

After a week of painstaking preparation followed by unavailing effort, the salvage boats and lifting equipment were ~~nixtant~~ able at last, to begin the task of lifting a submarine from the bed of Portland Harbour.

The work went on through the night; and just before dawn came the first evidence of success. The Submarine Sidon --- which had sunk, following an explosion, with the loss of thirteen lives --- was coming slowly to the surface once more.

Assisting the steel hawsers, giant buoyancy tanks known as "camels" had been fixed to the hull. These were causing a heavy list; and the Sidon had to be got on an even keel, before being towed to the beach.