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Those twenty-five millions were represented by an Atlantic convoy - the biggest ever - escorted in part by His Majesty's Canadian ships. Fifty vessels ran the attempted German blockade. They were the sort of target U-boats dream about. A Paramount cameraman sailed with the warships that went into mid-Atlantic from Britain, took over the convoy and escorted it to home waters. Not one ship was lost, thanks to the unremitting vigilance of officers and ratings, every second of the trip.

Anti-aircraft guns were kept ready for instant action, though not a single enemy plane appeared. Practice-firing was daily routine.

Vigorous exercising kept the men fit and warm - impossible otherwise in the confined space of a destroyer.

(GV) The merchantmen were crammed with bombers and many other war cargoes, food not least of all.

(LV) Though there was no actual attack one incident did provide a few minutes excitement. With news that she had spotted a U-boat an aeroplane flew over the convoy. Warning to every ship was flashed round.

(BRIDGE) One destroyer was ordered to the spot where the submarine was suspected. The crew followed the usual routine with depth-charges.

(GV) With its invaluable cargoes the biggest convoy of the war came safe to port. The more that get through the quicker the war will be won.
