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## GERMANS PUSH ALLIES OFF THE BEACHES ONCE AGAIN



**British and French troops are once again fighting for their lives and praying for rescue on continental Europe**

**The harrowing picture above says the whole story, as troops of the British 16th and 21st Corps rush to get onto departing Royal Naval Transports, covered by troops of the 6th French Corps.**

The Axis armies have once again caught the British and their allies with their trousers down. After having landed troops at the port of Cartagina and rushed additional forces over the passes three entire corps of allied troops became entrapped due to the continue ineptitude of the allied high command.

Yet again we see the brave lives of the allied soldier cast away for no or little gain, we have seen it in Indo China, Northern France, Bel-

gium and now Spain, the continued needs of the British "Toff Officers" needlessly throwing away the lives of the British Tommy, for ideals of glory and the quick fix.

These poor men are unlikely to be the last to suffer the ignominy of retreat and disaster, as the British, South African, Portuguese and French troops have also withdrawn from their advance on Madrid, pulling back towards Lisbon, ahead of the advance of over 50 divisions of Italian, German and Spanish troops.

Churchill's time is nearing its end, we see yet again the inability of the British to lead from the front. Look who is first to leave all of the battles that they face, the British, pulled back by their cowardly officers, leaving the French and Low-

lands nations to face the enemy on their own, whilst the British run to their boats.

Portugal will be next, as was Holland, Denmark, Belgium and France, not to mention Yugoslavia, Greece, Luxembourg, all who looked to London and Churchill for aid and support. Yet still the British hunker on their island. Yes they have taken North Africa, but for no reason than to free the Suez for continued trade, yes they have aided the French in Indo-China, but only to secure the buffer zone for India.

Where are the British, they are not in Greece, they are not in Russia, they are not in China, and they soon won't be in Iberia, no they are at home, having another cup of tea!

## Russians push on in the East

**As the months continue to move on the Russians seem to move from success to success in the Eastern Theatre, perhaps now the only of the "Allied Nations" to be proving that they are willing to fight on all fronts.**

The Russian 3rd Army has continued to push on towards Pusan, moving into the outskirts of Seoul and isolating large portions of the Japanese army in Korea, whilst to the north they have battered the garrison and light forces of the Japanese Manchurian Army, pushing them back towards Mukden.

Further to the east it seems inevitable that the Russian 9th Army will link up with the KMT around the Harbin region, whilst forward elements are already within sight of the Peking planes. Add to this the corps moving into Manchuria from the north and it seems that the Japanese, long used to fighting the rabbles of the Chinese may have found an enemy that will not be quite so easy to defeat.

Time remains on the side of the Japanese, the Russians must be aware that they will soon face the onslaught of the Germans, Hungarians and Romanians in the west, yet, no one could have imagined this sort of advance in this short of time span.

Having managed to move substantial units deep into Manchuria and northern China without contact with the enemy and committed extensive rail capacity to the theatre, the Russians are showing what a well planned offensive can bring, with the right mix of troops on a broad front. The big question is... will they be able to offer the same type of co-ordination in the west?

## Germans pick up Subs attacks

**The Allies look destined to starve this year, with news of continued submarine attacks upon their merchant fleet and now news that the US will close all trade in the coming months.**

German submarines have taken to new hunting grounds, attacking merchant traffic off the coast of North Africa, where the allied escorts are none existent. Add to this reports of over 300 submarines on the slip ways of the Reich and we can see that the Germans may not need to invade the British, simply starve them out of their island castle.

## Greece holds on by a thread

**Italian forces braved heavy snow and high winds in a winter push through northern Greece, forcing the Greek army to withdraw south.**

Added to this push from the north, the Italians also performed two amphibious operations with mixed results. The first saw the landing of a corps of infantry onto the Greek flanks, a move that may well have drawn off the Greek reserves and act as a thorn that will prevent the full defence of Athens.

The second operation was less successful, with over 3,500 Italians killed or captured in a failed landing on Crete. The Greeks appear to have long prepared for the defence of the island and permitted the Italians to secure a small bridgehead before throwing them back into the sea after heavy and bitter fighting. But whilst the Italians have control of the sea.....?

## Axis advance in Iberia

**As reported elsewhere in this paper, the combined might of the Axis has started a new offensive in the Iberian Peninsula, a one that is likely to see the end of Allied forces on the continent of Europe.**

With drives from the north and centre, all headed in the direction of Lisbon, the allies seem caught in a pincer that is greater than anything they have seen before. The loss of Cartagena is now secured, whilst the fait of Lisbon and Gibraltar looks set.

The allies have totally failed to provide the military resources of this theatre of operations that are required to ensure long term success, they now have weeks to put the situation right, or else depart from the Continent and face a fight to re-establish a bridgehead in the future, a one that is likely to be lead by a new leadership.

With calls growing around the globe for a fresh face to the alliance after the continued defeats that Churchill has lead the nations towards, adding to this the horrendous acts of butchery perpetrated under his orders, such as the air attacks on northern France and Madrid, we are likely to see either his resignation or a drive to greater depths of despair within the government.

Already the French have openly called his leadership into question, whilst it is well known that the Australian Parliament is ready to pass laws permitting the ANZAC forces to move out of the British controlled Imperial Command system. With time ticking away, the watershed has been reached, will Churchill commit to Iberia, or will Iberia be the end of his regime?

## The situation in Greece



## The situation in South Iberia



## The situation in Korea



### INTERNATIONAL WEATHER

**N. America** - Light snow fall in north east, cold across the central and western regions, warming as the month goes on.

**C. America / Caribbean** - Light winds, heavy risk of moderate rain fall throughout course of the month.

**S. America** - Warm, weather good to favourable off the southern cape.

**Atlantic** - Heavy winds and broken pack ice from the north, high swells in all regions of the north, lighter in south.

**W. Europe** - continued intermittent light snow in the north. Low level cloud cover through the month, skies clearing as the month progresses.

**E. Europe** - Continued snow mixed with rain coming down from Scandinavia, severe cold weather, high risks of both frozen ground and mud.

**Balkans** - High winds and rain throughout the region, Adriatic calm.

**N. Africa / Med** - cold weather persists, light rain throughout the region, weather clearing as the month progresses.

**C. Africa / S. Africa** - warm and dry in most regions.

**Russia** - freezing conditions throughout northern region, snow and high winds. Southern snow clearing with heavy rain falls and thick mud expected.

**Arabia / Turkey** - cold with snow in the north, becoming warmer as you move south.

**India** - occasional rain throughout the region, generally dry and warm as the month moves on becoming warmer.

**Central Russian Empire** - Freezing conditions with sheet snow.

**Eastern Russia** - Freezing conditions, snow and heavy seas.

**N. China / Manchuria** - Snow coming down from Siberia, northern China extremely cold, central regions experiencing heavy rain and mud.

**N. Pacific / Japan** - High winds, cold throughout, light snow and rain showers with low level cloud cover.

**S. China** - raining, easing as the month progresses, ground muddy but improving by close of month.

**Indo China / East Indies** - See Southern China.

**S. Pacific** - Continued high swells in north, light winds in south.

**Australia** - warm, low level cloud over East Indies and northern Australia, risk of light rain mid month.

## World War II – Open Warfare Bulletin 31

1. National newspapers should be with me as soon as possible please.

2. Game turn for March 1942 is due back with me for:

**Saturday, 6th of May (09:00 GMT).**

The coming turn hits the start of the school exam season, if players are able to submit early I will complete such orders as I can before the deadline date in order to speed up the turn-around of turn 32, so players should note, once it is sent in then it can not be withdrawn. I would appreciate any advance orders that are possible, I know a few players already do this, I'll see if its possible to use these order early this turn, if it works then we may be able to do this every turn.

3. Players are reminded that it is vital to submit SPOs for long term planning.

4. I intend to be very rigid with the naming new units rule and I will enforce the time delays for units at a distance from their command centre, far too many units are operational on the maps these days without a reference to their command line.