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RAF HITS BACK!!!

By M.T. Ewell (London):

This month the RAF along with elements of the Coastal Command of the Royal Navy executed a massed attack against the Luftwaffe across northern Europe. Over 2,000 aircraft attacked airbases and radar stations from Amsterdam in the north to Cherbourg in the west causing extremely heavy losses to the Nazis. According to the most recent reconnaissance reports available, Nazi airbases were destroyed at Lille, Cherbourg, and Amsterdam. The radar station at Amsterdam was completely destroyed and over 500 Nazi aircraft were shot out of the sky and destroyed on the ground during this operation.

This operation has in the opinion of Air Staff spokesman, Air Commodore B.F. Forester “severely damaged or destroyed several of the best fighter formations of the Luftwaffe. By attacking with this well designed systematic approach, our lads were able to inflict great damage upon the Nazi’s air defence infrastructure across northern Europe.” When asked if as a result of this successful attack the Germans would be forced to commit additional air assets from the Eastern Front, Air Commodore Forester opined, “While it is not the policy of the Air Staff to comment upon enemy intentions it is plain that unless the Nazis deploy additional forces, we shall be able to hit targets across northern Europe with impunity. This fact may well cause the enemy to bring in additional groups from Germany or elsewhere in order to reinforce their depleted formations.”

We at the Times salute our brave knights of the air who have struck a blow against those despicable individuals who so readily target their attacks upon civilians and come like cowards to murder women and children under cover of darkness. We wish you every continued success against your sordid foe and look forward along with every true British heart to the destruction of the criminal Nazi regime and the eventual liberation of the peoples of Europe.

THIRD ARMY GIVES THE NAZIS THE BOOT!

By A.S. Thompson (Lisbon):

The past month saw our 3rd Army push the Nazis out of Portugal and inflict severe damage upon the enemy as Spanish troops executed a general withdrawal from the front lines. The Spanish seem to have lost the will to fight for Germany. The Allies never sought war with Spain and we at the Times are pleased that the people of Spain have seen reason and accepted peace. The Spanish withdrawal proved most ill timed for the Germans as it permitted the 3rd Army to smash 3 crack Panzer divisions and to inflict severe damage upon several Nazi Corps as they fled east. It appears that once again the Nazis have called upon their Italian lackeys to fight and die for them in Spain. The men of the 2nd and 3rd Armies look forward to offering the men of these Italian Corps the hospitality of one of our many prisoner of war camps in Africa.

Despite the addition of the Italians and some additional Nazi reinforcements, the way to Madrid is now clear. The brave men of the 3rd and Portuguese Armies will continue to move the flame of freedom forward! Freedom loving people everywhere urge the people of Spain to join the Allies and rid the Nazi cancer from their land. Freedom cannot be stopped nor can men long tolerate living under the boot of Nazi oppression.

We at the Times are certain that 1942 will see a Spain free of Nazi stain and wish our lads in Iberia speedy success!

ROYAL NAVY HITS JAPANESE HARD!

By E.D. McDavitt (Brisbane):

The men of the Western Pacific Squadron under the intrepid leadership of Admiral Sir John Bailey, executed a series of daring raids upon the Japanese off New Guinea and New Britain. The first raid hit the Japanese off New Guinea where a formation of oilers refueling a squadron of cruisers was quickly dispatched and sent to the bottom of the sea. The second raid saw Admiral Bailey take the main body of his command straight into the Japanese fleet off Rabaul in a night action. After quickly dispatching a squadron of destroyers, all of the enemy transports off New Britain were destroyed right under the nose of a Japanese carrier group!

Admiralty sources have revealed that in addition to 150,000 tons of oilers sunk, that the destroyed transports amounted to an additional 300,000 tons of enemy shipping

destroyed. Perhaps more importantly to His Majesty's Australian subjects, with the destruction of the transports the six divisions of Japanese Marines on New Britain look to be stuck. With Admiral Bailey and his men at sea, the Japanese will be hard pressed to supply their landing on New Britain or to make any move towards Australia.

Admiralty sources report that Admiral Bailey is to be decorated once again for gallantry in combat and inspired leadership in taking the fight to the Japanese. We at the Times proud of all of the men of the Royal Navy who risk their lives each day in order to insure the continued freedom of the British Empire. The Navy has been and remains on the front lines of defending our liberty. Admiral Bailey and his men have shown the same skill and daring as Nelson and Drake, we commend their skill and daring and wish them every continued success against the enemy.

P.M. SPEAKS TO UNITED STATES!!!

By M.T. Ewell (London):

The Prime Minister recently issued this special broadcast to the people of the United States on their holiday of Thanksgiving. We at the Times are pleased to publish his remarks in their entirety:

“ I avail myself with gratitude the opportunity of speaking to all of you and in particular to the people of the United States. In Nazi occupied Europe the stations of uncensored expression are closing down; the lights are going out; but there is still time for those to whom freedom and democracy mean something to continue to fight against tyranny and oppression. The Allied powers have been standing united against the dark and barbaric forces of the Axis for over two years. We have been fighting and dying to insure that the flame of freedom is not snuffed out under the marching jackboots of the forces of darkness. Africa has recently been cleansed of the stain and stench of the Axis, and we are continuing to fight in Iberia and in Scandinavia to keep the freedom's banner flying.

I understand that today the people of the United States are celebrating their national holiday of Thanksgiving. As some of you may know, I am half-American by blood and I hope that the American people will indulge me in permitting me to offer the thanks of the nations united to resist tyranny and oppression. We are thankful that in the United States so many citizens offer their prayers and aid to the Allied cause. We are thankful that, despite all the perils and perfidious attacks of Nazi U-boats, freedom loving American ship owners continue to honour our agreements and to deliver goods and resources to the United Kingdom. We are thankful that the President and people of the United States recognize that if they wait until the Nazis have torn down the standard of freedom from all the peoples from Europe, if they wait until the Nazi U-boats have continued to attack their lawful commerce plying the seas without response, that they will be left alone to take up freedom's cause when it is three-quarters ruined.

We all are thankful that that Dictatorship – the fetid worship of one man – is a passing phase. A society where men may not speak their minds, where children denounce

their parents to the Gestapo, where a businessman or small storekeeper ruins his competitor by telling tales about his private opinions cannot long endure. The light of civilised progress with its tolerances and co-operation, with its dignities and joys, has often in the past been blotted out. But I hold the belief that the democratic and still free world have now at last got far enough ahead of barbarism to avert letting the banner of freedom fall if can join together to defend what we hold dear. We shall do it the end. But how much harder will be our united toil for every day's delay.

We need the swift gathering of forces and the resolute and sober acceptance of their duty by the English-speaking peoples and by all nations, great and small, who wish to walk with them in democracy and freedom. Their faithful and zealous comradeship will clear the path for continued progress of freedom and banish from all of our lives the fear and horror that already darken the lives of hundreds of millions of men under Axis yoke.”