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## **CONVOY GROUP KEEPS U-BOATS AT BAY!!!**

By C.A. Jenkins (Liverpool):

The men of Convoy Group of the Royal Navy, under the intrepid leadership of Vice-Admiral Percy Noble, RN, have been escorting Allied merchant craft and combating Nazi U-boats since the war began. Their work is arduous and vital to the success of our war effort. For the past two months not a single Allied merchant vessel to the enemy. Given the difficult weather conditions and the numerous groups of enemy U-boats this is a clear testament to the professionalism and devotion to duty of the men of Convoy Group.

Worse for the Axis, the HMCS Periwinkle and her squadron operating near Gibraltar succeeded in capturing 150,000 tons of Italian tankers that attempted to transit the straits. We at Times commend the officers and men of the Periwinkle and thank the Italian navy for this generous gift.

Admiralty sources have revealed that over the last twelve months some 8,150,000 tons of war material and resources arrived safely to ports in UK home waters. The men of Convoy Group have been credited with over 70 U-boats destroyed during that same period. All of His Majesty's subjects owe these brave men who take the fight to the stealthy enemy below the sea each day a great debt of gratitude. Without their valiant efforts, industry and commerce on these islands would come to a virtual halt. 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 Noble and his men at sea make it

possible for this nation to continue to live and to fight. Three cheers for the brave men of Convoy Group and the Royal Navy!!!

## **BAILEY HITS THE NIPS FOR SIX!!!**

By E.D. McDavitt (Brisbane):

The men of the Western Pacific Squadron under the intrepid leadership of Vice-Admiral Sir John Bailey, KCB executed a series of daring raids upon the Japanese off Malaya. The first raid hit a Japanese merchant squadron which was quickly dispatched and sent to the bottom of the sea. The second raid saw Admiral Bailey take the main body of his command off Singapore. After quickly dispatching a squadron of six destroyers, another squadron of Japanese merchants was destroyed.

Admiralty sources have revealed that in addition to over 300,000 tons of enemy shipping destroyed, that new sources report that the Japanese Home Islands are suffering from shortages of key resources vital to their war production effort. With Admiral Bailey and his men at sea, the Japanese will be hard pressed to supply their war machine, their landing on New Britain or to make any move towards Australia.

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## **P.M. SPEAKS ON GERMAN ATROCITIES IN EUROPE!!!**

By M.T. Ewell (London):

The Prime Minister recently issued this special broadcast to the people of the Empire regarding recent Nazi atrocities in Europe. We at the Times are pleased to publish his remarks in their entirety:

“ The condition of Europe is terrible in the last degree. Hitler’s firing squads are busy every day in a dozen countries. Frenchmen, Belgians, Dutch, Poles, Spaniards, Czechs, Slovaks, Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Greeks, and above all in scale Russians, are being butchered by the thousands in individual and mass executions of civilians in all the countries I have mentioned have become part of the regular Nazi routine. The free world has been intensely stirred by the massacre of French and Belgian hostages. All people

who cherish democracy and freedom have been united in horror and indignation against this slaughter of perfect innocent unarmed civilians. Even the arch-criminal himself, the Nazi ogre Hitler, has been frightened by the volume and passion of world indignation which his spectacular atrocities have excited. It is he and not the citizenry of occupied Europe that has been intimidated. He has dared not go forward with his further programme of killing hostages. Indeed, his hubris and vileness have made it easy for the right thinking people of the United States to reject his entreaties to trade with the evil Nazi regime.

I would say generally that we must regard all these victims of the Nazi executioners in so many lands, who are labeled Jews, partisans, and Communists – we must regard them just as if they were brave soldiers who die for their country on the field of battle. Nay, in a way their sacrifice may be more fruitful than that of the soldier who falls with his arms in his hands. A river of blood has flowed and is flowing between the German race and the peoples of nearly all of Europe. It is not the hot blood of battle where good blows are given and returned. It is the cold blood of the execution yard and the scaffold, which leaves a stain indelible for generations and for centuries.”

## **IMPERIAL HOME DEFENCE PROGRAMME A SUCCESS!!!**

By P.F. Hobart (Rangoon)

Reports from across the Empire indicate that the Imperial Home Defence Programme has been a rousing success. In Britain, additional anti-aircraft defences and provisions to protect the civil populace from the heinous and indiscriminate Nazi attacks.

In Australia and New Zealand – the cry of the people is “Let Them Come!!!” The subjects of these Dominions have been mobilized and stand ready to defend their homes. Villages, and democratic way of life against the barbarous Japanese. With increased shipments of the latest fighters and bombers from England and the United States, the skies over these Dominions will remain clear and blue, free of the stain of Axis aggression.

There can be no doubt that as our gallant allies drive forward into the very heart of the loathsome Japanese beast – and liberate the peoples of Korea and Manchuria that the oppressed people of Asia will continue to risk their lives to throw off the oppressive Fascist yoke and join in this march of freedom. The continued advance of Allied Forces against the Axis is the best defence we have.

We at the Times applaud the Government in doing all that they are able to keep the innocent civilian populace of the Empire free from harm. Our sordid enemies will be punished for their crimes.