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This is war. This is what is known in the Navy as "contact with the enemy." These pictures have the slow measured drama of a great sea battle. Shown on the screen for the first time in film history, a magnificent British Naval Victory. It's the dim light of early morning - the mist hangs low over Narvik Fiord. With H.M.S. Warspite and attendant destroyers, we are gliding towards the Germans, and there are the shells exploding ahead of us.

Into the snowy distance, at the far end of the fiord, are units of the German Navy, and every one of our guns is speaking its fury and its defiance against them.

You can see the flashes from our guns, and the German shore batteries. You can see the camera shake as our own ship fires her broadside.

On this day, according to the Admiralty communique of April thirteenth, seven German warships were completely destroyed while only three British destroyers were not even seriously damaged.

A pillar of smoke rises from one German ship; and here are others. A present of scrap iron for Hitler's birthday.

Today, as ever, we are proud of the Royal Navy, fighting for freedom, against the powers of evil.

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