

**British Naval Activities and Attack on Taranto
4-11 November 1940**

Operations Coat and Crack

HMS Barham
HMS Berwick
HMS Glasgow
3 Destroyers

Force H

HMS Ark Royal
HMS Sheffield
8 destroyers

Malta Close Escort Group

3 destroyers from Force H

Convoy MW3

5 Merchant Vessels from Alexandria to Malta
2 Merchant Vessels to Suda Bay
HMS Coventry
3 Destroyers

Convoy ME3

3 Merchant Vessels awaiting passage from Malta to Alexandria
HMS Ramillies
HMS Coventry
2 Destroyers

Convoy AN6

3 Merchant Vessels from Egypt to Grece
Escort of trawlers

Cruiser Force¹

Force B Carrying troops to Crete

HMS Ajax
HMS Sidney

Force C (carrying RAF stores & supplies to Greece)

HMS Orion

Operation "Judgement"²

HMS Warspite
HMS Valiant
HMS Malaya
HMS Ramillies
HMS Illustrious
HMS Gloucester
HMS York
unknown number of destroyers

Italian Forces in Taranto Night of 11 November

¹ After completion of these missions they were to join two destroyers in the Otranto Strait in the night of 11 November and become Force X.

² To meet and cover Convoy MW3. Ramillies to detach as escort. Barham force to be met thereafter, Illustrious to detach with Gloucester, Berwick, York, and Glasgow and four destroyers to attack Taranto.

9th Destroyer Squadron
Carducci (DD)
Alfieri (DD)
Orani (DD)
Gioberti (DD)
8th Destroyer Squadron
Folgare (DD)
Balena (DD)
Lampo (DD)
1st Cruiser Division
Fiume (CA)
Zara (CA)
Gorizia (CA)
9th Battleship Division
Littorio (BB)
Vittorio Veneto (BB)
5th Battleship Division
Giulio Cesare (BB)
Conte di Cavour (BB)
? Battleship Division
Caio Duilio (BB)
Andrera Doria (BB)
3rd Cruiser Division
Trieste (CA)
Bolzano (CA)
Trento (CA)

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