

5-234800

40/101

PERMANENT

MEMBER OF THE AIR.

Dwarfed by the massive size of the Sunderland Flying Boat, aircraftmen, like an army of Lilliputians prepare a gigantic "GULLIVER-ON-SEA-AIR" for Duty on Coastal Patrol. An armed version of the famous Empire Flying Boats, the mighty double-decked Sunderlands are employed on long range reconnaissance, bombing, convoy work and submarine spotting. Twenty tons of flying metal, with a wing span of over a hundred and twelve feet, and powered by four, one thousand horse power engines, is about to soar into the sky like a giant bird.

Carrying a crew of eight, with a 15 hour flying capacity, the monster soars over the surface of the water. Many a wrecked seaman has been saved at sea by these magnificent aircraft. Thirty two of the crew of a torpedoed steamer, KENNEDY COURT were picked up at sea last year and flown to safety. Many other gallant rescues have happened since then.

The flight for freedom on a massive scale.