### WHY THE BRITISH NAVY PROCLAIMS "NO MERCY"

### Story of a German Submarine's Use of 37 Dying Britons as 'Bait'

nard a British warship of the Fifth ship was sunk. New York "Times" by the recip-

way. No English warship, of which both sides.

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sonal experience I could write much; please take it as a fact."

The following extracts from a let- [most of it is far too horrible to write; written by a young Englishman on that is to say, the part after the last

you may be interested to hear ter and a petty officer in charge of our ont fire on this ship. All paint pos- ficer and fourteen odd men in my ble is being chipped off, leaving boat; then, as we were rowing back the bare walls. All spare wood- to the ship, the whaler, which was work is gone, all chests and drawers, overloaded by the men in their huspare tables, chairs, bookcases, manity, sank, and we had an extra wats are thrown overboard. \* \* \* twelve men in our boat. We got alongthe "Good Hope," and Heaven trying to get these half-drowned anly knows that slowly, but surely, wretches on board, but we managed watchword of our forces is be- it in the end, though one man was

come. Hitherto we thought they sink, too, with so many extra people layed the game, but since the follow- in her, but somehow she survived. The arty men managed to reach a raft. ships we picked up about 150 men and one by one they slipped off and things must be so; so many lives fied, three alone remained alive. Dur- were vainly sacrificed. It brought the ing those hours of agony a German horrors of war very, very close to me,

here were several, dared to come "When we sighted the enemy we ar for the submarine lay by with had just finished an eighteen-hour helpless men as the bait. All coaling and the men had two hours' hat they could have done was to sleep. They were then at the guns send destroyers past at full speed for another twelve hours, and the and throw life buoys to the men, and ship was not sleepable in until 10 wen this was dangerous. They dared o'clock that night. You can imagine not ram her, not from fear for them- how tired we were. I don't mind adselves, but because they were new mitting freely that I was in the deuce ships, and we cannot afford to chuck of a funk when we sallied out. I ships away. They could not fire for hope I did not show it. But I got fear of killing the men on the raft. so excited that I forgot all about the Will anyone dare to judge our men in purely personal view before we were they show no mercy after that? I feel an hour out of harbor. Our firing much, for one of the midshipmen was a triumph, I believe. The priswas a particular pal of mine. \* . . \* oners on board of us said: 'It was "Herewith I inclose a very short ac- more or less all right until the fourount of what took place in what will funnel cruiser (us) arrived; then it go down in history as 'the battle of was hell'-a fine tribute to our gunhe Falkland Isles.' This account of nery, of which we are all proud, parmine is hopelessly inadequate, but it ticularly when you compare our is the best I can do for the present, guns to the "Invincible's." The Geras I am naturally most anxious that man gunnery was very good; in view you should have some account from of the time of action and our own me, and wish to get the mail. What casualty and damage list this might I have sent is just the story of the not seem so, but is a fact. The rea action with a few plans. Of my per- son of this is difficult to explain, so

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,-In your paper of May 27th there was an account of the Memorial Service held for Before March 20th the trouble was loseph A. Samson. That was a at the General Post Office, St. John's. mournful day for us all. To-day From Mar. 20th till April 27th. the all is changed for a letter has ar- mails were all right. Then the conived from him, in which he writes tract from New Year's Day till May

Dear Brother,-

omething to show for the war.

N.R. Hospital, Malta, West I. Posmaster on the Dundee can read Yours truly, -JOSEPH. Island from Gooseberry Islds. or he writer of the above is Greenspond from Green Bay, so that onavista Bay.

Yours truly, -ONE INTERESTED.

Well," said the editor, "how about

at high-life scandal story? Is it No, sir," said the reporter.

No facts at all?" Not a chance." Everything denied."

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### JOSEPH SAMSON **HEARD FROM**

1st ended. The seventeen trips between these dates showed that the Malta, May 13, 1915. mailman performed his service faith-Just a few words to let you fully. As the S.S. "Dundee" could know I am still living although I not get in the Bay on May 13th, two have met with it pretty hard. I men offered to go for our mail. They m wounded in two places. A had to go twenty miles there and not went through my left arm be- twenty miles back, and brought two low the elbow and broke it, but I mails at once in bags weighing 65 mink it will be alright after a and 72 lbs each. There was satisfactime, and another struck me in the tion then until June 2nd. On that ight breast and came out through day the Dundeed hove in sight and my back, so you see I will have when the Captain saw the F.P.U. flag effects on their corps involved thereflying he swerved away just as quickly am getting on as well as can as if it had been a German submarine. expected and can now get up The boats were all out for freight, two hours a day after dinner. but away she steamed without calling. am being well looked after. I Thank God the people here were not out to the front, but recognize the im- develops-shall be made promptly, was wounded on Sunday morning, short of much, the only things need April 25th, while landing troops ed being butter and tobacco. On June short of perfectly trained material, able supply shall be left untapped the Dardanelles, and was not 4th the Dundee came from South and On the other hand, no sooner do they owing to considerations either of hide picked up until Monday evening, brought a small mail, so the General get their battalion screwed up to some bound routine or of quite laudable being under fire all the time. It Post Office at St. John's was alright. thing like "concert pitch" than a con- but unfortunately unpractical predias a hard time, but thank God, What is the fault now that the sub- siderable proportion of the rank and lections on the part of individuals. spared me to get out of it, and scribers for the Mail, 1 paper, Daily file leave them for commissions, and The armies want and will want will take us safely home again News 1, Evening Herald 2, do not re the work must be begun again nearly more and more officers; and if corps We only trust Him. He is our ceive three or four papers as they "ab initio." It calls for a very high like the Public School Battalion, the Write and let me know how you News were received and on Thursday out a murmur such a peculiarly ap-the Old Boys' Corps are the most are at home. I have not heard Monday and Tuesday none came. I posite exemplification of the old story suitable forcing-beds for them, then you for a long time. My think it is time that someone investi- of Sisyphus, so familiar to the major- let full advantage be taken of, and

> place at the right time. Yours truly, WILLIAM MASON, Flat Isld., Bonavista Bay.

June 5th., 1915.

Our growing thought makes growing revelation.-George Eliot.

Good Lord! Cut it down to half a always, and at whatever cost.—Fene-

### SOMETHING **WRONG WITH**

MAIL SYSTEM The Work of the Training officially on the Old Boys' Corps. That Corps—Getting the (Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,-Our mail is astray again.

THE SUPPLY

OF OFFICERS

Mr. Tennant's announcement in the House on Thursday that steps are being taken to ensure that men now seruseful to the country as officers shall be promptly promoted to the comuniversal approval. At the same the feelings of the commanding officers and adjutants of corps like the Public Schools attalion (for whose formation, by the way, Mr. Walter Long, who followed Mr. Tennant on Thursday, was responsible), at the

The Story of Sisyphus.

and spell and whether he knows Flat is no disparagement to the ordinary hitherto done voluntarily and to such rank and file in recognising that such good effect. men as have enlisted in the Public Seph A. Samson of Flat Islands, our mail will be sent to the right Schools and similar corps are (even without the very useful months which they have spent in going through the mill as privates) essentially of the P. O. Box 17. stuff of which officers are made.

A Grave Question. The only question which suggests itself at once is whether it might not be the soundest policy to face the situation and convert the Public Special attention given to the pre-School Battalion into an Officers' paration and examination of Financial You must maintain a firm and genu- Training Corps forthwith. At pre- ap14, ine resolution to follow God's light sent, outside of the great public schools and universities, we believe there is only one recognized O.T.C. READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

pure and simple, viz., the Inns of ours of an intention on the part of dith. course would seem to be completely justified also.

The O.B.C. has already, of its own initiative and without being asked, trained and sent to the commissioned ranks some 400 old public school men; and it would be a graceful recognition ving in the ranks who would be more of the valuable work done during the last nine months by its originators and its present commandant (Colonel missioned ranks, is one that command S. G. rant, late of the Cameronians, of Neuve Chapelle fame), if such official time, it is easy to understand, and status were conferred upon it. Insympathise with, up to a certain point, deed, we would go further and suggest that the older member of the Old Boys' Corps might be advantageously your chance to get insured beother volunteer corps.

The Available Men. That, however, is beside the present in to-day and let us write you mark. What is important is that in the Regular armies- scarcity They, like all other commanding which is unhappily bound to become officers, are anxious to get their men more and more acute as the offensive possibility of sending out anything and that no possibly source of suit-

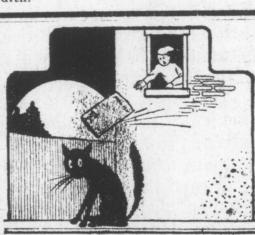
should? On Wednesday the Mail and degree of patriotism to accept with- Inns of Court Training Corps, and dress is Joseph Albert Samson, gated into this matter to see that the ity of the men serving under them. | the utmost possible encouragement gi-But officers there must be, and there ven to, the work which they have

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States is being allowed. Since the proclamations regulating exports from Canada were issued,, large quantities of goods shipped to

zinc, copper, and lead. Where it is

clearly established that they will not

find their way ultimately to the en-

emy, their export to the United

athe United States, and the ultimate destiny of which was uncertain have been held up and not permitted to leave the country. In some cases there have been prosecutions and in others confiscation. The entry of Italy to the war has caused it to be includued with other allies entitled to receive certain goods from Canada:

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