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MARSHAL YEREMENKO LIBERATES HELSINKI

In a glorious battle, the soldiers of the Northern Front under Marshal Andri Yeremenko have crushed the last Finnish resistance. The renegade country is as of June 1, 1941, reincorporated into the Federal Soviet Republic of Russia to become an integral part of the USSR. How has our great Red Army achieved this victory? Hear the Marshal himself in his address to our soldiers:

“Comrades, I would like to congratulate you, and the soliders that have fought under your command, for the glorious victory that we achieved in Helsinki last month. Whilst we of course must wait for official intelligence sources to give a firm indication, it would appear that the military power of the Scandinavians has been shattered. We all know that Marshal Mannerheim is something of a gambler and by staking almost all of his military resources on a defence of Helsinki he has lost heavily.

However, we must take care not to spoil our triumph by resting on our laurels. If the otherwise lamentable German campaign in France has shown us nothing else, it is that strategic breakthroughs are to be capitalised on as quickly as possible. To this extent, I stress the need to advance rapidly and ruthlessly against the scattered remnants of the Finnish and Swedish armies, so that our victory shall be perfect.“

One of the key features of our recent assault on Helsinki was the successful use of our overwhelming aerial superiority against Scandinavian ground formations. Through consistent air-ground support along our entire axis of advance we were able to batter the Finnish defenders into terrified submission. Marshal Yeremenko is therefore convinced that the continued application of air power, in direct support of our ground units, will prove equally decisive in any future engagements.

SOVIET HERO BUSTS FINNISH ARMOR

Roman Chkalov, a tank commander in the 1st Tank Corps. During the vicious battle against the Finnish mechanized regiment at the very gates of Helsinki, Chkalov reports that his T-34 was responsible for the destruction of some five Finnish tanks. This has been corroborated by eyewitness accounts from his fellow tankers, and it is clear that his heroic actions enabled us to achieve a decisive breakthrough. For his outstanding victories against the fascist forces of Scandinavia, Roman Chkalov was, as first non-commissioned officer of the Red army awarded with the Order of Lenin.