

In Portland Harbour, the Depot Ship "Maidstone", is the marker of grim tragedy. ~~Close~~ Close by, under thirty-six feet of water, lies one of ~~the~~ her submarine brood - H.M.S. Sidon.

The ill-fated vessel was preparing for an exercise, with eight other submarines, when the explosion of a practice torpedo badly holed her forward. ONE OF THE OTHER SUBMARINES IS STILL ALONGSIDE THE DEPOT SHIP.

~~And while rescue parties picked up survivors the salvage vessel "Moordel" passed a wire around her stern.~~

Last <sup>10</sup> ~~the~~ leave the stricken vessel was her Skipper - Lt.-Commander Verry - a hero of midget-submarine service.

Meanwhile, Officers of the "Maidstone" led a rescue team into the Sidon... Surgeon-Lt Charles Rhodes dragged out ~~two~~ <sup>INJURED MEN</sup> ~~injured men~~ - then went back into the sinking vessel. He was not seen again - and a tragic rush of bubbles marks the death of a hero.

At Portland, every available diver was rushed to the spot - and repeatedly they tapped out in morse, on the hull, "Is anyone alive?"

There was no reply.

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Three Officers and ten ratings lost their lives - including Surgeon-Lt. Rhodes of the "Maidstone".

Already, experts have started preliminary examinations, <sup>AS</sup> ~~before~~ salvage work begins.

Coming soon after the Admiralty announcement of the adoption of a new life-saving method for underwater craft - the Sidon disaster is a <sup>GRIM</sup> ~~grim~~ reminder of the peril ~~that~~ faced daily, by those who serve beneath the waves...