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NOTE : Mr. Churchill announced on November 13th. 1940 that two Italian battleships, two cruisers, and two fleet auxiliaries were put out of action in the naval raid on Taranto Harbour on Monday November 11th. 1940. This reduced Italy's naval strength by half, and made her Mediterranean fleet inferior to that of the British. The above story depicts the British warships that took part in the battle with the Italian fleet off Cape Matapan. In this engagement the Italian cruisers, Zara, Fiume, and Pola were sunk, the British suffered no loss, damage or casualties. The ships were under the Command of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham. The heavy losses suffered by the Italian navy in these two battles gave Britain a substantial lead in the sea power in the Mediterranean.

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