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## GERMANS STRIKE SOUTH IS NO ONE SAFE?

After their lightning occupation of Denmark last month the German Army has moved now into both Yugoslavia and Turkey, brushing aside all resistance.

**The Yugoslavian Government was stunned by the quick invasion from Hungary by German and Hungarian troops, no formal declaration of war was issued and no warning was given, the Yugoslavian army being forced to pull back from their won capital within hours of the invasion starting.**

The lead elements of the German infantry were soon moving south out of the city with news reaching them that both of the Yugoslavian Croat Corps had joined the Axis it

was evident that the western Flank would now be covered by friendly forces, releasing the Hungarians to push on against the Yugoslavians.

With the Yugoslav government on route to Split and the vast majority of the Yugoslavian Army now moving to meet the German advance, a major class looks likely in the coming weeks, but it is unlikely that the weaker Yugoslavian army will survive.

Further East the German 35th Corps entered northern Turkey in what was seen as the start of a drive

German troops hold their advance in northern Turkey



on Istanbul, however within hours of crossing the border the entire corps stopped and dug in, this was however after a short engagement with a Turkish reserve Corps that quickly routed, we wait to see what is happening in this region of the work, with interest.

## Japanese drive westwards continues As Chinese finally muster defences

**The Imperial Japanese Army has continued its drive towards the Asian mountains, covering more territory in the past two months than most of the previous year.**

As the newly deployed armoured and motorised formations of the Japanese army pushed forward the Japanese met difficulties that they had not expected, as they drove deeper into KMT lands they soon started to outrun their own infantry support, with the motorised troops hard pressed to hold back the increasing numbers of KMT divisions deployed from the north and

south to bolster the central defences.

It also appears that the KMT are willing to throw anything they can at the advancing Japanese troops.



KMT Troops moving eastwards, having destroyed the Japanese 68th Div.

The Chinese having pulled back from their northern outcrop in order to concentrate on the Central defences, before the Japanese managed to swing around and cut off the KMT withdrawal paths, have managed to inflict a number of defeats on the Japanese until the Empire's forces were forced to halt in order to re gather their strength.

The Japanese are also reported to be facing increased rear area problems, with sabotage and city uprisings increasing as the Chinese realise this may be their last gasp for survival. The next few months may prove critical for this theatre and the allied cause.

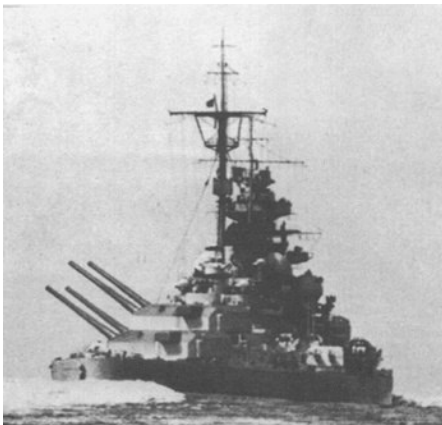
## Tirpitz sunk by Royal Navy

**The KMS Tirpitz had been finally sunk by the Royal navy after a month long sea chase, in which the Royal Navy's greatest nemesis managed to aiding the sinking of over 300,000 tonnes of shipping including over a dozen Royal Navy warships.**

The great monster managed to cause havoc in the British shipping lanes, where supported by some 20 or so u-boats she forced the Admiralty to issue scatter orders to two major convoys, before she was intercepted by the French Battleship Richelieu, who brought her main guns to bear on the Germans. The duel was well paced, although the Germans held the advantage until the British could bring up their main fleet.

As the British poured on the power with three battleships and the mass of the home fleet the Tirpitz could do little to escape, her main guns continuing to lash out at the ships of the Allied Fleet she was eventually silenced by torpedoes and guns from the array of British ships. As a final act of defiance the ships was scuttled by her crew.

The Richelieu failed to escape the enemy u-boat however and sank some 10 minutes after the Tirpitz.



The Tirpitz in action with the Richelieu

## Iberia rocks one way then other.

**The Axis and allied strife in the Iberian peninsular continues as neither side will relent to the defence.**

British forces have now all but completed their drive across the peninsular although be this with limited forces and leaving large portions of the Spanish Army intact to the rear, whilst the Germans have continued to slug their own path across the central Pensinsular.

Only in Spain do we find the Allies able to match the Germans, although much of this may be due to the relatively small number of German troops deployed to the theatre.

The British are continuing to drive forward, but can not secure enough Spanish land to justify a defensive line unless they can land a sizably larger force, every day the Germans are able to deploy more troops to the theatre, the tide must surely turn against the British, the question is simply when and at what cost?

## British attack in Tunisia

**After months of withdrawals and retreats the British launched their long awaited for counter attack in North Africa.**

The initial drive has managed to push the Italian lines back and break their forward momentum.

It appears that the combines, British and #Canadian force have surrounded one of the Italian Armoured divisions and pushed the other back towards Tunis, whilst destroying a further 3 infantry divisions. The Italians are also believed to be reeling from a number of commando raids on their air bases in southern Tunisia.

The Italians attempted their own action to force the Free French back towards Bone, but failed to put enough troops into the attack to really make if worth the effort. This most recent drive by the British has all but finished Italian efforts in North Africa.

## Germans advance east

**German troops continue their advance eastwards towards Moscow and Leningrad.**

The south of the front has been less kind with the Soviets launching a massive counter attack on the German advance elements.

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## Italian Fleet flees

**Of the cost of North Africa the British and French combined fleets engaged the Italian fleet in a bitter night action.**

Reports from both sides are limited, but it would appear that both the allied and axis forces lost 2 or 3 capital ships each, the Italians claiming to have sunk the British Flagship, HMS Hood.

At the time of going to print the British had not returned to port so no visual confirmation is possible, the Italians having berthed at Taranto look as if they had a fight!