



The Rising Sun

For the Emperor's glory!

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Royal Navy comes to Play!

After years of running from the might of the Imperial Navy, naval forces of the United Kingdom finally made a move in force upon the Imperial Japanese Navy. Despite the fact that the Task Force they chose to face was our weakest at the time due to refits and upgrades, we made a valiant accounting of ourselves.

Enemy reports that 2 main line carriers and a battleship were sunk is completely fabricated. The reality is that one of our carriers was destroyed, the mighty Syokaku, and other capital ships damaged. However, we also took out one of the British carriers as well, although it's identity is not yet known.

The Emperor wishes to commend the brave and honorable sailors of the Syokaku, who fought with gallantry and bravery to the last, and died as true samurai in the glory of honorable combat. Their names shall be forever immortalized as heroes of the empire. Bansai!!

Now that the Royal Navy has indeed brought a worthy force to face us, it will only be a matter of time before the irresistible force of numerous Imperial Navy task forces is brought to bear on them, and the Syokaku will be avenged with the blood of the colonialist oppressors!

Russian Forces Halted in Korea, China

After a few months of advance, the dastardly attack by Russian forces on Imperial territory has been stopped in its tracks.

It is now clear that General Zhukov has under-estimated the Japanese military once again, as the Russians did before at the naval battle of Tsushima Straights in 1905. It will only be a matter of time before his folly is plain to the whole world.

Zhukov's advance into Korea has been halted at the gates of Pusan, despite reports that it has fallen to the enemy. Meanwhile, substantial (and eventually decisive) Japanese re-inforcements have gone ashore at the port city of Dairen to the North. This action has the capacity to cut off supply to Russian forces in the Korea, effectively turning the entire peninsula into a prisoner camp for Russian troops. Russia has no ability to supply these troops by sea or air, given Japanese mastery of these two battlefields. The Russian Pacific Fleet was sunk almost immediately after they opened cowardly surprise hostilities against us, and their air forces are outnumbered about 10-1 over the region, with the Russians having little means to improve the situation due to their fight in the West against Germany.

Russian forces have now played their surprise card to its fullest possible extent, there will be no repeat of the easy advances against undefended territory any more. They now face a hard fight on a foreign land, far from home, with little hope of success. Their home country is an a shambles following 3 distinct political overthrows in recent months, and internal morale is crumbling under the weight of political uncertainty, lack of air cover or proper supply and support, and fighting a war for reasons they do not understand.

Meanwhile, Japanese forces fight in defense Imperial territory, with full support from home complimented by unchallenged and modern naval and air forces, and with the knowledge that they fight for their glorious emperor, a government that has stood the test of time in Japan for centuries, ruling with enlightened benevolence and unprecedented prosperity. There can be no question of the final outcome, only a matter of time.

Our small island nation finds itself unwillingly at war with many very potent foes. They include colonialists eager to disprove Japan's proposition that Asians can successfully rule themselves in a modern society. They include maniacal dictators out to cling to power even as their country falls apart around them in Moscow. They include butchering, evil warlords who hold power in China with the support of those same colonialists, who would stop at nothing to prevent the glory of old China from returning to show them the door.

We will face these enemies, and we will defeat them all, because we must. Japan has always been ruled by Japanese, and will remain forever ruled by Japanese, with the guidance of our benevolent and forward-looking Emperor. There can be no other way. Bansai!!

European Front News: Germans advance on Moscow, Lisbon

The Russian steppes are once again the scene of the clash of massive armies. The German forces, determined to make good use of the warming weather and improving ground conditions, continue to advance broadly across the entire front. The Russians are able to hold their ground in isolated pockets, but the general trend of the front is steadily eastward. German forces look likely to threaten the Russian capital of Moscow from the North in coming months, while other major Russian cities like Kharkov and Smolensk, are near the front lines already. They will soon join the many other Russians cities to fall to the might of the Wehrmacht, and we can only wish them the best of luck as they strike at the heart of those who struck without warning at us!

Action also rages on continues in Portugal as well, and again the Germans are forcing their enemies to recall the bitter taste of defeat. The Portuguese government in Lisbon has now officially surrendered. Although British and Polish forces continue to resist, they now have no indigenous supply, and their base of operations on the Iberian Peninsula is rapidly dwindling.

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