

Between 1110 and 1804 three attacks were made on the 1st Battle Squadron and EAGLE, 25 bombs being dropped.

There were no hits but several near misses.

As a result of these attacks a course was set, to close the Egyptian coast and No. 252 Wing requested to send fighters. Fighters were sent later in the afternoon but no more attacks developed.

65. The Rear-Admiral, 3rd Cruiser Squadron in CAPETOWN, and CALEDON, sailed from Alexandria to rendezvous with convoy M.S. One at 1000/13th in the vicinity of position 33° 50' N, 23° 00' E

Saturday, 13th July.

66. The Commander-in-Chief in WARSPITE, with the 7th Cruiser Squadron and escorting

destroyers, arrived Alexandria at 0600 and convoy M.F. One and escort at 0900. RAMILLIES, screened by HAVOCK, IMPERIAL, DIAMOND and VENDETTA, was then sailed to escort convoy M.S. One.

67. The force with Rear-Admiral, 1st Battle Squadron, was subjected to bombing attacks between 1056 and 1623. During this time EAGLE's three Gladiators shot down a shadowing aircraft and 2 bombers and another was so severely damaged that it probably did not reach home. Blenheim fighters were sent out during the afternoon to provide protection.

68. Force C entered harbour at Alexandria at 0815 on 14th July, and the 3rd Cruiser Squadron, convoy M.S. One and escort, and RAMILLIES, at 0900 on the 15th.

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