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that is one tenth of the total enemy submarine fleet as it existed at the declaration of war destroyed during the first fortnight of the war and it is probably one quarter or perhaps even one third of all the U-Boats which are being employed actively. All these vessels -those that have been sunk and those that have escaped- have subjected themselves to what is said to be one of the most trying ordeals which men can undergo in wartime. A large proportion never return home and those who do have grim tales to tell.

But the British attack upon the U-Boat is only just beginning. Our hunting force is getting stronger every day. By the end of October we expect to have three times the hunting force which was operating at the beginning of the war while at the same time the number of targets open to U-Boats upon the vast expanses of the seas and oceans will be greatly reduced by the use of convoys and at the same time the U-Boat means of attacking them will be heavily clogged and fettered. In all this very keen and stern warfare the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Airmen, as the Prime Minister has already mentioned this afternoon, have played an important part both in directing the hunting destroyers upon their quarry and in actually attacking it themselves. It was to bridge the gap between what we had ready at the beginning and what we have ready now that the Admiralty decided to use the Aircraft Carriers with some freedom in order to bring in the unarmed, unorganized and unconvoyed traffic which was then approaching