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The Fleet Air Arm has crippled the Italian battle fleet and earned the rousing applause of the free world. The decks of Eagle and Illustrious presented a scene like this as the assaulting aircraft took off to raid Taranto.

They were obeying the precept of Admiral Cunningham to seek out the enemy on every possible occasion. In Taranto lay the warships that would not put to sea - and in their own stronghold we severely damaged two cruisers, two auxiliaries, two battleships of the Conte di Cavour class, and one 35-thousand-ton battleship of the Littorio class. They were first class men-of-war and they were lost in a night.

The Naval Air Arm knew that all conceivable devices protected Taranto, including a balloon barrage. They attacked in two ways, first by bombing, with shattering effect all round the harbour.

Even more daringly the naval air arm dropped torpedoes, nearly skimming the water to do it.

Then they went home to the mother ships to report the overwhelming success of the operation brilliantly conceived by Admiral Cunningham.

What does the Navy think about it ?

The Air Force ?

And you two ?

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