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**THE NORMANDIE RENAMED LAFAYETTE.**

The S.S. NORMANDIE, one time French Queen of the Atlantic, is now to be an American Ace in the Battle of the Seas. Beneath a coat of war paint vanish the glories of the 83,000 ton luxury liner. Her port holes are welded over as part of the great transformation into a Naval Auxiliary. The NORMANDIE found refuge at New York when the war came to France. Now, the big name letters are removed as she starts a new life under the name LAFAYETTE - in honour of the Great Frenchman who befriended the U.S.A. in the Revolutionary War.