

Convoys Fight Way Through

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TWO more convoys have got
through to Russia. But at
a cost. . . .

One had delivered its cargoes
and was on its way back. The
other was on the outward voyage.

For three days—in the lengthen-
ing daylight of the Arctic spring,
in ice and storms — they were
repeatedly attacked from the air,
on the surface, and from below it.

Cruiser Sunk

The 10,000-ton cruiser Edinburgh
was torpedoed by a U-boat, taken in
tow, again hit by a destroyer's tor-
pedo, abandoned, and—because of
the weather—sunk by our own
forces.

One ship of the homeward-bound
convoy and three of those on the
way to Russia were sunk.

**But 90 per cent. of the convoy's
war supplies reached their jour-
ney's end.**

One German destroyer was sunk,
another severely damaged, three
planes were destroyed and others
hit.

An Admiralty communiqué last
night said that when a U-boat tor-
pedoed the Edinburgh on April 30
her steering gear was disabled.

She steamed on at reduced speed.
The following afternoon three
German destroyers made five
separate attempts to break through
the homeward - bound convoy's
escort.

All five attacks were driven off,
but one ship was sunk.

On the morning of May 2 the
Edinburgh, now in tow, and her
escort of destroyers, were attacked
by three German destroyers.

The Edinburgh and our des-
troyers went into action, sinking
one enemy destroyer and damag-
ing another.

But the Edinburgh was again hit
and had to be sunk.

Surviving the May 1 destroyer
attack, the convoy bound for
Russia was attacked by six Ju. 88
dive-bombers. No damage or
casualties were suffered.

On the evening of May 2 six
torpedo-carrying aircraft attacked.
Three ships of the convoy were
sunk.

This convoy was again unsucces-
sfully dive-bombed on the following
evening.

The Edinburgh, finished only in
1939, was bombed in the Firth of
Forth in October of that year, and
later fought in the Mediterranean