

DESTROYER'S FINE RECORD

The destroyer H.M.S. INGLEFIELD, whose loss is announced in an Admiralty Communique today, (M.o.I. Handout No. 36) shared in the double honour of being among the first of H.M. Ships to open the invasion of Europe and later to enter Brindisi harbour after the capitulation of Italy.

In company with two cruisers and another destroyer, she took part in the preliminary bombardment of Catania an hour before the first troops landed on the Sicilian beaches.

H.M.S. INGLEFIELD had steamed a quarter of a million miles since the outbreak of war.

During her service with the Home Fleet she operated with escorts protecting convoys to North Russia, and once made a dash to a Russian harbour with urgently needed medical supplies.

In company with another destroyer the INGLEFIELD took part in the raid on the Norwegian Fish Oil Depots in Flore Fiord. She went in with guns blazing and for 90 minutes poured shells into the factory building.

H.M.S. INGLEFIELD was adopted by Argyllshire. She was built and engined by Messrs. Cammell Laird of Liverpool, and was completed in 1937.

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