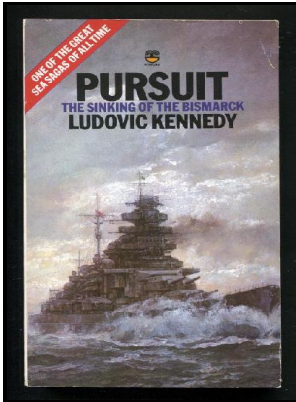


Coxswain in the northern convoys

W. Kimber - Convoy PQ 17



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I'm not certain which was best, to be told or not to be told. Being a lot lighter than they were in their peace-time occupation of fishing, they were inclined to ride over most of the seas; although they got thrown about tremendously, we suffered more from bruising by being in contact quite heavily with immovable objects than by getting wet.

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We saw that it was a corvette, and the three of us made our way past the Poppy, for that was her name, to make for a spot to drop the anchor and come to rest if only for a short time. The book in which I kept the tally of Grog issued each day and what stocks were still down in the spirit room was the most important; it had to be spot on, neither too much nor too little of the rum left in the gallon jars down there.

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The skipper was satisfied that we would learn no more about her, and said that we would carry out a further search for survivors, though he thought that it was unlikely that we should find any. On my first day home I was having tea with my parents and thinking how good it was to be at home with them again, when the alarm clock on the mantelpiece in the kitchen decided to go off.

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Lifting it up after knocking away the wedges holding the tarpaulin cover on, I peered down expecting to hear water gushing in from a hole, caused by the first explosive meeting between the ship's bows and the solid layer of ice, but I could hear no more than the sound of the lumps of ice, hitting the ship's side with the motion of the swell. Many of the latter were gone in a second with a mighty explosion and a brilliant flash of flame, with only a huge tower of smoke being left to show that a few seconds before a ten or twelve thousand ton merchant ship had been steaming along with thirty or forty human beings like us on board it. We had the usual shore leave, the odd pub crawl, met old friends, made new ones.

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You got so that you could smell them if the ship was down wind of them, but they never failed to excite me or strike me with awe at their majestic

size, and sometimes at their breathtaking beauty. Volume 6, Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt, Stuttgart 1990, , p. In addition to the 34 merchant ships, an oiler RFA Grey Ranger for the escort, and 3 rescue ships Rathlin, Zamalek, and Zaafaran sailed with the convoy.

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There was a long heavy rolling swell, of the type that if we had another ship in our company, would appear to swallow one of us up, while the other looked as if it were about to be marooned on the top of a moving mountain. Soon there was plenty of ice between us and the open sea, and we felt that here at least, we were reasonably secure and safe, from torpedo attacks, both by U-boat and torpedo-carrying aircraft, should they find us.

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