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NOW IT IS DARWIN

Another city destroyed
as the Global Conflict engulfs us all.
Who will be next?



the civilian population until a toll of:

**1,500
Dead and
over 11,000
injured**

they'd never heard of Australians, cos' we'll make them pay, and I mean pay, pay hard".

The sentiment was echoed around the country. The Government announcing that it intend to prosecute this war to the end, to ensure that the Japanese pay the full price for

How low can nations stoop, to cause death and destruction upon another people?

That Question appears to have been answered by both the British and Japanese in recent weeks, both of whom have taken to the destruction of each other's civilian population centres.

was reached, and even these figures may be far short of the mark, as the rescue operation continues, although this has been hampered by lack of water, and medical supplies, the hospital and pumping stations being two of the Japanese targets it



In what has to be a crass act of revenge, a large force of the Japanese Imperial Fleet has struck at Darwin, a city with limited defences, and to call it a city is an over statement. Not only did they strike Darwin, they came back again and again over a period of 3 days, pummelling

would appear.

This raid followed the return of the Pacific Squadron to Sydney, which is now reported to be heading north to intercept and deal the Japanese a crippling blow.

Any talk of Australia pulling out of the fight has ended, in the words of Colonel Stuart-Ross, the senior officer remaining in Darwin, responsible now for the recovery operation, "If those nips think we'll walk away now, they've another thing comin', we'll be back at them, maybe not tonight, or tomorrow, but we'll be back, and when we are they'll wish

every Australian civilian they have killed, not only in Darwin, but in Sydney and Melbourne.

What appears to have been a tactic to push Australia away from Britain and her Empire, appears to have greatly back fired.

Australia now appears more fully behind this war than at any other time since her declaration in 1939.



Tripoli falls to British

Italian forces have continued their retreat north in the face of steady pressure from the British 2nd Army.

As the situation in Europe comes to a stale mate once again the British can count on the fact that they have succeeded in taking a key strategic position in the Mediterranean, with Tripoli in Allied hands, the Italians are being forced to withdraw towards, Tunis, their last strong point in Africa.

Italian Troops continue to harass Port Sudan, but have been expelled from Nairobi and from all of the coastal regions of the Horn of Africa. It can only be a matter of time before the Axis loses its remaining North African territories.

One glimmer of hope for Italy was provided in continued pressure in the island of Malta, with the local British Air defences stretched to the limit and beyond by very effective air strikes on the air base and port facilities.

Russians hold Hitler

The drive by the Axis powers into Russia has come to a grinding halt, following a series of set backs.

On the northern front the Germans are unable to cross the various rivers that form a defensive shield, whilst the Propet marshes have proven impassable and the Russians have provided heavy blocking forces at all of the main choke points.

In the centre, the advance elements of German Army Groups C and D have been cut-off in Zhitomir, with reports that they may have been surrounded by the Russian 4th, and 6th Armies.

All of the German paratroop formations have been destroyed that were to provide an open path for the armour, whilst in the south their Soviets and Poles have turned back a strike towards Odessa. Only in Constanza was there success when the Bulgarians retook the city from the encircled Russian infantry that had held the city for the past three months.

Germans press merchants

German naval activity has once again started to increase in the north sea and Atlantic Ocean.

Liverpool and Glasgow have been the scenes of merchant groups bringing home their dead and injured as 3 British convoys, operating in the Atlantic suffered heavily from German U-Boat attacks.

It is reported that around 450,000 tons of British and Allied shipping was destroyed, mostly in the Bristol Channel and Irish sea.



Most attacks have taken place at night, when the RAF and Naval

airgroups are able to provide less support and patrols.

The Royal Navy already stretched, appears to have a new problem to deal with, the U-boats are back!

Chinese continue to fight, against all odds

Chinese Communist forces are continued to be maintaining stiff resistance to the west of Peking, tying down some 9 divisions of the Imperial Army.

Reports from within China indicate that the Japanese have made offers to accept the surrender of the remaining Chinese troops, this offer having been categorically turned down. This will not help the Japanese as it is obvious that the remaining CCP troops are the most fanatical and will offer stiff resistance to the expected Japanese advance.

Elsewhere the Japanese have attempted to turn the KMT flank, to no avail, the attack was poorly coordinated and lacked air support, the KMT Corps believed to have been in place for some months had es-

tablished extensive defences to its front and flanks. Local reports have highlighted that the vast majority of the Japanese forces having taken a mauling withdrew in good order, however up to 10,000 Japanese troops are reported to have fled the field.



On a positive point, Industry in Peking starts up again.

Reynard Speaks to French

To the people of France. I say to you that we must value each other in this difficult time ! France is on the verge of civil war, if we can't stay together ,then we shall fall ! The government is working very hard to rebuild France. I am working on several projects to get job growth up ! I urge every member of the armed forces to know in these times they are helping to hold France together. Do not tear it apart ! Is this what France wants, civil war ? More death to visit our people ! Is it not bad enough as a neutral freedom loving nation we were bombed by England resulting in thousands of deaths ? Proud men of the armed forces do not rebuke yourselves, you fought with honor and courage. People of France do not rebuke yourselves , honorable men come from honorable families. France must find it's way. A way without war, without violence. No more bloodshed ! No more destruction ! France will never go to war, she will never sell out a single principle of her rights and freedoms ! The armed forces, business, the church, the people of France must step forward and work out our problems peacefully , or embrace the darkness ! I want to keep France free, safe, and out of this war ! But if France wants another course as a freedom loving people, it may have it .To resolve our differences not by the gun as seen all over the world but by the ballot. I am announcing fresh elections to be held January 15th 1942. Don't let what I say or parliament sway you. See and study my deeds. I will uphold the freedom, rights, and justice of France for every Freedom loving Frenchman and women ! Our beliefs and way of life will not go into the dark, they will go on to bloom further. I will keep all our cherished notions ,and I will never sell them out ! Not to Germany or England ! We must know that we have always been revolutionaries. The revolution stands for the rights of every Frenchman, his right to be free. That fire is what burns in the heart of every man , women, and child ! We are the fire of the revolution ! That fire will never be extinguished !

Stability, Jobs, Strong military through Reynard !

Roosevelt holds on to power in US Elections

The US Elections finished on a tight rope with the popular vote cut between the two candidates, the Democrats squeezing through with 52.7% of the electoral vote.

Wilkie's campaign finished with a flourish, but with the West Coast and South Eastern states swinging away from him at the last moment he watched his slender lead in the poles of 53% fall to below the 50% mark as Roosevelt pushed home the recent events in the Pacific, particularly the bombing of Darwin, this one event may in effect have given the Democrats the election.

With news of Japanese warships of Hawaii and other US Pacific territories and the terrible news from Singapore, the Republicans found it hard to focus the nation on the home issues of tax and growth.



The President will not have an easy time of it though, he still has to face a strong Republican Congress and Senate, both of which will feel that the Presidential election has given them the

right to hold the President to account over his actions.

There are however reports coming out of Washington that the President may be gravely ill, as yet this has not been confirmed by his family of the White House, but many have said he looked drained and exhausted in the final days of the campaign.

Germans Aid French in Le Havre

The French city of Le'Havre has slowly started to bury its dead and try to find ways for the living to continue, without further bombing by the British.

With the situation in city still reported as horrific, it has fallen to the German army to provide most aid, with support from other cities in the occupied regions, most notably the lack of aid from the French Republic has left a bitter taste in the mouths of the peoples of north eastern France. With German troops establishing support stations and field hospitals, we are seeing a side of the German Military not before recorded. It is reported by the local garrison commander that further aid and support is on route to the region.

Fall of Singapore



The British control of the Crown Colony of Singapore has finally collapsed, with over 50,000 allied troops falling into Japanese hands.

The city had stood against air, naval and ground attacks, but was eventually overcome by the weather and disease, for the combination of both of these, plus the lack of food and water finally lead the British Garrison to lay down arms on the 4th of November 1940.

The Japanese accepted the surrender then entered the city to find it rife with disease and destruction. In the final hours the British had destroyed all of the cities defensive works as well as the port facilities and slipways.

As a follow-up to the fall of Singapore the Siamese Government has announced that it is now in a state of war with Great Britain. It would appear that they simply waited until the needed only face Burma in war.

Churchill speaks of loss

In a moving speech broadcast on the BBC on the evening of the 5th of November, Winston Churchill addressed the British Empire:

“Tonight I speak to you at home; I speak to you in Australia and in New Zealand, for whose safety we will strain every nerve; to our loyal friends in India and Burma; to our gallant Allies, the Poles, the Russians, and the Free French; and to our kith and kin in the United States. I speak to you all under the shadow of a heavy and far-reaching military defeat. It is a British and Imperial defeat. Singapore has fallen. All of the Malay Peninsula has been overrun.

Other dangers gather about us out there, and none of the dangers which we have hitherto successfully withstood at home and in the East are in any way diminished. This, therefore, is one of those moments when the British race and nation can show their quality and their genius.

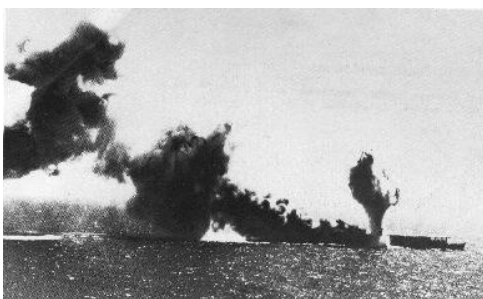
This is one of those moments when it can draw from the heart of misfortune the vital impulses of victory. Here is the moment to display that calm and poise combined with grim determination which not so long ago brought us out of the very jaws of death. Here is another occasion to show - as so often in our long story - that we can meet reverses with dignity and with renewed accessions of strength. We must remember that we are no longer alone. The whole future of mankind may depend on our action and upon our conduct. So far we have not failed.

We shall not fail now. Let us move forward steadfastly together into the storm and through the storm.”

Royal Navy hits back

As a last defiant act in the defence of Singapore, the Royal Navy claimed the destruction of a Japanese Carrier.

The ship, part of a large task force was engaged by a force of British



submarines which reportedly sank a carrier, and a cruiser as well as damaging 3 other major capital ships.

The identity of the carrier has not been released and the Japanese Imperial Navy has refused to comment on such reports, but following actions of the British submarines last month in severely damaging Japanese trade, this would seem a logical progression.

It may also have been a means to try and lift the blockade of Singapore, although too late in the end. The thought must be why did the Royal Navy not act sooner?