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a deep sleep.

Upon waking, Chadwick began laughing at his buddy's "new" clothes. Christopher wore the uniform of an able seaman, first class, in the Royal Navy. When he awoke, Christopher had his own laugh at Chadwick, who now appeared to be a second lieutenant in that same navy.

"Our host seems to have played a pretty good joke on us," said Christopher. "I wonder how he got us all dressed up?"

"What concerns me," replied Chadwick, "is where our documents and wallets got to."

"Aw, lighten up; you always see the worst," said Christopher.

About then Mr. Raleigh returned, also dressed in a uniform. "Get up lads; your ship is about to sail and you wouldn't want the shore patrol to clap you in irons for being AWOL."

Christopher gave Chadwick a knowing look and said, "Let's go and see the good ship off."

They took a rather ancient car down to the coast by a road that was in shocking repair. As they approached the harbour they noticed barrage balloons and light anti aircraft gun emplacements. Arriving at the dock, there was a genuine Vosper M.T.B.

Chadwick's mouth dropped open, as he said, "Boy, do these English know how to put on a show!"

As they approached the dock the noise of a piston-engine aircraft could be heard. Lieutenant-Commander Raleigh, for that was his uniform designation, pushed his two guests into a ditch, as the roar of an M.E. 110 with its guns blazing passed nearby, setting the car afire and in turn receiving fire from a shore battery's machine gun.

"Is this time travel, or a dream?" queried Chadwick.

Looking at the burning car and the minor damage to the boat, Christopher replied, "I think sir, that we are going to have to play this game out for real; although I don't know

why you got to be the officer."

Boarding the vessel, they noticed that the crew seemed to know them. Raleigh gave the lieutenant a package with the orders for the trip. He went to the cabin to read them, while the crew cast off the lines. While it was late afternoon, it was possible to read the date; the year was 1942! The lieutenant called his able seaman friend to the cabin.

"What do you make of that?", he asked Christopher.

"We are in an interesting period of the war with respect to ships. Wasn't 42 when the battle of the Atlantic hit its height? Not only is it interesting, but we have the foreknowledge of what happened, assuming of course that nothing has changed of significance." replied his friend.

The lieutenant said, "But we must remember that those bullets are as real as this whole place we seem to have bought into."

With the roll of the ship starting as they left the harbour, the two went out on deck with the rest of the crew. Chadwick read the orders, which stated that they were to take the vessel to Brighton where they would be assigned to escort vessels traveling in the eastern reaches of the Channel and up the east coast. Perhaps they would get to tangle with those E-boats about which so much discussion revolved! The weather was quite brisk with a little chop that gave the M.T.B. a nasty roll, hard to accommodate to, especially for the new skipper. The met report promised fog later in the day. This would slow their progress, but would keep the Luftwaffe off their back.

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at Hicks' Store, Rudy's Store, Wright's Drugstore, Wight's Greenhouse, Green Gables, the Quinte Arts Council (Belleville) or by calling Mary Leavitt 476-4647. Also, if anyone has any old costumes they would like to donate to the Mummings, they can do so by calling me (476-7258). We like old clothes that are getting hard to find like evening dresses, ladies gloves, old hats or anything you think we might like. If we can't use it, we'll either give it back or donate it to the Women's Auxiliary Clothing Store. (We'd especially like nun's habits or old black choir gowns.) Remember us while you are spring cleaning! So, for know I'll say so long, farewell, auf weidersehn, goodbye!



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