

NAVY FACES BIG JOB IN MEDITERRANEAN

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Extensive mine-laying has recently strengthened the hands of the British Navy in the ever-broadening scope of the war at sea. Below decks in the little ships lie the deadly weapons which play so important a part in modern war. Before mines are laid the fuses are fixed, and they become live, packed with enough explosive to sink almost anything afloat.

(PUSHED TO END) These pictures, the best yet taken of mine laying, show how the thing is done, how thickly and how quickly the selected area is strewn, and turned into a death-infested sea. These operations force the enemy to rely more and more on air-transportation to his oversea fronts; and in the air he no longer has things his own way.

Now, pictures of a convoy in the western Mediterranean. In a heavy bombing attack the enemy singled out a man-o'-war, he long ago declared sunk, the Ark Royal. Once more that aircraft-carrier had the familiar experience of bombs falling pretty well all round her. Anti-aircraft blazed on every warship in the escort.

The attack beaten off, the convoy proceeded - another demonstration that the Navy knows how to counter assault by air. The cruiser Aveross, Greek flagship, is here seen in to harbour under the wing of the Royal Navy. She escaped, in company with some destroyers, when the enemy occupied Greece. At a time when every man-o'-war is a priceless asset the British heartily welcome the ships that fly the Greek flag. Crown Prince Paul, brother of King George of Greece, inspected the ships. They will take part in the ever increasing duties falling upon the Mediterranean fleet.
