

NAVAL VICTORY --- SCHARNHORST --- 3 DESTROYERS. 1044

These are action pictures of the German Fleet at sea, raiding the Allies' convoys; they have been acquired by us at a singularly suitable time.

But First, we welcome in our own pictures, the safe return to a British port of two famous cruisers from the Bay of Biscay. H.M.S. Glasgow --- the ship which took part in the sinking of three German destroyers; two cruisers fought a magnificent action against a force of eleven German destroyers and defeated them soundly. The Glasgow's captain was Captain Clark, seen here with his second in command, Commander Lloyd Davies.

This is H.M.S. Enterprise; Enterprise was the other cruiser that sank, scattered and damaged that German force despite its superior numbers and gun-power. Captain Grant commanded the Enterprise --- and now comes on board the Glasgow for a chat. The two cruisers did not accomplish their great victory without damage or casualties, but the superior naval skill and courage of their officers and men won the day.

*And straightway, they prepare for the next job.*  
and Here, from a captured German newsreel, we have the inside story of some of the Scharnhorst's exploits. With her sister ship Gneisenau, she roved the seas in the early days of the war, when British naval strength was not sufficient to give full protection to our convoys. She had a merry time, this steel-clad raider, descending like a wolf upon defenceless flocks of sheep.

These were great days for the German Navy; though even then they never dared to risk a full-scale action with the British Fleet; but our merchant seamen endured unspeakable hardships and dangers.

*seen from the German point of view;*  
 This was the Scharnhorst's day; but she was piling up a debt that had to be met in the end. *We shall not gain anything after the war just how much damage she did.*  
 Then Repeated blows by the Royal Air Force and constant hunting by the Navy drove the Scharnhorst ultimately to the Norwegian fjords. The battleship Duke of York was ~~then~~ then escorting huge convoys of war goods to Russia, aided by cruisers such as the Norfolk, and destroyers too. And they were not only British ships in the escort; the Norwegian destroyer Stord had a proud place, in this action off the coasts from which her crew was in exile.

Much of the action that sent the Scharnhorst finally to the bottom of the sea, took place at night. *but* on board this great new battleship was the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser; with him is the captain of the Jamaica, whose torpedoes administered the kill. *twelve* twelve hour chase in Arctic gloom gave the chances to the Duke of York's gun crews; and they took it. Off the North Cape on the Sunday following Christmas Day, these men and their comrades settled the account of the greatest battleworthy fighting ship in the German Navy.

*German (There are some of the gun crew)*  
 These are the survivors; thirty-six prisoners; ~~all~~ all that could be saved from the Scharnhorst's crew of more than fourteen hundred. It was another mighty blow at Hitler's fighting power; a great victory for the Royal Navy.