

'SUNDERLANDS' FLY FAR TO STOP SEA LOSSES

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Coastal Command aircraft are waging a fight to the death against U-boats. With an Australian squadron of Sunderlands, Paramount cameramen have been on an Atlantic patrol. Crews of these giant flying-boats report for orders each morning.

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To the Coastal Command winter flights over the ocean are a daily routine. Twenty-five tons of seaplane are going up, lifted by four full-throttled engines, lifted like so much paper.

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The Sunderlands scour the Atlantic, for signs of the enemy. In the galley meals are prepared for the seven of the crew, what time the plane cruises a steady 180 miles an hour.

A submarine is sighted, and if he's a Nazi he's met a tough customer.

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Radioed by the flying-boat, destroyers dash to the scene. So many merchant ships are now being sunk that vigilance is doubly necessary but this time the flying-boat didn't have the good luck to spot an enemy.

Back home, this time with nothing much to report. The great volume of shipping that goes safely to and fro owes much to the flying-boats. Australians are playing their part. The more planes on patrol the sooner the U-boat will be defeated again.

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