

The SHELDRAKE's Signals Officer, Sub. Lieut. C.F. Place, R.N.V.R., of La Cambre, Argentina, used to round up Hereford bulls on an Argentine farm before he crossed the Atlantic to join the Navy in 1942. He served as an Ordinary Seaman in the Indomitable.

"But I was never able to rope a steer," says Sub. Lieut. Place, who was born in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He left the Union when he was seven years old, and has spent most of his life in South America.

"After spending 10 years with the Union Cold Storage Company of Buenos Ayres, I worked for two years on an 'estancia' buying up cattle from the farmers and selling them again to the butchers. I used to do my share of rounding up the cattle on horseback with the gauchos."

The First Lieutenant of the SHELDRAKE, Lieut. R.E. Muirhead, R.N.V.R., was the director of a tannery firm at Bridge of Weir, near Glasgow, and in the early years of the war served as a rating in a frigate escorting Atlantic convoys.

H.M.S. SHELDRAKE is adopted by Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

She was built and engined by Messrs. John I. Thornycroft & Co. Ltd.,

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