

ARCHANGEL TO ARLINGTON

**Former Russian Imperial
Flight Officer Laid to Rest
in Arlington
by the Chief
Coast Guard
Boatswain's Mate
Victor Utgoff**

By E. F. CLARK

IT is a far cry from the frozen tundra of the Russia's and honorable service as a commissioned officer in the air forces of the Czar to the quiet slopes of historic Arlington Cemetery. That route was traveled by Victor V. Utgoff, a man born and bred to patriotic service. When the country of his birth—the country he loved—collapsed under him and men like him—he followed the path of so many from the old world and chose service in the land of his adoption. He died for his adopted country like a sailor and a gentleman.

The noblemen of Russia who came to this country and went to work like men is not merely a movie story.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Victor V. Utgoff, formerly a lieutenant-commander in the Imperial Russian Navy, who was killed in an airplane crash at Coast Guard Section Base 7, Gloucester, Mass., on October 11, 1930, was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on October 16th. Mass was held at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at 11:00 a. m., followed by a funeral service at 12:30 and interment at 2:00 p. m. in Arlington Cemetery. Mr. Utgoff was a member of the Association of Former Russian Naval Officers in the United States, and a delegation from the organization attended the funeral.

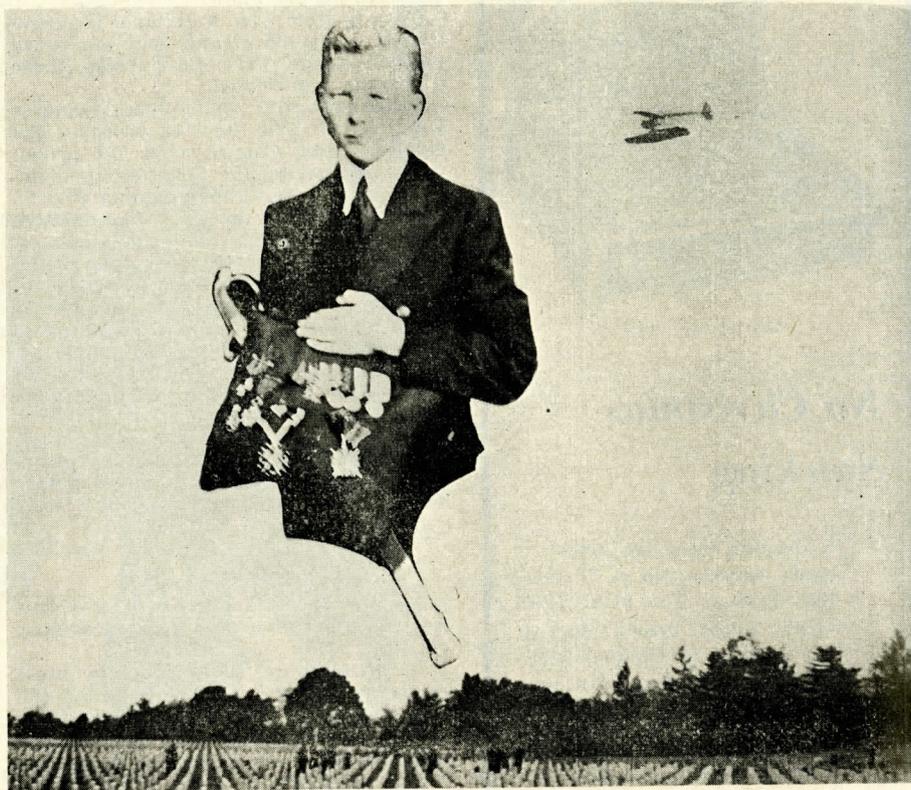
From St. Petersburg

Mr. Utgoff was a graduate of the Russian Naval Academy at St. Petersburg. Following his service, during most of which he was detailed to the Black Sea Fleet, he came to the United States, and in 1915 and 1916 was an inspector of airplanes built by the Curtiss Airplane Company for the Russian Navy. He was an outstanding aviator and was one of the first officers in the World War to receive the Cross of St. George, which was awarded him for unusual valor in attacking and damaging the Turkish naval base at Trebizond.

In 1918, Mr. Utgoff returned to the United States and was attached to the office of the Naval Attache to the Russian Embassy in Washington. Later he was associated with Anton Sikorsky, and Sikorsky's first airplane built in the United States was constructed on Mr. Utgoff's farm on Long Island. In November, 1929, Mr. Utgoff enlisted in the Coast Guard as chief boatswain's mate and was assigned to the Coast Guard aviation unit at Section Base 7, Gloucester, Mass. He is survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter.

Admiral F. C. Billard, Commandant of the Coast Guard and several officers of his staff on duty at Headquarters attended the funeral at Arlington.

The following telegram was received on October 15th, from I. Sikorsky, the



—Fotos E. F. Clark

THE LAST PATROL

A giant Russian Sikorsky plane roars tribute over historic Arlington as Chief Boatswain's Mate Victor V. Utgoff, U.S.C.G. ex-lieutenant-commander and flight officer in the Russian royal forces, is laid to his final rest.

Insert shows his son, Victor Utgoff, Jr., with his father's Russian naval sword and the high honors won in the Russian service. The medals shown are Russian Cross of St. George; Russian Wings, (Naval Academy.); French Legion of Honor; Cross of St. Stanislaus with Swords; Cross of St. Anne; Cross of St. Stanislaus (small); Centenary medals awarded by the Russian Royal Naval Academy.

airplane ace and builder and I am quoting its verbatim for any use you may care to make of it in connection with an article you will undoubtedly write on the burial of Victor Utgoff, late of the Coast Guard.

"I MISHTOWT
1837 R St.,
Washington, D. C.

As class mate and friend since Russian Naval Academy and as early collaboration in aviation activities here and abroad, I hasten to express my great sorrow for the untimely loss of Lieut.-Comdr. Victor Utgoff. The numerous friends of Commander Utgoff in our company including myself would greatly appreciate if you could arrange with authorities in Washington for Commander Utgoff's funeral in accordance with his rank in the Russian Navy as Commander of one of the first bombing squadrons engaged in the war for his valor he was honored in addition to other decorations with Saint George's Cross of Russia. With Saint George's Gold Sword. With Legion of Honor of France. With Saint George's Cross of England. Unavoidable business will not allow me to be present at his funeral in Washington and we are sending a plane with Capt. Boris Sergievsky and two other officers who will represent the Russian Naval Association and the Sikorsky Aviation Corporation.

(Signed) I. SIKORSKY."

ARANSAS

Floated motorboat with two men aboard, and towed her into harbor.

JACKSON PARK

Towed the motor cruiser named *Fear Naught* with six sea scout boys on board to her mooring buoy in Jackson Park Harbor.

CITY POINT

Man on watch reported two men aboard a sloop about half a mile from station who were beckoning for assistance. On arrival it was found to be the sloop *Papoose* in a sinking condition due to striking a sunken object. Towed sloop to Columbia Yacht Club.

Man on watch reported that the Boston Police Boat *E. U. Curtis* was signaling for aid. Upon arrival it was found that police boat had lost her propeller. Towed boat to Station 8, Boston, Mass.

CREED'S HILL STATION

Lookout reported that car was in quick sand on the bank of the beach about one mile northeast of station. Succeeded in getting her to safe road without damage.

CUTTER SNOHOMISH

Towed disabled steamer *Dochet*, owned by the Redwood Line and carrying a general cargo consigned to the McCormick Steamship Line, valued at \$80,000, to Port Angeles, Wash.