

'CHURCHILL' LEADS IN FIRST U.S. DESTROYERS.

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Welcome to the Churchill Flotilla, first of the 50 United States destroyers now added to the British Navy. Never was the full significance of sea power more convincingly demonstrated than by the safe Atlantic crossing of these men-of-war. Germany vowed they would never arrive, and here they come, after a voyage as uneventful as in peace time. England expects that every ship of the fifty will do sterling duty.

Critical eyes watched the vessels come to their moorings. The crews reported that though the destroyers rolled a bit they sailed well, and were easily handled, once Jack Tar got used to everything being, as sailors put it, left-handed. The leading vessel of this welcome new fleet will be named Churchill.

Mr. Churchill himself, about whom there's always a suggestion of the nautical, went afloat the other day. but only on the river. Accompanied by Mrs. Churchill he first inspected the guard assembled in his honour. In the early stages of his much varied life the Prime Minister was a soldier himself.

He made this trip down the river to examine the air raid damage done to the docks. There were some signs of bombing much further upstream. As soon as the launch was under way it passed the battered St. Thomas's Hospital. Not since Lloyd George was at the helm in the Great War has any British Prime Minister inspired the people with so much confidence as Mr. Churchill. The courage and fighting spirit in those bulldog features is a guarantee of victory for the British cause.