

The boats were always in "watch and watch"—i.e., as often at sea as in harbour, and very frequently under harder conditions.

67. At the beginning of the campaign the enemy's active Naval Force appeared to be:—

- 2 Battleships (1 Dreadnought "Petropavlovsk," 1 "Andrei Pervozvanni,")
- 1 Cruiser ("Oleg"),
- 5 Destroyers ("Novik" class),
- 2 to 4 Submarines, and perhaps
- 4 smaller coal-burning Torpedo Boats,

besides

— Minsweepers.

68. Of these—

2 Battleships ("Petropavlovsk" and "Andrei Pervozvanni") were torpedoed and disabled in Kronstadt Harbour, and have not moved since—except "Andrei Pervozvanni" into dock.

1 Cruiser ("Oleg") was torpedoed and sunk at her moorings off Kronstadt.

3 Destroyers ("Novik" class), "Azard," "Gavril" and "Constantin" were sunk, two of them by our mines, the other either by mine or torpedo.

1 Patrol Vessel (armed), "Kitoboi," which surrendered on the night of 14th-15th June.

and, I think,

2 Submarines, one by depth charge and the other by mine.

Besides this—

1 Oiler was bombed and badly damaged.

A number of Motor Launches were set on fire and destroyed, and

1 Submarine Depot Ship ("Pamiet Azov") was torpedoed and sunk, all in Kronstadt Harbour.

An Oil Fuel Store and a very large quantity of wood and coal fuel was also burnt.

69.—Against this our losses have been:—

1 Submarine ("L.55") mined and sunk.

1 Destroyer ("Verulam") mined and sunk.

1 Destroyer ("Vittoria") torpedoed and sunk by enemy submarine.

2 Mine-sweeping Sloops ("Gentian" and "Myrtle") mined and sunk.

3 Coastal Motor Boats sunk during the attack on Kronstadt.

2 Coastal Motor Boats blown up; unserviceable.

2 Coastal Motor Boats and 2 Motor Launches sunk through stress of weather whilst in tow.

1 Store Carrier ("Vultur") mined and sunk.

1 Light Cruiser ("Curacoa") mined and salvaged.

1 Paddle Mine-sweeper ("Banbury") mined and salvaged.

1 Motor Launch (M.L.156) mined and salvaged.

1 Admiralty Oiler ("War Expert") mined and salvaged.

1 Mine-layer ("Princess Margaret") damaged by mine.

70.—The losses of personnel have been:—

<i>Killed.</i>			
Royal Navy ...	...	16 Officers.	97 Men.
Royal Air Force ...	...	4 Officers.	1 Man.
Total ...	...	20 Officers.	98 Men.

<i>Wounded.</i>			
Royal Navy ...	...	7 Officers.	35 Men.
Royal Air Force ...	...	2 Officers.	— Men.
Total ...	...	9 Officers.	35 Men.

<i>Missing.</i>			
Royal Navy ...	...	3 Officers.	6 Men.
Royal Air Force ...	...	— Officers.	— Men.
Total ...	...	3 Officers.	6 Men.

<i>Abstract.</i>					
<i>Killed.</i>		<i>Wounded.</i>		<i>Missing.</i>	
Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.
20.	98.	9.	35.	3.	6.
Total ...		Officers 32.			
,, ...		Men 139.			
Grand total ...				171.	

71. My aim was throughout the year to prevent any Bolshevik warships breaking out into the Gulf of Finland—and the ice has now relieved me of this responsibility—and also to frustrate by every means the most evident design of the Germans to overrun and dominate the Baltic Provinces and then to advance on Petrograd, and their repulse from both Riga and Libau in October and November by the Lettish troops under cover of the bombardment of our ships has, I think, put an end to this also, and all German troops were back into Prussia by 15th December.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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