



## SCENARIO 2: BATTLE OF CAPE SPADA

19 JULY 1940, Local time: 0730

Part of the RM Second Cruiser Division departed Tripoli in July 1940 for the Aegean. While en route, they ran into patrolling Royal Navy destroyers off of Crete. The tin cans had a friend in the area.

### CONDITIONS

**Daylight, visibility:** 30 Kyds  
**Weather Modifier:** +2 for heavy seas  
**Wind:** Light ESE  
**Initial Bearing:** RN southern force due east of RM forces  
**Initial Range:** 20 Kyds

### ALLIES (Royal Navy & Royal Australian Navy)

#### Southern Force:

*Hasty* (Flagship), *Havock*, *Hero*, *Hyperion*, *Hex* - all "H" Class DDs

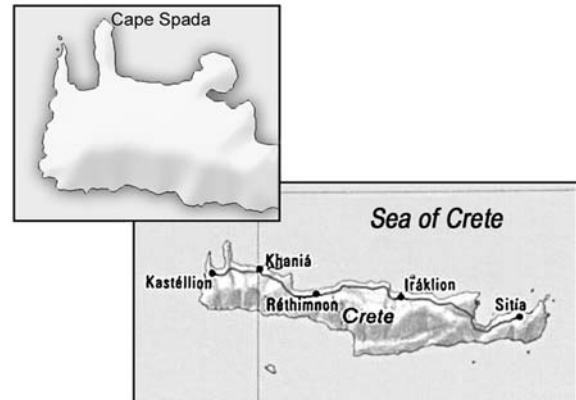
**Crew Quality:** Experienced  
**Damage Control:** Poor  
**Radar:** None  
**Sonar:** None  
**Cohesion:** 16  
**Initial Heading:** 270 degrees (W)  
**Initial Speed:** 20 knots  
**Initial Formation:** any

#### Northern Force:

*Sydney* (flagship) - *Perth* Class CL  
*Havcock* - "H" Class DD

**Crew Quality:** Experienced  
**Damage Control:** Normal  
**Radar:** None  
**Sonar:** None  
**Cohesion:** 16  
**Initial Heading:** 135 degrees (SE)  
**Initial Speed:** 100 knots  
**Initial Formation:** ASW sweep (line abreast) 80 Kyds NE of southern force

**Objective:** Defeat the Italians by maneuvering to bring all allied forces to bear. Sink or cripple at least one RM vessel.



### REGIA MARINA

*Bartolomeo Colleoni* (Flagship), *Giovanni dalle Bande Nere*: - both *Condotierri* CL, first type

**Crew Quality:** Experienced  
**Damage Control:** Poor  
**Radar:** None  
**Sonar:** None  
**Cohesion:** 16  
**Initial Heading:** 45 degrees (NE)  
**Initial Speed:** 14 knots  
**Initial Formation:** any

#### **Objective:**

Inflict a defeat on the Royal Navy with your superior forces. Sink or cripple at least two RN vessels while avoiding losses to own force.

### **HISTORICAL RESULT: Allied Victory**

The British destroyers immediately withdrew to the north, hoping to draw the Italian light cruisers towards the *Sydney*. Once the Italians sighted the allied northern force, they turned away to the southeast. The *Colleoni* took a critical hit in the rudder and a second to the electrical system. She fought on, under manual control, but was sunk by torpedoes. The remaining vessels withdrew.