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Heavily reinforced since the collapse of France our Mediterranean Fleet is now grasping with both hands the advantages of using Greek bases in the war against Italy. Here are the first pictures of the vigilant hunt for enemy ships which Admiral Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean, has intensified in the past few weeks. His Chief-of-Staff is Rear-Admiral Willis.

Planes of the Fleet Air Arm had returned to the mother ship, after the usual vain search for Italian men-o'-war, when enemy bombers swooped down from a great height, and soon had a lot of sound reasons for climbing again.

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As one of our cameramen was shooting bomb-bursts on the horizon some more fell uncomfortably close, and he was shot off his feet.

In a few minutes the anti-aircraft got a direct hit - an Italian bomber plunged down and burned on the sea.

Who says 13's unlucky ?

One of the bomber's crew kept himself afloat, while a British vessel sped to the rescue. The sailors might have been machine-gunned had they been fighting Germans, but though the Italians have the Nazi code of honour they don't linger when it's too hot. They're frightened of outstaying their welcome.

Another Italian was picked up dead. The Mediterranean Fleet pins the enemy in harbour and foils the Axis in the traditional British way, by commanding the seas.
