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"K.M. Bismarck"
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The B. M. Bismarck was a mighty battleship. First of the German line, she was a 42,000-ton floating fortress of armor plate and concrete for gun. In May 1942 her Captain, Admiral Doenitz took her out of the Norwegian fjords, where she was quickly intercepted by the Royal Navy. During the ensuing and confusing battle the Bismarck struck a mine for the first time, causing her to lose engine power. Overboard she heeled to starboard for repairs, but an hour was gained by an R.S.F. aircraft 500 miles west of Brest. From other successful aircraft flying from U.M.S. 204 Royal managed to destroy both engines, but she survived the day. The next morning she was confronted with the force that included battleships Hood and King George V. Unable to move properly she brought a quick starboard action but the odds were too great against her and after two hours of furious battle she was sunk, burning first out to sea. This ended an epic chase in World History that was begun and finished in great style. Robert Taylor's painting depicts the Bismarck being a wreckmate from the far west port, showing the corner of her starboard.