

It is not sought by this Scheme to force Boys into a Maritime Career

For those boys who wish to enter either the Navy or the Mercantile Marine, special advantages and opportunities can be obtained through the League.

WHAT THE NAVY IS DOING

The Navy has done a great deal in the present war. It has prevented the enemy from invading our shores; it has enabled our wheat and farm products to cross the ocean, without which our men would starve. During the first three and one-half years of the war it has protected transports carrying over thirteen millions of men, over two million horses, twenty-six million tons of munitions and war supplies, and over fifty-three million tons of coal and oil. The Navy has safeguarded within the Empire alone nearly one hundred and forty million tons of food and materials.

THE NAVY SAVED THE EMPIRE

The War Cabinet's review of the events of the past year shows that the British Navy saved the Empire in 1917 and saved the world from German domination at the same time.

In February of last year the unrestricted submarine piracy of the Hun had reached its highest point. That the sinking of ships had become serious was well known, but few were aware that if the enemy had been able to maintain the same rate of destruction, by February of this year the military forces of Britain and France would have been paralyzed and Germany would have won the war.

But the British Navy rose to the emergency and sank the submarines. It perfected method after method for dealing with piracy. It invented depth bombs and