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AFTER THE BISMARCK!

Our Navy has written another glorious page in the history of Sea Power. Aboard H.M.S. RENOWN, Vice Admiral Semerville works out his plan of operations in the most dramatic chase in Naval history. Days and nights of relentless pursuit of the BISMARCK, by the greatest convergence of warships ever participating in a round-up at sea. Aircraft from ARK ROYAL get away to deliver the crippling blow on the 'unsinkable' pride of the Swastika Navy. The story of the seventeen hundred and fifty mile chase in which a host of warships, Coastal Command and Fleet Air Arm aircraft, Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force planes participated, is without parallel. The main body of the Home Fleet, vessels from the Western Mediterranean and at least two battleships from the North Atlantic, spun an ocean web from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean in which to trap the sea raider, and avenge the sinking of H.M.S. HOOD.

And now, the only pictures actually taken during the engagement. This portion of our picture is an enlargement from a small film taken from one of our ships and shows the last of BISMARCK's shells bursting before she sank. But the fact remains, the BISMARCK was sent to the bottom, a hundred or so survivors being picked up out of her total complement of about two thousand. The remnant which go to an internment camp may now ruminate on the fact, that the thirty-five-thousand ton pride of Hitler was only on the High Seas for a week when she met her doom. Speedy and sure was the vengeance taken by our men, and in the characteristically modest manner of heroes, a few of the officers and men

who took part, tell their stories. Many a ship in the Royal Navy will carry evidence of the part it played in the fierce and memorable encounter. Let us salute all with pictures of a few.

KING GEORGE THE FIFTH.

PRINCE OF WALES

RAMILLES

SHEFFIELD

COSSACK

and DORSETSHIRE which, with her torpedoes, administered the Coup de Grace.

What spirit! What courage! What men!

Good health sailor - Have this one on us!