

# **THE TIMES**

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## **THE PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS TO THE EMPIRE & THE WORLD!!!**

By M.T. Ewell (London):

This afternoon, in an emotional and moving address, the Prime Minister spoke to the whole of the Empire across the globe on the airwaves of the BBC World Service. As a service to our readers, We at the Times reprint his remarks in full.

“ Of all the wars that we have ever waged in the long continuity of our history, there has never been one which more truly united the entire British nation and British race throughout the world than this present fearful struggle for the freedom and progress of mankind.

We entered it of our own free will, without being ourselves directly assaulted. We entered it upon a conviction of purpose which was clearly comprehended by all classes and parties and by the whole mass of our people, and we have persevered together through good and evil fortune without the slightest weakening of our united willpower or division of our united strength. We entered it ill-prepared and almost unarmed. We

entered it without counting the cost, and upon a single spontaneous impulse at the call of honour.

We strove long, too long, for peace, and suffered thereby; but from the moment when we gave our guarantee that we would not stand by idly and see Poland trampled down by Nazi violence, we never have looked back, never flagged, never doubted, never flinched. We were sure of our duty, and we have discharged it and will discharge it, without swerving or slackening, to the end.

We seek no profit, we covet no territory or aggrandizement. We expect no reward and we will accept no compromise. It is on that footing that we wish to be judged, first in our own consciences and afterwards by posterity.

It is even more remarkable that the unity which has existed and endured in this small, densely-populated island should have extended with equal alacrity and steadfastness to all parts of our worldwide Commonwealth and Empire. It is upon this fraternal association and intimate alignment of policy that the immediate future of the world depends. If we continue to march together in harmony and in accordance with the moral and political conceptions to which the English-speaking peoples have given birth, all will be well. If we wander astray from the commanding beacon-light of our destiny, there will be no end or measure to the miseries and confusion which will await modern civilization.”

# **R.N. DESTROYS ITALIAN CONVOY!!!**

By C.A. Jenkins (Liverpool):

This past month was a busy one for the men of the Mediterranean Fleet. Moving to intercept a large Italian convoy bound for action in Greece, elements of the fleet attacked without warning. In a series of attacks, the Italians were quickly defeated and forced to flee back to Taranto.

Over 400,000 tons of enemy merchant vessels were sent to the bottom --- combat reports indicate that over six divisions of Italian troops met a watery death in the warm seas of the Mediterranean.

Admiralty sources have revealed that our lads were instructed to target the transport vessels at priority over the remnants of the Regia Marina surface fleet. All of His Majesty's subjects and our Greek allies owe these brave men who take the fight to the enemy a debt of gratitude. Without their valiant efforts, six more Italian divisions would be facing Allied forces in Greece. 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. Three cheers for the brave men of Mediterranean Fleet and the Royal Navy!!!

# **R.N. SENDS OVER FIFTY U-BOATS TO THE BOTTOM!!!**

By C.A. Jenkins (Liverpool):

This past month was a busy one for the men of the Royal Navy. 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.

This past month saw the men of Convoy Group, along with Home Fleet and Mediterranean Fleet take the fight to the Nazi menace beneath the waves to keep the sea lanes clear. In a series of actions from the North Sea to Gibraltar our lads accounted for over fifty confirmed kills. Admiralty sources report that the month saw fifty-four confirmed U-boat kills with an additional 9 probable sinkings reported.

Worse for the Axis, the HMCS Periwinkle and her squadron operating near Gibraltar continued to set the standard for U-boat destruction. Periwinkle and her group reported 10 confirmed kills and an additional 4 probable U-boat kills. We at Times commend the officers and men of the Periwinkle and her squadron for their continued outstanding performance in combat against the enemy.

Admiralty sources have revealed that the men of Convoy Group have been credited with sinking over 180 U-boats destroyed since the war began. 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. Admiral Noble and his men at sea make it possible for this nation to continue to live and to fight.

## **IN BRIEF**

### **GREEKS SHATTER FIVE ENEMY CORPS!**

This month saw the redoubtable Greeks, who have for

over seven months resisted the Axis attempts to subjugate them, break the backs of five enemy infantry Corps and decimate two elite Nazi paratroop divisions. The Italians, Bulgarians, and Croatians reeled backwards from a series of well organized counter attacks by Greek and French Expeditionary forces. Unless their Nazi masters can come rapidly to their aid in force, local commanders are confident that they can liberate Greece in a few months and take the fight to Bulgaria and Albania. We at The Times salute our Greek allies not only for the courage and skill on the battlefield but also for their courage in taking up the common cause of freedom and democracy. They too will not simply stand idly by and watch as the Axis beast subjugates The peoples of Europe one by one

## **ALLIED FORCES MOVE ON HONG KONG!**

This past month saw Chinese forces, in concert with the RAF and elements Of His Majesty's Indian Army begin the drive to liberate the Crown Colony Of Hong Kong from occupation by the sordid Japanese. The whole world Can well recall their inhumanity and barbarism in butchering wounded hospital Inmates and the organized campaign of rape against the innocent women of the Crown Colony. This drive includes over 12 Chinese Corps and we at the Times applaud our gallant ally and wish him speedy success against our common enemy. The Allied Powers have the Japanese on the run and will not stop until all of Asia is free from The dehumanizing stain of Japanese occupation.

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