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ITALIAN CRUISER ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE

One of H.M. Submarines under the command of Lieut. A.C.G. Mars, D.S.O., R.N., reports that she has attacked an Italian cruiser of the Regolo class in the Straits of Messina. The noise of a heavy explosion followed the attack the full effects of which could not be observed.

Other submarines operating against Axis supply lines in the Mediterranean have torpedoed two tankers and a supply ship of medium size. One of the tankers was intercepted near Cape Spartivento, Italy, while proceeding under an escort of one torpedo boat, several motor anti-submarine boats, armed trawlers and aircraft. The other tanker was torpedoed while being towed off the north coast of Sicily and the supply ship formed part of a convoy, which was attacked near Marittimo. Noisy but ineffective counter measures by the enemy escorts made it impossible to observe the full results of these attacks. At least one of the tankers, however, is believed to have been sunk.

The submarines responsible for these successes are under the command of Lieut. A.R. Daniell, D.S.C., R.N., Lieutenant J.L.M. McGeoch, D.S.O., R.N., and Lieutenant M.L.C. Crawford, D.S.C., R.N.

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