



ON NOV. 27, 1940, Fairey *Albacore* torpedo planes from the *Ark Royal* scored hits on the Italian battleship *Vittorio Veneto* and a cruiser off the coast of Sardinia. On May 26, 1941, *Albacores* of the *Ark Royal* made an attempt to tor-

pedo the German battleship *Bismark* but the attempt was defeated by the unfavorable weather.

A later attempt was successful and two torpedoes reached their mark, damaging the steering gear and reducing the *Bis-*

*mark's* speed. At daylight May 27, the weather again prevented another attack by *Albacore* and *Swordfish* torpedo planes. Naval vessels of different classes later closed in for the final attack which ended the *Bismark's* short cruise.