

## LOSS OF A FAMOUS SUBMARINE

### H.M.S. UPHOLDER'S RECORD

The Admiralty issued the following statement on Saturday:—

The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that H.M. submarine Upholder (Lieutenant-Commander M. D. Wanklyn, V.C., D.S.O., R.N.) has been lost. Next-of-kin have been informed.

It is seldom proper for their Lordships to draw distinction between different services rendered in the course of naval duty, but they take this opportunity of singling out those of H.M.S. Upholder, under the command of Lieutenant-Commander Wanklyn, for special mention. She was long employed against enemy communications in the Central Mediterranean, and she became noted for the uniformly high quality of her services in that arduous and dangerous duty. Such was the standard of skill and daring set by Lieutenant-Commander Wanklyn and the officers and men under him that they and their ship became an inspiration not only to their own flotilla but to the fleet of which it was a part and Malta, where for so long H.M.S. Upholder was based. The ship and her company are gone, but the example and the inspiration remain.

### 23 SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS

In a further announcement the Admiralty stated:—

When the Upholder sailed on patrol it was a foregone conclusion that she would report the greater discomfiture of the enemy; and when she returned from patrol the accounts of her attacks were an inspiration and an example to the other submarines of her flotilla. It was a flotilla operating continually in most dangerous waters, close to the enemy's bases in the Central Mediterranean, where it has inflicted very serious loss upon the enemy.

It was from her twenty-fifth patrol in the Mediterranean that H.M. Submarine Upholder did not return. In the 24 successful patrols which this submarine had carried out in those waters she had built up a long record of success against the enemy, and of 36 attacks which she had carried out no fewer than 23 had been successful. The Upholder sank three U-boats, a destroyer, and an armed trawler, probably sank a cruiser and another destroyer, and possibly hit a second cruiser. Against the enemy's reinforcements and supplies the Upholder's successes were even more notable. She sank 15 enemy transports and supply ships, totalling over 122,000 tons, and probably sank two others. Among the ships which she is known to have sunk was the large laden transport Conte Rosso, of 17,800 tons, and the Neptunia and Oceania, each of 19,500 tons.

The British Ambassador, Sir Percy Loraine, and his staff and British correspondents left an Italian Adriatic port this morning to travel by the Italian passenger steamer Conte Rosso to be exchanged at a neutral port, Lisbon, for the Italian Embassy staff in London. The number of Italian steamers lost on the first day of war—captured, sunk, or scuttled—is now given as 40.

Note the two way exchange. Note the staggering losses incurred by Italy in the first day of the war.

The liner Conte Rosso, with Signor Bastianini, the former ITALIAN Ambassador in London, the Embassy staff, and 650 Italians on board, arrived yesterday at Messina, the first Italian port of call.

Note, you will recall that Messina is in Sicily!