# BISMARCK'S END: ACTUAL SHELLING

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Some of the conquerors of the German battleship Bismarck are back in port. It was appropriate that the first victorious man-o'-war to catch the camera's eye was the now Victorious herself - one of the aircraftcarriers that played a glorious part in the battle. Some of her planes are scarred, but the ship's cat's nine lives are all intact. The first of Paramount's interviews with herces of the engagement was accorded by a naval airman, Lieutenant Ennever.

The cruiser Norfolk skilfully shadowed Bismarck throughout the chase and repeatedly hit her with eight-inch salvoes. Hear Captain Phillips The first man of the Norfolk's crew to spot the Bismarck was Leading-Signalman White.

The long, low Rodney played a big part in ending the Bismarck's career. Back in port her sailors were busy hauling the giant sixteen-inch armour-piercers aboard, replacing the ones she had fired. What chance had the poor Bismarck's crew - with no Anderson shelter, either.

Blistered paint shows that Rodney's guns got pretty hot. One of the ship's ratings described the action that raised the temperature. So, without losing any time, the name Bismarck is added to the battle honours won by ships which have borne the honoured name Rodney.

The cruiser Dorsetshire gave Bismarck the coup de grace. Admiral Wellwood-Maxwell congratulated Captain Marten and his crew on earning that distinction....And so say all of us.

Cruisers and battleships raced towards the Bismarck when she was sighted on the last morning. The enemy hoped to escape into Brest. King George V, newest but one of our battleships led the chase. Bismarck was outmanoeuvred, but full of fight. Very soon we came within range and Rodney and the King George opened fire.

This picture was taken by a naval officer at the height of the action. On the horizon you see shells from the Bismarck bursting in the water.

The enemy could still fire with all her great guns, but her shots fell wide.

(Seven Scenes Here Without Voice)

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(GV) The last of these actual pictures of the battle shows the Bismarck a smoking ruin.

Nearly a hundred Germans were saved and brought back to Britain. Most of them were very young. Of the two-thousand who had put to sea in the Bismarck they were almost the only survivors. They are fortunate to have fallen into the hands of a chivalrous foe.

To Rodney came the First Lord to convey the Admiralty's congratulations. Mr. Alexander posed between Captain Dalrymple-Hamilton and the Commander.

At the First Lord's request the assembled ship's company heard that the Admiralty and the whole nation are proud of what they did.

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## SV First Lord Alexander talking:

The destruction of the Bismarck that great and powerful ship had to be accomplished to be true to the traditions critich Reyal Nevy because in the Nevy I know officers and men know how to evenge the loss of these who are comrades an many of whom have been shipanted. I am glad to think that you played such a great and powerful part had

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in the action which meant the destruction of a ship - a destruction which secured at once two things for us. First it undoubtedly interfored and destroyed some great project thich the Nazi dictator had in mind for if he had not such a project it is almost unconceivable that at that time he would have sont Admiral Lution as well as the Captain of the Bismarck an the particular mission."

## LY Captain talks and calls for cheers:

" I can assume you - I can assure amargady (?) that it is most highly appreciated by us all. We are proud and pleased to have been able to de as we did and I can assure that we have no other thought than to de our duty to the utmost as long as this war continues. Now I would like you to show your appreciation by the visit of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Alemander in the usual manner by giving three cheers." (Cheers, stc.)

#### CU Rating from Redney talks:

"Well, it was just nice up there, sitting down there watching things go. She was a fire looking ship but she just couldn't take it in the set we were pumping salve after salve into her you could see them hit. By the time we finished we left her burning from atom to stern. One of her mage. must have blown up and she was sinking."

#### Transtein F.G.H. Dalrymple-Hamilton of Rodney.

"I need hardly say that we are very pleased in the Redney to get this opportunity of engaging the energy after having to wait for so many months. I rather an exciting moment when we turned round to find the Bismarck and it wasn't long before the saw her some twelve miles away. The Rodney opened fire first and shortly afterwards the King George V did the same. It was a great tonic after not having had any breakfast to hear 16 " gun salves going off just in front of one."

## With CU Captain continues speeds

" About one of the best cures for that early morning feeling that I known. It wasn't long before the Bismarck opened fire and did the Rodney the honour of selecting her for her first target. The salves ut first ware short but after a few minutes several salvess ceme pretty elece However with the King George V and Rodney both concentrating on her it was not long before instituterransmont her fire slacked and in about half an hour her fire ceased more or less completely."

SV Free French Signal officer and Royal Australian Navigating officer:

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" I am an officer of the Royal Australian Navy. I am the navigating officer of the Rodney and through the action I was on the bridge alongside the captain."

SV Captein A.J. Phillips of HMS Norfolk;

"How we eventually did loss touch marking of the 20th of Mag. and the advectually did loss touch marking of the 20th of Mag. had been fully told in Adviralty commanders. But I will about add this that we in the Norfolk are very glad and very proud to be in the fray from start to finish, the only ship in the Fleet to have done so, and further that we were able to take a hand in her final destructions, we the her repeatedly with out 8-inch salves and by one if not by Cu Commander A.C. Luce of the Norfelk:

"The Norfolk is a West country ship with men that...en ...meny of our families come from Plymouth and most of our wives and relations come from citics which have been blitzed one time or another and it's been aufully hard to Bear listening to the accounts of how these cities have been bombed from time to time and am...and never rechaning that we were going to get the chance to hit back. I cant tell you what relish it was and with what relish we watched the destruction of this ship. We simply loved every moment of it."

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## SV Signal men White of HMS Norfelk:

"I sighted her on the port how and she immediately loosed and at w. We feelings were pratty mixed for a few seconds until I saw the bits more drop about forty or fifty yords every from the ship's side and I realised then that although we had been Bismarcked we were quite manarked." (Cheers from other seilers and signalmen takes off hat)]

LV Fift. Commander Renald of His Victorious (in charge of flight which torpedoed Bismarck)

"At the end of that time their had found Bismarck, hide themselves in the clouds from her until in the right position and then deliver the attack. Nine aircraft left the ship to do this and I did not expect more than five or six back at the most. I nearly wept with joy on the bridge when ning appeared later on that night."

## CU Flt. Commander Ranalds

"Nothing happened for two hours and then signal man came inxine with the signals from the aircraft, "have attacked Bismarck, bomb-bits observed". Very soon we were all smiles and running round and very plannak to see the aircraft coming back

However we had to wait and we waited another hour and a half and than far away we saw seven airplanes. Even them I was very pleased because I had not expected to see as many as that to return immus from this really very risky trip. Shortly after however to ear joy we saw two more and in about half an hour's time all nine had safely landed the deck at night and under the most difficult conditions in which a night landing can possibly be done with the ships steaming very fast and there was a strong wind, low clouds and spraycoming over the deck and every pilot in spite of the strain he had been through, this 240 mile journey over the sea and delivared his attack and found his way back again. Every single pilot landed on safely without the slightest damage to any aircraft."

SV Lt. Mener anover of the Victorious:

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