of tailored serge frocks; some with petgot skirts, some embroidered with silk or trimmed with braid. You'll see some of the little coatees, too. These are mostly in navy blue.

Good Style Marks Every One of These Hats

They are rather small, though most of them have brims, and there is a goodly number of hats that will appeal to women in the middle years. Some have big, softly colored cabbage roses banded high around their crowns. Others have embroidered bands or quilts. Noticeable are the color combinations, for all of these hats are rather colorful. Blue-eyed women will be lovely in the hats which combine bright blue and purple.

Fine Sports Hats at Average Half Price. A little lot of beautiful new hats has just come from a maker of the best sports hats. All are different and all correct in fashion. Women who appreciate really fine things will be enthusiastic about these. Prices start at \$8.

Every Other Hat Wears a Veil

So many smart veils are seen these days—and it isn't to be wondered at, for they add so much to a hat.

Rompers 85c. Practical little chambray rompers are these in tan and cadet blue. They are made to open in front, are belted and have a patch pocket and beach knees. The tan ones are piped in white and the blue ones are piped in white or red. In sizes 2 to 6 years.

Navy Blue Serge

French wail serge in two weaves, 50 inches wide, is \$2 a yard. It could not come at a better time, when so many women want new Spring frocks of it.

A Clearaway of Fleeced Fabric Gloves—35c

There are gloves for men, women and children in this sale—not all sizes in every style. They are half price and less.

Beautiful Lambskin Gloves, \$1.65 a Pair

They are soft white lambskin, full pique sewn, with self or black stitching on the backs.

House Dresses at a Clearaway Price—\$2

About two hundred and fifty of them in sizes from 36 to 46. They are trim dresses of striped gingham or figured percale, some with white collars and cuffs; a few straight-line styles in the lot.

Blouses—Special at \$2.90

Georgette crepe or crepe de chine makes them. They are in flesh, white and peach, made in too many ways to count. They are pretty ways, too—many of the Georgettes are embroidered and headed, and the crepes de chine are in simpler styles, some with convertible collars.

Even Shoes Take on an Air of Spring

Lines seem lighter and more graceful than those of Winter shoes. Perhaps they've caught the hint that skirts are narrower and feet will be more in evidence.

For Children. Here are some good, dull black leather shoes that have wide, comfortable toes. They button and are in sizes 6 to 2 at \$2.50.

For Men. Dull black shoes cut on an English last or with wide toes have durable welted soles and are \$4.25 a pair.

No Lack of Spring Suits for Women and Young Women

There are smart tweeds in spring-like greens and browns and street suits of navy blue serge and wool poplin, tricotine and gabardine. Prices begin at \$25 and go upward to \$67.50.

Dainty Bluebird "Nighties" \$1.65

There are two slip-overs of pink nainsook strewn with tiny bluebirds. One is trimmed with blue ribbon and shirring; the other is stitched in blue and has blue ribbons. Both cut full.

A Hundred White Crepe Nightgowns \$1.50

A slip-over simply stitched in pink has a little pocket. **Pink Chemises at 85c**. Envelope chemises of pink nainsook are hemstitched in blue and topped with ribbon shoulder straps.

Overcoats That Are Worth Buying for Next Winter

are marked at reductions which mean a saving of \$7.50 to \$10 on each coat. Choosing is good, as every coat in our stock is marked at

\$20 or \$25. Here are box coats, double-breasted ulsters and ulsterettes—the latter with convertible collars and deep, rooey pockets. Materials are heavyweight and of pure wool. Fittings in all regular sizes.

Men's Half Hose Special, 15c a Pair

900 pair of them—of black mercerized cotton or black gray and tan cotton. All have reinforced feet and tops.

Girls' Tub Frocks Have Taken Reductions

All the dresses of which we have but a few of a kind are marked at lowered prices to send them flying. There are gingham in plaids, in stripes and in plain colors, and some fine percales printed in gingham plaids. Many of these dresses have plain gingham coatees and plaid or striped skirts; others are trimmed with contrasting collars and cuffs.

These are in 8 to 14 year sizes, though there are not all sizes in any one style. The new prices are \$2.75, \$3.75 and \$5.

Spring in the Coat Store

It's filling rapidly with attractive things for the first fair days. Capes as well as coats are here in great numbers, and there are many dolmans. Prices begin as low as \$19.75 for a suede velour coat in a youthful model. Pekin, navy, taupe, tan and Quaker gray are the colors. Then, at \$25, there are several good models in serge capes. Some have coat fronts, others—little vestees of contrasting color. More serge capes and dolmans at \$29.75 to \$37.50.

