



"The function of a citizen and a soldier are inseparable" Mussolini 1940



*"Believe, Obey
Fight"*

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FREE!



*Italian POW's heading for the ships in Tobruk after their release
The smiles of relief are there for the entire world to see.*

Daring raid brings 1,500 POW's Home!

In a fantastic DAYLIGHT raid the combined arms force sailed out to Tobruk, then following the scouting and location of enemy troops, the escorting Battleships and Cruiser's pounded the Indian troops into submission whilst a daring raid into the Tobruk POW camp was launched. Our men overpowered the defenders and opened the gates! The men poured out and headed to the docks where the ships picked them up.

Total success and not one casualty for the Italian forces!



IL Duce speaking to some of the rescued and injured PoW's in Italy

The commander briefed Il Duce personally upon his return, it is reported that Il Duce jumped with delight to know that so many of 'our boy's' had got home safely. General Brecchi, overall commander, said 'It was Il Duce's idea, we just hadn't even thought up such a fantastic strike. He is a genius, a man inspired, the Regina Marina rule the waves, and that from an Army man!' The navy reported not one contact from the Royal Navy.

North African Army continues to advance!



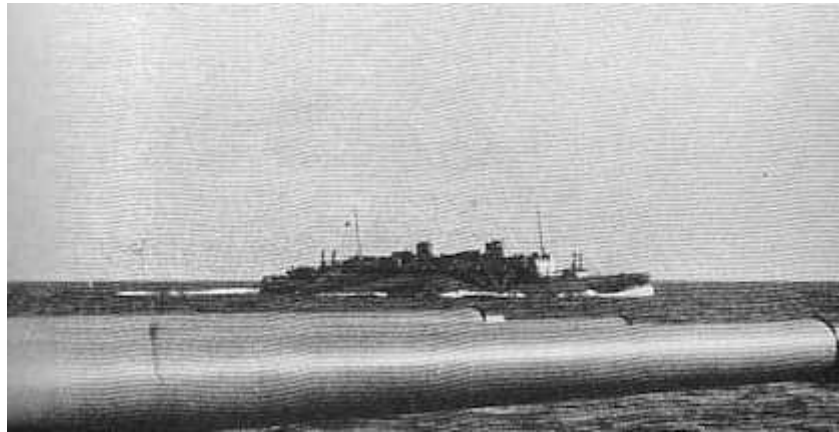
Remains of British equipment and supplies outside Tripoli

The North African army is now at the gates of Tripoli! After several weeks of hard fighting in which we have completely destroyed several British divisions, including an armoured unit, our forces are now at Tripoli. Rumours in the town say that the British are brutally repressing the population as they are desperate for the Italians to return. Reports of summary executions, beatings, torture and robbery are coming out of the town. We are informing the rest of the Muslim

world about the behaviour of the British. After-all they bombed Iraq into submission just few short years ago, they have contempt for the wider Arab world, seeing them as chattels to do with as they please.

In Tunisia the Northern group have held off a sustained French attack and are now regrouping their forces, the Navy has re-established a huge supply operation to the fronts, whilst the Airforce has blasted the Benghazi depot into dust!

Trouble at sea?



US merchant ship being escorted to harbour by our ships (note barrels of battle ship guns)

The Italian navy had the unhappy task of stopping a US flagged merchant laden with suspected war supplies destined for Turkey. Italian Intelligence services have discovered that Turkey is planning to attack Bulgaria and the Italian Navy in the Mediterranean. So we have acted to stop war supplies getting to them. The United States have complained but as we have told them – You wouldn't supply us with oil even though we had paid for it because you said we were engaged in a conflict, but you supply Britain with anything and everything they ask for. The Neutrality Act is supposed to help the US not get involved in conflicts, but when Roosevelt dance's to Churchill's tune he is just dragging his country towards conflict without even consulting the people.

Here is a copy of a letter we have received from the US.

August 7, 1941
To Benito Mussolini, Duce of Italy
From Franklin Roosevelt, President of the United States
Re: Sunk shipping
Mr. Mussolini:

The recent incident in the Mediterranean has even Italian-Americans up in arms. It is simply intolerable that a belligerent nation would seize a neutral nation's merchants. It is imperative that your nation makes reparations and issues a declaration that sinking or capture of American merchants cannot and will not happen again. Without this assurance, we will despatch a fleet into the Mediterranean to ensure the peaceful transfer of American property back into our possession. In addition, we will be compelled to escort all shipping with armed vessels for protection and cannot consider ourselves responsible should incident occur.

You have the power to resolve this issue amicably.

Yours truly,

FDR

Now we have a few problems with this. We haven't sunk any ships, we are investigating the vessel's cargo and WHY is the US trying to support Turkey in their attempts to invade Bulgaria and attack Italy? Now that would have Italian Americans up in arms. By the way, our Italian relatives say they are not angry with Il Duce, they are angry with Roosevelt for breaking the neutrality act.

Now you may all be saying well prove that turkey wants to fight...well here is the proof...

Hold onto your hat's gentlemen when you read this...

FROM:
PL Inonu
Master of Turkey
Ankara

July 15st , 1941

TO:
PL Churchill
Leader of Great Britain
London

Dear Sir,

Thank you as always for all you have done. We will get through all this, one day. With a stepped up US presence, that day is one day closer.

First please let me explain about this protest by my generals which should cool off, as I have cancelled the order. The armed forces have a yearly budget of \$124 M the Emniyet has a budget of \$12M. The Emniyet is the spy network. They also handle signals (for the army). Any information I get about axis forces comes from the Emniyet. Now, Turkey has about 12% of it's military budget taken through corruption. Well, I tried to use the Emniyet to get to the source (which was the general staff). The army is a entrenched power, means well, but is a little corrupt. Turkey with it's small budget can't afford such a waste. So I tried (and failed to fix it). I want my nation to be a true democracy, but it seems I must wait. Maybe oneday the army will understand, the true meaning of civilian rule.

I am trying to work out a trade deal with Russia. Would it be possible for them to rail goods from Russia to Iran , then Iraq to Turkey ? Further, would it be possible for the US to send it's trade via the ports on the Persian Gulf then railed to Turkey ? Please advise.

You must have many captured Italian weapons and equipment in the middle east that you can't or won't use. Sitting in great heaps at your supply depots and others places. Could we have them? IF you can't use them. You could just rail it to us. We need a home guard. Right now I have good troops doing security duty. It is a waste of man power. We could put them against the axis! So, even though they may not be good enough for front line troops, it could help. Further if we used it for front line troops it would reduce the cost. Please advise.

We need to buy :rubber (1 per quarter), iron ore (2 per quarter), 2 to 3 fighter wings, 1 to 2 bomber wings, 1 to 2 tank divisions.
The technology to build radar, cheap security divisions , mountain divisions , mech divisions.

That technology we can't build or you are unwilling to give we will buy equipment for. The top priority is iron ore. We need 1 unit ASAP or our economy will collapse. I think \$5 each . Truthfully we would buy 5 for \$25 M. If you can discount any please do. We need 2 per quarter , we have 1 left. We need 1 right now. The others soon.

1 German INF C has just been moved onto the Bulgarian – Turkish border.

We want to send you intelligence . We will send it by Emniyet (**that is what they do**) **by courier to your embassy. I have been told until you let them know it can't be done. Please contact them, then me and we can begin.**

Lastly, could you send us any and all information you have on the Italian navy. It has become a very important topic.

In case you were wondering about the embassies here in Ankara:
Luxembourg – no formal representation.
Belgium – normal embassy functions. About 200-400 citizens.
Netherlands – active embassy, about 1,000 citizens.

France (Free France) – normal embassy operations, over 4,000 citizens, perhaps as many as 12,000.

Poland – No embassy at present although they are likely to establish one soon,

Lithuania – No embassy.

Estonia – affairs maintained by the Finnish Embassy. Less than 100 citizens.

Latvia – no embassy.

All embassies are maintained by the relevant nation, in the case of the French via their capital in Cassablanca, the Belgians via their Government in Exile in London and the Dutch through their provisional capital in Batavia.

Yours

Inonu

So President Roosevelt we ask again...WHY are you supplying a nation that intends war upon it's neighbours? You will see that Turkey thinks it is the British that controls America (and Russia!), Inonu asks Churchill to determine whether the US can send supplies via Iran. He wants to attack the Axis, for what reason? We can see none. We have totally respected Turkish sovereignty, yet they want war at Churchill's encouragement.

What is the stepped up US presence Inonu talks of?

We recognise that the United States is an unwitting partner in this intrigue, the intrigue is lead by Churchill, a man who will stop at nothing to bring Turkey and the United States into the war. The merchants are almost checked and ready to sail. Our navy is on standby for a surprise attack by the Turks. We call upon our Greek friends to consider the words of turkey carefully, the history of conflict between your nations is immense, the Turks if armed will surely fall upon you should they get the resources they desire to arm their war machine.

You can see that Churchill knew about Turkish intentions long ago, but never told the US that they would be arming a nation for war. Is this the sort of 'trustworthy' relationship that the US has with Britain? Churchill has deliberately put US merchant seamen in danger by not disclosing to America the true intentions of this Turkish-British agreement.

It is clear that Churchill still see's America as a colony to do the wishes of the British Empire, whether it is in stopping US trade into the Empire or getting American's into Europe – again - to fight for the Empire.

America needs to decide...are they pawns in Churchill's game or one of the great independent nation's on earth?