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HAZARD ON THE ROCKS

An American tank landing craft, employed in transporting German prisoners, is driven ashore by heavy seas and wrecked on a rocky section of the Italian coast.

Leaping from the sinking vessel with a line, a seaman enabled ropes to be passed ashore. British and Americans make strenuous efforts to get the prisoners across the gap.

As the ship swings towards the rocks, Germans assembled on a gun mounting jump for the cliff face. It was here that an Officer dived into the boiling sea to save a prisoner. Both men were lost. As the ship begins to break in half, rafts were dropped into the sea.

Founded by terrific seas, the craft begins to founder. Waves breaking 50 feet high swept 2 Americans and 6 Germans into the sea. They were swirled away and drowned. In all, 14 men perished. In this shipwreck, friend and foe were fighting to save lives. The business of war momentarily took second place to the battle against the storm.