That One Word 'Immediate' Means Plenty Two Countries Of Action to Nazi-Hunting Naval Officers

Canadian Officers Ready at Moment's Notice to Leap Into 'Hornets of the Sea'

War-time needs for security have prevented much being withten about the during of young Canthen efficient service with the Refel Nevy in British waters. In mater terpide gunbests they put and enters the entery". Offices E-Liele, Siensweigers, Golveyers, and even a cruicer and two battlethis have been entered by "weherette to which Canadian ofthere are service. Pollowing is a dissiplica of the work of their chicars, charles their testant readlesse to fight . . . and how they ELAL

By Lieut E. H. Bartlett.

For one word, it produced an immense flurry of action. Three Canadian naval officers were

sitting before a fire in a room at an English naval base, enjoying a beforebadtme chat. They were Lieutenants J. D. Mattland and J. A. McCutcheon, of Vancouver and O. Burk, of Mont-

The chat was broken by a peremptory knock at the door. A girl of the Women's Royal Naval Bervice called out. "Immediate."

Action was instantaneous. Two of the officers, without apology or explanation, bolted from the room to their own, nearby. The third, the owner of the room, started to strip even before the door had opened for their departure. With practised speed he donned heavy woollen underwear. thick aweaters and sea-boots stockings and wool-lined leather books. A canvas coat reaching to his knees, and a woollen toque and he was dressed . . . dressed or the action with the enemy which that one word "immediate" had pro-

mised Bisching Enemy Ports

In other "cabine" brother officers give them a chance to join in, the had imitated actions. In a matter of boats and their crows were standing self in the easy chair. In a matter of The original force, outnumbered as been the Perce Rock, off our own mechanics working feverishly over the minutes they were assembling in the by. hall of the officers' quarters ready to coarste some of the deadly 'mosquito craft' which counter the hit-and-run | manding officers were greeted by the tactice of the German E-boa's and officer in charge. share in the task of blocking the

enemy ports. "Mosquito craft" is rather an out off-chance we might have a spot of concluded. of-date title for the motor torpedo action. boats and the motor launches of this | On the walls of the small room in them. "It reads, Enemy driving south. had seen the need of preparing for it war. Rather may they be termed hor- which he stood his watch, bediagged ward. Am chasing'. nets of the sea, for their sting is charts were the only decoration. There | "Good show, what?" said the Cana- training had been intensified, with victous and lethal, as there are sunk- was a deak, two telephones, table, with dian, who has gained some of the special attention to what would fit him en enemy craft to prove. And a few papers. One easy chair before a English idiom although he has lost for work with the sea-hornets. like hornets they are always in readi- small fire, a bed, not slept in that nothing of his own screent. ness to swarm to the attack

some of the officers went to their boats, who use it. the commanding officers gathered at "This is the picture," said the he had shown no sign of relaxing dur- patrol, and these Jerries came out to in the war. There had been two, but the valley. Railways would be imthe operations room to await final operations officer, and told of the in- ing the period of waiting. orders and gain as clear a picture as terception by 'some of our chaps' of a There was another settling down, possible of what had called them into much larger enemy unit. He gave broken once more by the telephone's them burst into flames, although he the "Vouga" were out on the flat fairty large city, well lighted. Some metent readiness.

There was action at sea were engaging an enemy E-boat unit "that's all we know. You'd better ait read the signal this time. The port off They had reported the fact by wire- down, and we'll get some tea."

Buch actions are swift and furious, bed and, removing his canvas coat. The English officer murmured comthe sea-hornels are the fastest craft quickly stretched full length upon it. mendations: "Chased the so-and-so's them any good, because we managed and took us to shore. The breakwater followed the "Excambion" that day, affort, and action can spread over He's an experienced campaigner and right back home."



LIEUT. J. D. MAITLAND, R.C.N.V.R., ON BRIDGE OF HIS SEA HORNET

might spread in their direction, and

Chance For Action In the operations room the com-

night and, to complete the furnishings,

figures. He gave the position where ring.

the engagement started. Some of their boats, outnumbered. "So far," the report concluded, A Canadian officer sided toward the was an enemy port. miles of sea in the course of minutes. knows how to make the most of every "It looks as if you could go home, more they didn't lay any of their ruddy a cobblestone road. Along it, donkers, and playing around the boat. I could Against the possibility that the action | moment of rest.

Everyone Relaxes

An English lieutenant stretched him- to-night." found their own method of relaxation. tion without need of assistance.

"They've got a good moon for it, The word "immediate" set their base a couple of chairs. A room not for com- should get some of them," added the humming like a hornet's nest. While fort, a room coldly efficient as the men senior officer of the unit, a Royal Navy

Chased Them Bons

"No further contacts. Btopped off . which the British craft had stopped

too" broke in the operations officer, mines, either.

moments he was asleep. The others it had been, had handled the situs. Gaspe shore. The ringing of the telephone, how- From a Canadian officer, (Lieutenever, brought them quickly to the ant George F. Duncan, RCN.V.R. alert. The operations officer took the Montreal) came the other view of the

"Borry to call you chape out," said message, his face unreadable and his picture, when, on his return to his the operations officer, "but there's an only comment a "Thank you" as it base, he told of the action. Before the war he had been a chartered "Another signal through," he told accountant. Before the war, too, he and, as an officer in the supplement-

His account of the action was concise to the point of baldness.

They Laid No Mines got them out pretty quickly. I must breakwater, drilling. quite a bumpy sea, and that didn't usual. to get quite a few hits. And what is was built of stone. Along the top nn jumping out of the tops of the waves.

Portugese Islands Large But minute run, we were in the sir- the Have Few Visitors

BY HUGH TEMPLIN

to Europe.

Nobody could have known much less stone wall. about the Azores than we did before flying to Europe. We remember the first line of the pores that used to be in some of the readers. It was about me, and we talked about things serothe last fight of the Revenge. It be nautical. He saked me if I would like san, "At Plores, in the Asores, 60 to go upstairs with him to see the pilot Richard Orenville lay." You remember and the navigators at their work. I how Bir Richard and his sick crew assured him I would like nothing betwent out against the might of Spain ter and he told me that when the and did a lot of damage before being plane came down to the water again,

talands somewhere off the coast of during the flight.
Fortugal They had been used by the The chance never came. Just as cheating, because they claimed to be heard it and looked out. Number four the first to cross the ocean in plane motor had stopped. The skipper said, across. As it happened, we came down and I didn't see him again. four umes

one volcano remains, on the island of ond time. clouds

for our first sight of Europe. It was BL John. "there just bn't going to be any fun a rocky shoreline, with a rock off the

Clippers Land at Horiz

Horte is the landing place for the Clippers, tif a sesplane can be said to land). It is a small city with most of the houses white, and the others painttel shades, with red roofs. It was pit-

back for home. We chased them but still showed New York time. Night It was their last sight of Europe. couldn't get contact again. There was had been three hours shorter than When I hear of San Miguel, I will

> oxen, mules and horses hauled little understand why so many old navigacarts. Many of them had sugar cane tors chose the dolphin for a place in that they were taking to a factory their coat of arms. The appearance of near the shore. A soft coal, apparent- dolphins must have been a pleasant ly out of a seam in the nearby break in the monotony of long voymountain, made up a number of other lages.

> Nearby, there was a market. Even It is probable that you would far at that early hour, women with bas- rather spend the rest of your days in a bottle. One Canadian bought a many nations right now. plane. He was boasting of his bargain. They would supply submarine bases a pouch and ate a hole in it. He lost his North and South America. appetite for Portugese drinks.

Unto the Hills Around

Even more interesting than the town of Horta was its background, a range the very top, with little buildings said to be hamboo—for this is a sub-I feel that the training which we tropical country. These hedges were were able to secure was invaluable and to be found sometimes around little It will be observed, said Mr. Watt the more than kindly reception given parches of cultivated land on other supposed that the Azores must be I hope that the future will provide terribly windy and it was impossible to grow some things without such pro-

There was one other feature of that island which stood out. Along the top active service and is now in process of of the ridge there was a row of tall. stone windmills, with great arms turning around, the type we think of reluctant to visit the Employment and considerable number of your citizens as Dutch windmills, but common sptook photographs of the unit during parently, to many European countries. They were up where the wind must they may be treated unfairly they ful if any of them cared to send the blow continually, and someone told

> little over an hour, the passengers were back on board the Chipper with three added to their number, a young Portugues couple and their baby. Ten Commanding soils Company (R), of the harbor into the open water of the Atlantic and after only a two-

best take-off I had seen the Clipper

For more than half an hour, if flow over the coasts of an island which was probably Pico. The island must have been 7. miles long, and it The stories for the past two weeks warn't the largest in the group. (Comhave been about the group of idends pure that with 30 miles for the length in the Atlantic known as the Ber- of the main island at Bermuda !-mudes, or more generally, simply as There weren't many inhabitants. The Bermuda. This week, I will tell of shoreline was high and rocky. An oil the other group of Atlantic tilands at tanker was making its way along the which the Clipper lands on its way shore. The fields looked tiny and they had their hadges, or occasionally, a

A Last Opertualty

The skipper of the plane sat beside he would look me up: It was against We realized that the Asores were the rules to take the passengers up

firs: Americans to fly across the At that moment, there was a change in lantic. We used to think that was the rhythm of the motors We both but they came down twice on the way "Oh, oh!" nothing more, and was gone

The Cliprer turned back towards Two of these landings were at Horts, Horts. The other Cupper, which had in the Amores, on the Island of Payal, left New York two days after we did, if we recall (We wouldn't be too sure) was sitting on the water. Before we They are not little talands, these came down, the gasoline was dumped islands a thousand miles or so from into the Atlantic. Bomeone told me Portugal, to which they belong, and that 5,000 gallons went to waste in the they weren't built up by little coral interest of safety. We came down animals, either, as the Bermudas were, really to a perfect landing and piled They are volcanic islands, and at least out into launches at Horta for a sec-

Pico, opposite Horta. It is distinctly On the breakwater, six other Canof the volcanic type, and as we flew adians watched the proceedings with past the crater of it we believed we interest. They were the balance of the saw some smoke still coming out of it newspaper party, who had left New though it may have been just the York on a later Clipper and had now caught up to us. There I first met As the Cupper came within sight three editors from Western Canada, of the Asores, we watched curiously two from Quebec city and one from

We left the Dixte Clipper sitting on up with a hole in it, which might have the waters of Horta harbor, with balky engine, while the Atlantic Clipper soared into the air and ten hours later came down on the Tarus river opposite Lisbon.

San Mires

Bix weeks later. I saw the other side ed light pink and light blue, true part of the Azores group. This time, it was from the water level and I was on the 'Excambion,' sailing past the high The harbor is an artifical one, with and rocky coast of the largest of the a concrete breakwater. Inside the talanda, Ban Miguel. It must be well breakwater, a large Portugese destroy- over a hundred miles in length, for er was anchored. It had a big "V" on | we were in sight of it for hours. The the stern, but this warn't an Allied Island is decidely mountainous, and "V for Victory" sign, but an identi- only here and there were signs of life. fication, for the name of the ship was The occasional valleys, coming down "Quite a straightforward affair," be . Vouga." Nearby was a large German to the ocean, usually had villages on lieutenant. Square-jawed, steady-eyed, declared. "We were out on an ordinary merchant ship, interned since early the coast and a few houses back in lay mines. So we went into them, the other one got away with the crews possible. Perhaps travel is mostly by Opened up with all we had and saw of both on board. The sallors from boat. Towards dust, we passed a of the European refugees on board say. It was a short affair, for they It was early morning, 7.36 by the stood out on deck till the last of the turned tall right away and streaked Amores time, 435 by my watch which lights disappeared under the horison.

think of dolphins. A number of these

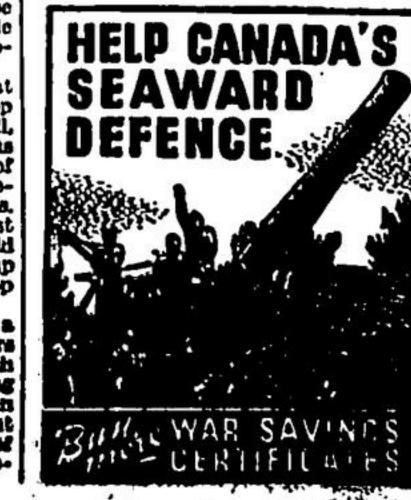
Much Covoted Islands

kets on their heads were carrying a Canadian prison than on the bleak fresh fruit and fish. In a nearby wine- shores of San Miguel or some of these ship, native brandy sold for a dollar other islands, but they are coveted by bottle of cognac and took it on the Germany would like to have them.

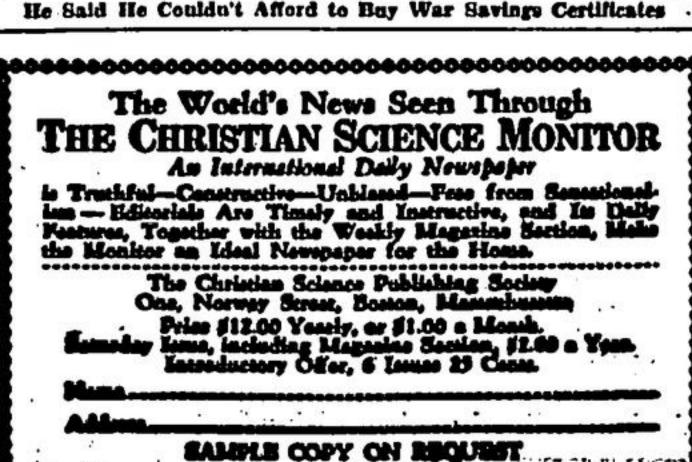
A little spilled on a rubber tobacco thousand miles nearer to parts of Nor is it only Germany which could

Boys came along with boxes and use the Azores. Last October, before equipment for shining shoes. I declin- the United States was into the war, ed. Others had postcards, and I bought that country was quite unpopular in several excellent photographs of the Portugal. The reason was simple. The islands, with Portugese stamps to bring United States had recently acquired them back by the next Clipper. Both naval and air bases on a chain of the shoeshine boys and the boys with British Islands from Newfoundland to the postcards knew a little English. | South America. Having got their bases, they looked for more—and the eyes of some talkative senators fell on the Azores. "With those islands in our hands." they said, "we could hold off of high hills. These were cultivated to German attacks before they had much more than left Europe." The argument was true enough:

there was just one flaw in it. The doing their utmost to spread the sayings of these too talkative senators in Washington.







Unemployment Insurance Commission

People who come to an employment and Claims Office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission to claim benefit will not be forced to accept insuitable work. The Unem ployment Insurance Act, said Mr. Watt set forth certain disqualifications for benefit. In no case, however was it stated or implied that a man must tuke any job offered no matter how unsultable, or unsatisfactory the

Wages.

The Unemployment Insurance Act states that an applicant for benefit is disqualified if it is proved that he has refused to accept a situation which has been drawn to his attentien by an Employment Office or other recognized agency. Similarly, he is disqualified if he neglects to avail himself of an opportunity of suitable The Editor, employment of which he is aware. The Ocorgetown Herald, Again he is disqualified if, without GEORGETOWN, Ontario. good cause, he refuses or fails to carry out any written direction given to him Dear Bir:by an Officer of the Employment Office with a view to assisting him to column to express to the citizens of scattered here and there over the find suitable employment. These dir- Georgetown our very deep apprecia- fields, and winding roads going up to ections must have been reasonable tion of the magnificient reception the top. There were fewer trees, most notion of the magnificient reception the top. There were fewer trees, most notion of the magnificient reception the top. having regard both to the circum- which was given to this unit on the of them in the town. But the fields having regard both to the circum- which was given to this unit on the stances of the claimant and to the occasion of its recent weekend tactic- were divided off by hedges of what was that over in Lisbon, the Germans were means of obtaining that employment al scheme in your community. usually adopted in the district in which ! he or she lived.

that in all these disqualifications it us by your citizens made our job an islands which we flew over later. I is expressy stated that the employ- extremely happy one. ment must be suitable. There is no desire on the part of the Unemploy- an opportunity for a return visit, ment Insurance Commission to try but this is rather problematical. Your tection. to force people into vacancies which they are not suited to, at wages which are considerably below those which they are accustomed to earning. . Consequently if claiments are Claims Offices in order to register their claims for benefits on the ground that need delay no longer.

Lawyer: "Then you say that this appreciated. man was drunk?" Witness:"I do not. I simply said that he sat in his car for three hours in front of an excevation waiting for the light to-turn green."

Men. Women Over 40 Feel Weak, Worn, Old?

"IN OUR MAIL BAG" July 21, 1943

May I be permitted space in your

mobilization.

citizens will probably be interesed to learn that this unit has been called on

I have one other favor to ask its visit. This unit would be very grateprints to this unit for preservation in its records. They should be sent to me at 137 Wellington St. West, Toronto.

This added kindness on the part of little over an hour was brief. In a

your splendid citizens would be much

P. J. PICKING, Captain, Veterans Guard of Canada.