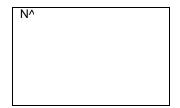
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0300 18 March 1945

Background. After the Italian armistice in 1943, the Germans managed to seize and keep in commission several ships of the Regia Marina. These the Germans employed in attempts to cover Axis coastal convoys along the northern Italian coasts. In the early morning of March 18, 1945, British shore radar stations at Cape Corse and Ligorno detected three of these ships on a mining operation. Two Royal Navy destroyers were sent to intercept them.

Forces:

Royal Navy	Division 1	Lookout Meteor	("L" Class flag) ("M" Class)
Kriegsmarine Cdr. Burkart	Division 1	TA32 TA24 TA29	(Premuda flag) (Ariete) (Ariete)



The British formation is steaming on a course of 270 degrees (due west), 20 inches from the north edge and 20 inches from the east edge.

The German division is steaming in order on a course of 90 degrees (due east), 20 inches from the north edge and 45 inches from the east edge.

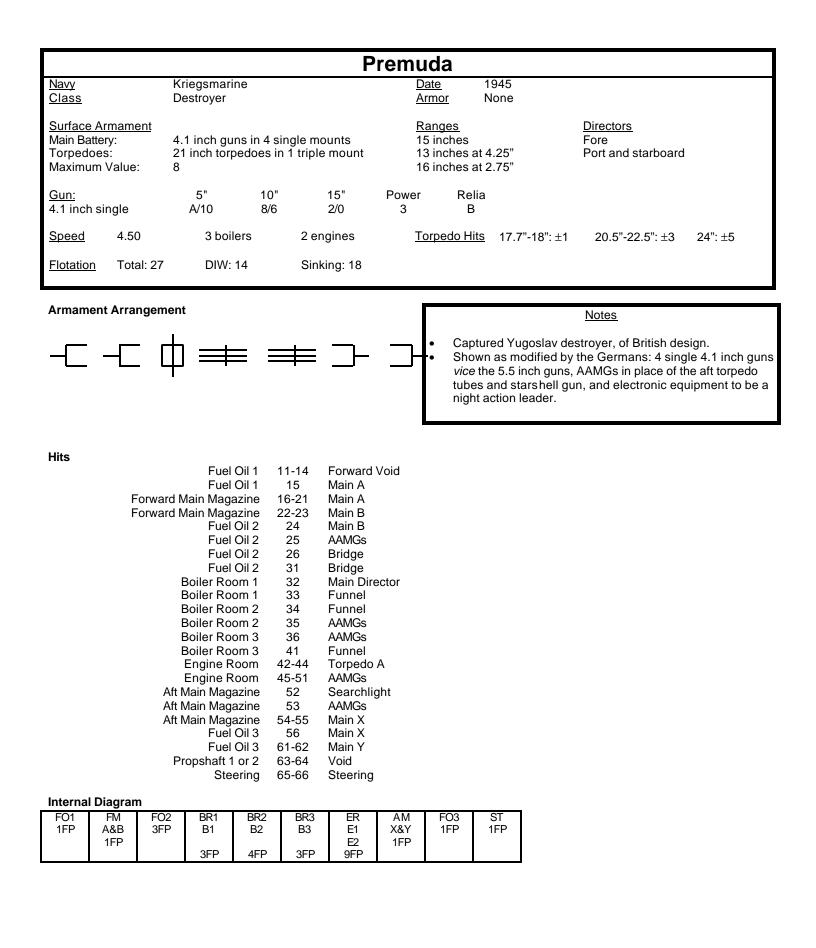
Victory Conditions:

- a) 1 point per ship sunk,
- b) 1 point per British destroyer exited from the east edge.

Special Rules:

- 1. The British destroyers have Type 271 search radars and Type 285 fire control radars.
- 2. The German ships have Seetakt radars. TA32 has a radar detector that can detect British radars at a range equal to the range of the British radar.
- 3. The British may move freely from the start of the scenario.
- 4. The TA32 has 4.1 inch guns in place of her 5.5 inch guns, and has landed her aft torpedo tubes in favor of AAMGs.
- 5. The TA25 and TA29 have both landed their after set of torpedo tubes and are carrying mines in their place. Treat a hit on these mines as a magazine hit.
- 6. Visibility is Level -4 with a base of 10 inches.

Outcome: In a running fight, the Lookout and Meteor sank the TA25 and the TA29. The TA32 escaped. This was the last surface engagement in the Mediterranean.



Ariete Class									
<u>Navy</u> Class		Kriegsmarin Torpedo Boa			<u>Dat</u> Arn		945 Ione		
<u>Surface A</u> Main Batte Torpedoe Maximum	ery: s:	3.9 inch gun 17.7 inch tor 8		gle mounts n 2 twin mounts	16 i 2 in	nges inches ches at 4.7 ches at 3.7	-	<u>Directors</u> Fore Port and starboard	
<u>Gun:</u> 3.9 inch si	ingle	5" A/10	10" 8/6	15" 2/0	16" 1/-2	Power 3	Relia B		
<u>Speed</u>	3.75	2 boile	rs	2 engines	Tor	<u>pedo Hits</u>	17.7"-18": ±2	20.5"-22.5": ±4	24": ±6
Flotation	Total: 25	DIW: 1	3	Sinking: 17					

Armament Arrangement



Notes

Fourteen ships in class, many of which were seized and commissioned by the Germans. ٠

Hits

Engine Room 45-46 Torpedo B Engine Room 51 Searchlight Aft Main Magazine 52 Main X Aft Main Magazine 53 Main X Aft Main Magazine 54-55 Void Fuel Oil 3 56 Void Fuel Oil 3 61-62 Void Propshaft 1 or 2 63-64 Void	Engine Room Aft Main Magazine Aft Main Magazine Aft Main Magazine Fuel Oil 3 Fuel Oil 3	51 52 53 54-55 56 61-62	Searchlight Main X Main X Void Void Void	
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Internal Diagram

FO1	FM	FO2	BR1	BR2	ER	AM	FO3	ST
1FP	А	2FP	B1	B2	E1,E2	Х	2FP	1FP
	1FP		4FP	4FP	8FP	2FP		

