

Great Britain: Military Situation: Jul.-Aug. 1941



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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

3rd July, 1941

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Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of the latest report received from London on the military situation. It was dated July 1st.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Very sincerely yours,

Halifax

The Honourable

Franklin D. Roosevelt,

President of the United States of America,

Washington, D.C.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON JULY 1ST, 1941.

June 27th and June 30th considerable reinforcements of aircraft arrived safely at Malta.

2. Fighter Command are giving protection to East Coast convoys during darkness hours.

3. Destroyer sunk in bombing attack off Tobruk; no casualties.

4. Attack on convoy by Maryland and Swordfish aircraft on June 25th. One ship hit amidship by bomb fire started. Later Swordfish attacked with torpedoes two ships hit and probably sunk and third ship believed hit. All four merchant vessels of the convoy estimated at 20,000 tons each escorted by 6 destroyers.

5. Military. Finland.

Reliable sources in Finland report patrol activity and small arms fire along most of the front and fairly heavy artillery fire some 50 miles north east of Viborg and that full-scale operations have begun near the Soviet occupied base of Hango.

6. Analysis of Soviet-German Official Communiques suggests the position is as follows:

Baltic States. German claim to have occupied Dvinsk and Vilna apparently well-founded. Russian troops withdrawing from Kaunas area to North east of this line appear to be in considerable difficulties being attacked in the flank and rear. Minsk Area: Large numbers of Soviet troops appear to have been cut off in the region of Bialystok having been over run by German armoured formations.

South of Pripet marshes: Germans probably on line of the last Soviet-Polish frontier and are driving east towards Kieff. Soviet admission of penetration of the

frontier /

frontier may be intended to forestall German claims in respect of progress.

7. Syria. Palmyra now completely surrounded. Vichy French are said to be making efforts to enroll volunteers from native elements but the response is meagre.

8. Royal Air Force June 29th/30th. Bremen Hamburg - our attacks very (some words undecipherable). Sixty three tons of H.E. and 13,800 incendiaries (some words undecipherable) at the former three large fires caused. At the latter 43 tons of H.E. dropped starting two very large fires, one in Blohm and Voss shipyards. Docks at Bremer-Haven and Kiel attacked.

9. June 30th 17 Blenheims escorted by large force of fighters scored many direct hits on power station south of Lille and on huge factory close by. Fighters shot down 6 M.E. 109 one Spitfire missing. Other Blenheims attacking shipping off the Dutch coast claimed 5,000 ton and 3,000 ton ship and 500 tons trawler as total losses; 4 Blenheims scored direct hits on crowded railway centre near Oldenburg and another successful attack on Bremen docks. Targets at Sylt and Terschelling also bombed. Five Halifax 4 engined bombers attacked targets at Kiel. From these daylight operations 2 Blenheims and one Halifax missing.

10. June /

10. June 30th/July 1st. 64 Aircraft sent to attack Cologne, Dusseldorf, Duisburg, 4 missing.
11. Syria. June 29th/30th. 5 heavy bombers scored direct hits on docks and shipping Beirut. Blenheims made daylight attacks against Palmyra and citadel and military depot at Suweida. Fighters destroyed or damaged 10 twin engined aircraft on the ground at various landing grounds and shot down 1 Glen Martin.
12. German Air Force June 30th/July 1st. About 74 enemy aircraft operating 13 came inland; some bombs dropped in South Wales.
13. Egypt. Alexandria June 28th/29th. About 15 aircraft attacked and caused some damage. Following day 6 raids made on naval units 8 enemy aircraft claimed as destroyed and 3 damaged. We lost two fighters.

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7th July, 1941

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON JULY 2ND, 1941

NAVAL

Malvernian OEV bombed and set on fire and abandoned 480 miles northwest of Cape Finnisterre. Scarborough has picked up boat load of survivors, search continuing.

2. Naiad Kandahah bombarded Damour area south of Beirut night of 29th/30th.

3. Flamingo, Cricket heavily bombed p.m. June 30th off Lybia. Cricket flooded in boiler room. Flamingo damaged by near miss. Both able to proceed. At least two aircraft shot down.

4. Photographs of Brest p.m. 1st show Prinz Eugen battle cruiser still there. Four submarines ten E. boats have just arrived.

5. A.M. 30th. During attack in Kiel Harbour by Blenheim aircraft two direct hits scored on Oceania 20,000 tons or Neptunia 12,000 tons.

6. Outward convoy a.m. 1st 630 miles west of Ushant unsuccessfully attacked by two possibly three Fokker Wulf.

7. Military

Syria Vichy have recaptured port of Ridge north of Palmyra. We have occupied Sokhne 40 miles northeast of Palmyra. Vichy attack on Nevek repulsed.

8. Russia. Riga has been captured and the Russian Army in the Baltic States apparently in considerable difficulties. The same applies to large numbers of Soviet troops in region of Bialystok who were overrun by armoured formations now advancing towards Smolensk. South of Pripet Marshes the Germans have crossed previous frontier and are

driving /

towards Kiev. Russians appear to be holding at Skuleni.

9. Abyssinia Bedda area our troops have captured 375 prisoners including one General, six field guns and some light anti-aircraft guns.

10. Royal Air Force Night of June 30th/July 1st. Attacks reported successful and particularly violent explosions observed on Duisberg.

11. Day 1st. Power station and railway centre at Oldenburg and seaplane base at Borkhum attacked. Three sweeps involving 12 squadrons of fighters over northern France; only 2 enemy fighters were met, no fighting took place.

12. Night of 1st/2nd. 57 bombers attacked Naval units at Brest and Cherbourg. 2 missing.

13. Royal Air Force continuing activities in Syria. Beirut, ship alongside believed hit.

14. Malta 30th. Hurricanes intercepted 11 Italian fighters 20 miles out, destroyed 2, damaged third.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON JULY 3RD, 1941

Naval

Owing to low visibility search for survivors from Malvernian discontinued.

2. One minesweeping trawler mined and sunk in Thames estuary on July 3rd.
3. British submarine reported p.m. July 2nd successfully attacked convoy in Zea Channel, Gulf of Athens. No details available.

4. Military

Abyssinia Progress is being made in repairing demolitions by Italians in area north west of Gimma.

5. Syria

Portion of the Ridge north of Palmyra recaptured by Vichy is again in our hands. Near Sukhne, forty miles north east of Palmyra, some ten vehicles and 60 prisoners have been captured. In Vichy counter attack on June 30th, on Nebek, 3 Vichy tanks were destroyed and one captured. Coastal region; resistance encountered some eight miles east of coastal road.

6. Russia

Murmansk reported captured, Russians fighting hard in area Kovno behind German advanced troops. Drive towards Smolensk and Leningrad-Kiev railway continues.

7. Royal Air Force

July 2nd. Twelve Blenheims with strong fighter escort successfully bombed Merville aerodrome. Railway junctions in this locality also attacked. Three other Blenheims scored near misses on heavily laden merchant vessels five thousand tons off Boulogne later hit by a

torpedo /

torpedo from coastal Beaufort. Nineteen enemy fighters destroyed; two of our bombers and eight fighters missing.

8. July 2nd/3rd. 161 aircraft sent to attack Bremen, Cologne and Duisburg. Four aircraft missing. Bremen 87 tons H.E. and 7,600 incendiaries; Cologne 45 tons H.E. and 7,400 incendiaries. Several large fires observed.

9. Libya

July 1st. Tripoli and Benghazi again successfully attacked by heavy bombers, direct hits scored on harbour works.

10. Syria

July 1st and July 1st/July 2nd. Our bombers attacked Palmyra Barracks, Suweida citadel aerodromes. Rayak and Beirut claim all successfully.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 9th, 1941.

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Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein copies of
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6th, 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JULY 6th, 1941.

Vichy. French S.S. St. Didier 2778 tons located in Turkish territorial waters 100 miles northwest of Cyprus steering eastward subsequently torpedoed and sunk by British naval aircraft off Adalia harbour on July 4th as she was wearing Turkish flag. British transport Anselm 5954 tons carrying 1200 army and Royal Air Force personnel to the Middle East torpedoed 300 miles north of the Azores A.M. July 5th. 1210 survivors rescued by escorting ships.

2. Night of July 4th - July 5th.

When 86 bombers attacked Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prince Eugen at Brest under clear conditions colossal explosion followed by 2 further explosions started large fire in estimated locality of Prince Eugen. 47 other bombers made very good attack on submarine base at Lorient same night and 2 enemy night fighters shot down. Coastal Command aircraft hit metal factory and probably hit merchant vessel 1000 tons at Kristiansand. During daylight July 5th the Royal Air Force scored hits or near misses on merchant vessels 4000 and 6000 tons. Fighters providing escort destroyed 2 ME 109's probably 1 other and damaged 5 losing 2 spitfires. Hudsons obtained hits on 1 vessel 3000 tons and another 800 tons west coast of Norway. Night of July 5th, July 6th 208 aircraft despatched in clear weather to Munster, Osnabruck, Bielefeld, Magdeburg, Rotterdam, 3 bombers missing. On the night of July 3rd, July 4th Royal Air Force attacked Tripoli and on July 4th, July 5th Bengazi, Mekili and Derna. Night of July 4th, July 5th Royal Air Force attacked Beirut causing large explosion.

3. Enemy Air activity over the United Kingdom during the night of July 5th, July 6th less than 5 aircraft. 1 Junker 88 shot down by night fighters. Tobruk Harbour attacked on July 4th. 1 Tomahawk destroyed and Elenheim damaged on the ground, 5 enemy aircraft shot down by anti-aircraft. Cyprus raided 5 times on July 4th but damage negligible.
4. Finland. Finns have crossed the Russian frontier and made 2 attacks in Karelian Isthmus.
5. North Pripet marshes. German thrusts appear to have reached point west of Vitebsk and east of Rogachev.
6. South of Pripet marshes. Hungarian forces reported to have advanced over Carpathians.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JULY 5th, 1941

1. Three ships torpedoed in Halifax convoy reported on June 28th totalling over 22,000 tons arrived safely United Kingdom. June 29th twenty miles south of Messina British submarine torpedoed and sank large cruiser thought to be Gorizia. Another British submarine has sunk 1600 ton Italian ship 110 miles west, s. west of Naples and off Sardinian coast, she sank 8,000 ton ship which blew up with violent explosion suggesting that she was carrying ammunition.

2. On the 4th by daylight 15 bombers unescorted attacked Bremen from the height of 50 feet passing below balloon barrage. Large factory hit also goods yards. 5 bombers bombed Norderney seaplane base. In sweep over France when the bombers attacked a chemical factory, our fighters shot down 15 certain, 7 probable, and damaged 14. Our losses in these raids 6 bombers, 3 fighters.

3. Last night 150 aircraft despatched which attacked Brest, Lorient, small numbers to 6 other targets. About 70 enemy aircraft operated over the United Kingdom mainly attacked, Plymouth, Coventry, and Birmingham but little damage caused. At Plymouth, railway line between Devonport tunnel and dockyard badly damaged.

Night fighters destroyed 3 and 1 probable.

4. Libya. Egypt. Night of July 2nd - 3rd, increased enemy artillery fire and patrol activity at Tobruk. Shelling continued July 3rd.
5. Syria. In the capture of Dier Ez Zor July 3rd five guns, two aircraft and many vehicles were captured. Prisoners at Palmyra amounted to 300.
6. Russia. Operations towards Smolensk and Kiev continue. Finns and Hungarians are exerting pressure on their fronts.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

9th July, 1941.

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Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of the
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Telegram from London dated
7th July, 1941.

Naval.

Holderness damaged by mine off Flamborough night of 5th/6th. Same night paddle mine sweeper bombed and sunk and a/p trawler bombed and damaged off east coast.

2. Night of 5th/6th Suez Canal area raided, six aircraft in two waves. 11 mines or bombs dropped on the shore probably none in canal. No damage no casualties.

3. 6th. Royal Air Force claims the sinking of 3,000 ton auxiliary off Hook of Holland also, near Barkum, tug and leading barge of three in tow were hit with bombs, latter being destroyed. Blenheims sank five, damaged five small vessels northwest of Heligoland.

4. 26th June. British submarine sank 6,000 ton merchant ship off north coast of Sicily, another British submarine damaged armed merchant cruiser south end of Messina Straits.

5. Royal Air Force. Night of 5th/6th. Royal Air Force dropped on German targets 246 tons high explosives 18,000 incendiaries. Munster very successful attack from 1500 feet.

6. During daylight sweep six stirlings dropped 23 tons high explosives, Lille. Fighter escort destroyed during the day 11 enemy fighters certainly, seven probably, damaged 5. We lost two bombers six fighters.

7. Night of 6th/7th. 229 aircraft attacked enemy warships Brest, railway centres Munster and Dortmund. Small numbers to docks at Rotterdam, Emden. Six aircraft missing.

8. Sicily. 6th. Six Blenheims attacked shipping at Palermo. Hits obtained on 5 merchant vessels estimated two 10,000 tons each, one 8,000, one 5,000, one 2,000 tons. One of the largest vessels appeared to have back broken.

9. Malta. Night of 4th/5th and following night total of 17 aircraft bombed island. No service damage or casualties.

10. Military. Libya and Egypt. Harassing fire has been put down about Halfaya Pass, where enemy are carrying out blasting operations.

11. Abyssinia. Gondar area. Operations proceeding to clear up this only remaining sector of resistance.

Prisoners from Galla Sidamo number ten generals, 1200 Italians, and 2000 natives.

12. Syria. T. 4 on Tripoli (S) pipe line occupied without opposition. Our troops well received at Quarryatein.

4th July heavy Vichy artillery fire 26th June from Tekiye area (15 miles west of Damascus).

Patrols from Merjayoun taking over sector, report Hasbaya clear of Vichy troops. Latter holding positions south of the town.

Coastal sector Rharife (7 miles north of Jezzine) occupied 5th July. Patrol crossing River Damour same day.

13. Russia. There is heavy fighting in progress at Pskev, on either side of Minsk-Smolensk railway and near Novograd-Volynsk.

Rumanian front situation confused.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
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July 10th, 1941.

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Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of the latest report received from London on the military situation. It was dated July 8th.

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Washington, D.C.



Telegram from London dated July 8th

1. Naval. One A/P trawler bombed and damaged one A/P drifter mined and sunk, both off east coast on July 7th.
2. British 6000 ton ship mined and sunk off Alexandria p.m. July 5th. Hope to salvage some cargo.
3. During intense enemy minelaying Thames estuary night of 6/7 patrol ships heavily engaged enemy aircraft. Some were hit, one crashed.
4. Dutch submarine reports sinking large fully laden enemy tanker in Mediterranean.
5. Rome broadcast Gorizia still afloat undamaged. Possible Bolzano was cruiser torpedoed and sunk by British submarine.
6. Royal Air Force. p.m. July 7th. Two miles off Calais six Blenheims obtained direct hit merchant vessel estimated 5000 tons in Convoy. Other ships claimed damaged, one E boat sunk. Off Dutch coast Bomber Command aircraft attacked eight enemy ships of between two thousand and five thousand tons each in escorted convoy. Six were left sinking or on fire.
7. Night of 6/7 when 101 bombers attacked Brest 2000 lb. bombs were dropped in target area. Daytime July 7th eight Stirlings with fighter escort attacked various objectives Belgium. Fighters shot down seven, certainly four probably damaged, three. We lost four Spitfires (3 pilots safe).
8. 7/8 301 aircraft sent Cologne, Osnabruck railway centre, Munster, Rheydtt railway centre, Frankfurt.
Nine bombers missing. At Munster railway centre many bursts seen, railway centre appeared to be demolished; warehouse and aerodrome buildings set on fire.

9. German Air Force. night 7/8 some fifty aircraft operated south coast. Five were destroyed. Southampton experienced sharp two-hour attack. Serious damage gas works, commercial and residential property also damaged but all fires controlled by 4.30 a.m.
10. Military. Libya: Egypt. Enemy artillery continue shelling Tobruk harbour and town from the east. Fifteen dive bombers attacked the harbour. No damage or casualties.
11. Abyssinia. Italians ninety miles north west of Gimma have requested our help to restrain patriots operating against them.
12. Syria. Forces moving west from Palmyra report that road Palmyra-Hama clear of enemy up to 34 miles from Hama. Patrol reaching point fifteen miles east Homs obtained information that a large number of Vichy French in Homs area. Damascus area Free French patrols gained touch with our forces moving south west from Palmyra. Five miles north of Jezzine we have reached Beilkoum. Coastal sector attack launched July 6th succeeded in capturing Elboum (2 miles south of Damour).
13. Russia. In White Russia, Germans appear to be attempting to make good line Dnieper River on broad front in thrust towards Smolensk. In Bukovina against the enemy are advancing from Line Balti-Chernovitz.

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10th July, 1941

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON JULY 9TH, 1941

Naval

Twenty aircraft dropped mines and bombs Alexandria Harbour night of 6th/7th; no naval damage. Following night mines dropped inside Haifa Harbour.

2. During attack on East Coast convoy off Cromer night of 8th/9th no damage caused, one JU88 shot down.

3. Reference air attack on Palermo on 6th photographs show a merchant vessel 10,000 tons and two smaller sunk. One 10,000 ton vessel which was on fire is still afloat.

4. Military

Libya 6th. Enemy continued blasting operations Halfaya-Sollum area and shows increased activity south of Scheferzen. Fresh digging noticed Sidi Omar.

5. Syria Northern column from Iraq reached Kamrahli (near Turkish border 50 miles west of Tel Kotehek)

July 4th. Our troops moving north west from Deir Ez Zor occupied Raqqa (120 miles east of Aleppo) 5th.

Vichy aircraft are bombing Deir Ez Zor twice daily. Deir Atiye (6 miles north of Nebek) clear of Vichy troops. Seven miles north of Jezzine we hold positions on high ground. South of Damour our troops established line three miles from the town, fighting continues.

6. Russia German pressure in the last 24 hours directed on western Dvina crossings about 60 miles north-west of Vitebsk and from Novograd-Volynsk and Schpetsrka towards Kiev.

7. Royal Air Force 8th. In addition to the attack on oil plant near Lens attack carried out on chemical works and power station near Lille. At the latter target

heavy /

heavy Anti-aircraft fire prevented observation but at Lens bursts seen on oil plant and on Gasometer. Our fighters destroyed 18 ME 109's with seven probable and nine damaged. We lost 14 fighters (4 pilots safe). One Stirling shot down by anti-aircraft fire. Two heavy bombers attacked Wilhelmshaven hitting naval barracks. Five Blenheims despatched to attack shipping off Denmark damaged a small vessel and trawler.

8. 8th/9th. 172 aircraft despatched Bielefeld power station, Munster, Leuna synthetic oil plant and Hamm, ten missing. At Bielefeld most bombs fell in the target area starting many fires. Several fires started at Munster.

9. Middle East. Night of 6th/7th, Wellingtons from Malta attacked engine sheds Tripoli (L) starting large fires. Wellingtons bombed Aleppo hitting railway station, destroying three aircraft on the ground, and Beirut starting large fire amongst oil cisterns.

10. 7th/ The Hurricanes destroyed 6 aircraft on the ground at Gambut (Libya); five Hurricanes missing.

11. German Air Force 8th/ Activity negligible. 2 ME 109's crossed the south coast, one being destroyed the other damaged.

12. 8th/9th About 140 German aircraft operated, 113 were over land principally in Birmingham and Yarmouth district, three destroyed, two more unconfirmed.

13. Cyprus. In attack on Nicosia aerodrome, 2 petrol dumps destroyed, 4 aircraft damaged.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
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July 11th, 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JULY 10th, 1941

Naval.

Freetown attacked by one aircraft A.M/8.

Ships in harbour were hit by machine guns and cannon-shells.

2. British submarine sank heavily laden merchant ship estimated 5,500 tons A.M/3 N.E. of Catania (Sicily).

3. Royal Air Force.

During daylight 9th 3 Stirlings with strong escort bombed aerodrome at Bethune. Thirteen enemy fighters destroyed certain, three probable, seven damaged. We lost 9 fighters but two pilots safe.

4. Night of 9/10 140 aircraft sent to Aachen and Osnabruck. Four missing.

5. Night of 7/8. Wellingtons successfully bombed Tripoli, on the following night Bengazi.

6. Yesterday Hurricanes from Malta attacked float-planes on the water at Syracuse destroying 3, damaging five.

7. On 8th twelve enemy aircraft bombed Luqa aerodrome at Malta destroying one Wellington.

8. Military.

Libya. 8th. Small groups of enemy armoured cars encountered frontier area, driven off by our patrols. Matruh raided by aircraft night of 7th/8th. Slight damage. Few casualties.

9. Syria.

Our forces at Palmyra have gained touch with northern Force half way between Palmyra and Dier Ez Zor.

/Coastal

Coastal Area. Part of our force has been moved round east of Damour and is in position covering Damour-Beirut road.

10. Russia. Finland.

Russians still hold Fishermans Peninsula Murmansk Kandalaksha. Baltic States. Germans pushing N.E. from Riga.

Ukraine.

Enveloping movement on Kiev apparently also attempted to turn Dniester line from Tarnopol.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
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July 15th, 1941

Dear Mr. President,

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Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Very sincerely yours,

(For the Ambassador)

Neville Butler

The Honourable,

Franklin D. Roosevelt,

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON
DATED JULY 14th, 1941

NAVAL.

In the Bay of Biscay July 7th, 8th and 9th British submarine sank by gunfire two Tunny fishing vessels, one steam trawler. Crews transferred to other ships.

2. British 5,000 ton ship hit by two bombs north of Cromer night of July 12th, July 13th in convy, but arrived safely in harbour.

3. ROYAL AIR FORCE. July 13th.

Blenheims from Malta attacked convoy outside Tripoli (L): One ship believed tanker 7,000 tons and 1,500 ton merchant vessel set on fire and a three masted schooner blew up.

4. Night of July 13th/14th. 69 aircraft attacked Bremen Vegesack shipyards. One aircraft missing.

5. Early July 14th twelve Blenheims with fighter escort despatched to attack Havre and Cherbourg.

6. Military. Egypt. July 12th, Tobruk; our patrols inflicted casualties and took some Italian prisoners.

7. Syria. News of final signature of Armistice terms still awaited.

8. Russia. Baltic States. Germans appear to be making main effort north east from Pskov.

Ukraine. Enemy armoured troops have made progress towards Kiev.

Bessarabia. Russians withdrawing slowly.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JULY 11th.
1941.

Naval.

"Defender" in the Mediterranean hit by bomb early 11th: engine room flooded. "Vendetta" reported taking her in tow.

2. His Majesty's Ship "Canton" intercepted German "Hermes" 7,209 tons 300 miles north west of St. Pauls Rocks on 10th. Hermes scuttled, 3 boat-loads survivors picked up.

3. Night of 9th/10th Convoy off Bude attacked by enemy aircraft; one Norwegian ship 200 tons hit and sunk. One British ship 1,700 tons damaged but arrived in harbour. Illustrating the mendacious enemy claims the German communique of 10th stated that in this attack five ships totalling 21,000 tons had been sunk.

4. Royal Air Force.

Two forces of Blenheims with strong fighter escorts attacked shipping Le Havre and Cherbourg. At Le Havre four ships hit 6,000 ton merchant vessel 2,000 ton laden tanker 3,000 ton merchant vessel set on fire and 7,000 ton merchant vessel two direct hits. At Cherbourg 7,000 ton tanker hit, explosion caused; two merchant vessels also hit. Warehouses set alight. Tonnage mainly estimated.

5. Since February German Air Force has sunk less and less tonnage. Estimated that in May and June our losses from aircraft were over 50% less than in February and March despite increased number of aircraft operating.

6. Night of 9th/10th 73 tons of high explosives 8,760 incendiaries dropped on AACHEN 48 tons high explosives 3,240 incendiaries dropped on Osnabruck.

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7. During raids on France day/night of 10th
16 enemy fighters shot down certain, four
probable, five damaged. We lost two bombers ten
fighters, two fighter pilots safe.

8. Night of 10th/11th, 132 aircraft bombed Cologne
on previous night 6 Wellingtons from Malta bombed Naples;
Central railway station, warehouses, aircraft factories
and marshalling yards hit. Same night 34 bombers gave
Benghazi severe plastering.

9. German Air Force.

9th/10th. 15 enemy aircraft dropped bombs and
mines Suez and Shaluffa. Second formation bombed Abu
Suvfo.

10. Night of 10th/11th Minor attack on Hull.
Elsewhere nothing particular.

11. Military. Syria.

Mosul Kameshli railway undamaged. Train service
functioning. Near the coast our troops have improved
position north of Jezzine. Vichy troops hold Beit ed
Dine. Further west we have reached the outskirts of
Beirut having captured Damour together with 17 guns,
3 tanks, 5 armoured cars and several prisoners.

12. Russia.

German pressure continues in all sectors being
strongest in Pskov area towards Leningrad and in
Vitebsk area.

TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JULY 12th, 1941

Defender sank night 10th/11th off Sidi Barrani.

2. Following air raid early 10th Suez Canal now closed.

3. Russia.

No new information. German Air Force doing much night bombarding particularly Ukraine sector.

4. Royal Air Force.

Night of 10th/11th 74 tons of H.E., over 6000 incendiaries dropped on Cologne. Bonn and Coblenz also bombed. All aircraft returned. July 11th daylight sweeps over France continued. 8 Messerschmidts 109 destroyed certain, 4 probable, 8 damaged. Two Junkers 87 destroyed on ground. We lost 6 Spitfires one pilot safe. Night of 11th/12th bombers attacked Naval base at Wilhelmshaven. All returned. Wellingtons attacked Naples night of 10th/11th. Eight tons of H.E. dropped on railway station, warehouse and oil tanks hit.

Tripoli (L). bombed 9th by Blenheims from Malta. 6 hits scored on four merchant ships 7 to 12,000 tons. 50 Italian fighters attacked Malta 11th destroyed one Wellington on ground but Hurricanes shot down 3 enemy fighters, damaged 4. A/A guns damaged 11.

5. German Air Force. Libya and Egypt.

In attack on Abu Sueir aerodrome enemy aircraft destroyed 14 and damaged 2 of our aircraft.

6. Syria. Successful attack July 10th enabled us to establish troops, 12 bombers damaged on Beirut Road. In areas Merjayoun and North Zezzine Vichy troops gained some local successes. Advance on Beirut along coastal road has made progress. Subsequent action suspended from midnight of 11/12 July. Result of negotiations not yet confirmed.

TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JULY 13th, 1941.

Naval.

British submarine has sunk Italian tanker Strombo 5,232 tons in Zea channel.

2. Port Said dive-bombed night of July 11th/12th. One Greek ship damaged, one Dutch ship 5,500 tons set on fire. Ismailia also bombed. No other serious damage reported. On July 12th Coastal aircraft dropped 3 bombs on mine sweeper about 1,200 tons off U.SHANT. Considered certain to sink. Three Stirlings of bomber command attacked U-boat yards at LeTrait; hits in target area claimed.

Daylight July 12th. A few bombers escorted by fighters raided France. Six M.E.109's shot down certain; two probable; nine damaged. We lost 2 Spitfires. Last night over 50 bombers despatched to attack Bremen. Two missing.

3. Iraq.

Further reinforcements have arrived.

4. Russia.

Germans claim the occupation of Narva (80 miles west of Leningrad). Almost certain that they have advanced in the area north of Ostrov.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of
the latest report received from London
on the military situation. It is
dated July 15th.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Very sincerely yours,

Mark Butler

For the Ambassador.

The Honourable

Franklin D. Roosevelt,

President of the United States of America,

Washington, D. C.

Telegram from London dated July 15th.

1. Naval. O.B.V. Lady Somers torpedoed early a.m. 15th east of the Azores. H.M.A.M.C. "Aurania" damaged in collision with an iceberg in thick fog is returning to harbour.
2. Suez Canal raided by aircraft night of July 13th/ July 14th. Sections remain closed. At Suez transport Georgic 27,759 tons hit beached and burnt out.
3. American naval forces arrived in Iceland (C) a week ago.
4. During week ending July 9th 779 ships convoyed including 117 allied and 9 neutral. Imports into Great Britain in convoy during week ending July 5th totalled 652,597 tons.
5. Our shipping losses during last week much lighter than in any week since April, 1940.
6. Our merchant losses during June about 170,000 tons less than in May although total for June may yet increase. Tonnage sunk by German aircraft has progressively decreased since February. Losses in May and June approximately half those of February and March.
7. Military. Syria. Convention for cessation of hostilities signed 17.00 July 14th.
8. Russia. Main German drives towards Leningrad, Moscow, (via Smolensk) Kiev all making progress. Russian air force giving considerable trouble to advancing German formations.
9. Royal Air Force. Night of July 14th/15th 200 aircraft despatched Bremen Hanover (main station) Hanover (rubber factory) Rotterdam. 7 aircraft missing 4 high explosives of 4,000 pounds each dropped on Hanover main station/

station.

10. Night of July 12th/July 13th 15 Wellingtons successfully bombed three aerodromes Rhodes.

11. During daylight July 14th 29 Blenheims, two missing, attacked shipping Le Havre, Cherbourg, Hazebrouck railway centre and shipping off Texel. Two merchant ships totalling 9,000 tons and an escort vessel 1,500 tons in convoy off Ymuiden claimed total losses. Also hits made on two ships totalling 8,000 tons and on port installations at Le Havre and Cherbourg. Our fighters provided escort over France destroyed 7 M.E. 109's damaged 4. Four spitfires lost. Blenheims destroyed 1 M.E. 109.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 18th, 1941

Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON
DATED JULY 16th, 1941

NAVAL

Suez canal is open.

2. 15th. British tanker of 5,500 tons slightly damaged by aircraft off Faroes. One small British ship sunk by aircraft off Holyhead.
3. Convoy in British Channel p.m. 14th was unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft shot down by fighters.

4. ROYAL AIR FORCE.

A.M. 16th Coastal aircraft dropped six bombs on stern of escorted merchant vessel about 3,500 tons South of Ushant.

5. Night of 14th/15th, raids Bremen and Hanover most effective. At Bremen 72 tons H.E. 10,000 incendiaries appeared to set whole town on fire. At Hanover 69 aircraft dropped 104 tons of H.E. 7,000 incendiaries. Target areas left well burning, one stick of bombs fell directly on rubber factory.

6. 15th/16th. 38 aircraft attacked Duisberg. Three aircraft missing.

7. Unfavourable weather curtailed air operations 15th and night of 15th/16th.

8. MILITARY. RUSSIA.

Main German armoured thrusts still making progress. In some places infantry formations are probably well behind armoured formations. In Bessarabia Russians strongly resisting German attempt to reach the Dniester.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 19th, 1941.

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President of the United States of America,

Washington, D. C.



Telegram from London dated July 18th.

1. Naval. In addition to Italian tanker Strombo British submarine now reports the sinking between June 30th and July 12th of another tanker, one merchant man, two schooners, and five caiques full of soldiers in Southern Aegean sea.
2. Royal Air Force. Night of July 16th/17th. Royal Air Force scored direct hit on after part of merchant ship about 3500 tons off Bergen, after hold seen on fire. Merchant ship estimated at 5,000 tons in Saint Nazaire roadway, hit or near miss.
3. Daylight July 17th, offensive sweeps and escorted bomber raids made over Northern France. We lost seven fighters, 9 enemy aircraft destroyed, 2 probable.
4. Night of July 17th/July 18th. 80 aircraft sent mainly to Cologne railway centres. All returned. Coastal command aircraft attacked shipping off Saint Nazaire; direct hit reported on 4,000 ton vessel. One aircraft missing.
5. In Mediterranean night of July 15th/16th and following night, 16 Wellesleys bombed Benghazi harbour and three swordfish torpedoed tanker estimated at 6,000 tons outside Tripoli (L) harbour.
6. Military. Libya. Tobruk. July 16th, fighting patrol penetrated successfully 6,000 yards into enemy positions, attacking two strong points, inflicting twenty-five casualties. Own casualties very slight.
7. Abyssinia. Attempt by small body of our troops to obtain foot-hold on the summit of Tienlcher pass failed in the face of fierce resistance in strength.
8. Russia. Reports indicate that German advance continues in all sectors, particularly in the area east of Lake Peipus and beyond the Dneiper line between Rogachev and Vitebsk. German casualties thought heavy and difficulties being encountered/

encountered on way to the long lines of communication and wear on tanks.

9. Vichy French Air Force. Reported that squadron of six torpedo bomber float-planes has arrived at Dakar from North Africa. At the time of Syrian Armistice Vichy commenced further reinforcements of Dakar area.

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WASHINGTON.

July 23rd, 1941.

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Telegram from London dated July 22nd,

1. Scharnhorst has left Brest. Four destroyers believed with her.
2. Tobruk. Night of July 19th/July 20th two strong patrols inflicted upwards of 50 casualties on enemy. Our casualties 7. Indian unit repelled attack by 180 Italians and counter attacked with bayonets inflicting casualties and suffering none. During July 20th considerable enemy air activity. Damage nil.
3. Abyssinia. Deserters Wolchefit area report enemy's food situation critical but garrison ordered to fight to the last.
4. Russian Campaign. German advances on Leningrad and Smolensk Sectors appear slower. In Ukraine and Bessarabia advance claimed by Germans may be due to Russian withdrawal to avoid envelopment as a result of German thrusts towards Kiev and South East of S. between Dniester and Dnieper.
5. Royal Air Force. July 21st. In sweeps over France our bombers all returned, we lost 6 Spitfires. Nine German fighters certain, 1 probable, 8 damaged. Night of July 21st/22nd strong force of bombers despatched to attack Frankfurt and Mannerheim. There was heavy ground hazard but 70% of aircraft attacked primary targets.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

19th July, 1941.

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Dear Mr. President,

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July 17th.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Very sincerely yours,

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President of the United States of America,

Washington, D.C.

COPY OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM

LONDON DATED JULY 17th, 1941.

1. Naval. Fifteen aircraft raided Suez Canal area night of July 15th/16th but the Canal is open.
2. During air raid Gibraltar night of July 11th/12th parachute mines were dropped; the mole has been declared dangerous to shipping.
3. British ship 5,000 tons caught fire and sank south of Table Bay on July 13th whilst on passage from Beira. Master suspects sabotage.
4. British submarine off Gulf of Hammamet attacked northbound convoy of five merchant-ships escorted by six torpedo-boats, scored two hits both probably on largest ship, estimated 7,000 tons. Though slightly damaged she sustained heavy counter attack when 116 depth charges were dropped.
5. Royal Air Force. July 16th day; coastal aircraft set on fire 3,500 ton ship off St. Nazaire where reconnaissance aircraft showed ten U-boats in harbour. Three aircraft attacked 6,000 ton tanker with escort of five vessels off Boulogne. They machine-gunned her and scored one hit under the bridge with torpedo.
6. A.M. of July 16th. 36 bomber aircraft raided Rotterdam. Estimated 17 ships ranging from 2,000 to 17,000 tons hit and claimed destroyed. Five ships hit and damaged. Damage also done to docks. Four aircraft missing.
7. Night of July 16th/17th. 126 aircraft despatched to Hamburg railway centre, docks in North France - four aircraft missing.
8. Night of July 14th/15th. Eight Wellingtons made very effective raid Messina.
9. July 15th. Three Blenheims attacked convoy off Tripoli/



Tripoli. Merchant ship estimated at 8,000 tons destroyed by two heavy bombs amidships and another ship of similar tonnage damaged forward by direct hit.

10. Off Libya our fighters patrolling over convoy shot down six Junker 87, two Messerschmidts 109. Two Hurricanes lost.

11. Libya. Egypt. July 14th. Enemy aircraft attacked Siwa causing ten civilian casualties.

12. Military. Accumulating evidence from prisoners of war, captured documents, etc. indicate that Axis forces suffered even more serious blow during operations last month than at first estimated. Not only were casualties among personnel heavy but losses of tanks and particularly mechanical transport have seriously impaired offensive power of German forces in Cyrenaica.

13. Russia. German advance continuing, though in certain areas Russians are resisting strongly.

14. General. Balkans. Service by rail to supply motor spirit from Constanza to Salonika is being arranged. Estimated 5,000 tons per week will be loaded directly into Italian tankers.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 21st, 1941

Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein copies of the
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July 19th and 20th respectively.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON

DATED JULY 19th, 1941.

1. Reconnaissance Taranto shows "Cavour" sunk in harbour by naval aircraft on November 11th is now in floating dock.
2. Night of July 17th/18th. Wellingtons attacked Palermo harbour. Smoke screen obscured results of bombs aimed at four cruisers and six destroyers.
3. On July 18th Bomber Command Blenheims escorted by fighters hit 6,000 ton ship off Gravelines. Later ship observed beached, believed to be the same. One enemy fighter and two bombers destroyed. Three Blenheims missing. (One of the crew safe).
4. Fockewulf aircraft attacked convoy 240 miles west of Ireland on July 18th was shot down after causing slight damage to one British ship.
5. Attacks by enemy aircraft p.m. July 18th and night of July 18th/19th off east coast causing no damage or casualties.
6. Night of July 18th/19th bad weather over United Kingdom prevented Bomber Command operations.
7. Night of July 17th/18th at Hull 129 were killed and 222 seriously injured.
8. Russia. German pressure continues in Smolensk sector and Ukraine.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON JULY 20TH, 1941

1. British submarine shelled two laden 500 ton schooners anchored west of Tripoli, Libya leaving one badly damaged the other sinking p.m. July 15th. H.M. Submarine Umpire sunk in collision off the East Coast early a.m. July 18th. Commanding Officer and 14 men picked up.
2. Daylight July 19th, Royal Air Force attacked enemy shipping off the Hague, Ostend, Dutch and Norwegian coasts, and in the Skaggerack, and Bay of Biscay claiming hits eight merchant ships totalling 48,000 tons and damage to 3 more totalling 5,500 tons and one flak-ship 500 tons. New form of sea-level attack used off the Dutch coast. Spitfires and Hurricanes provided escort and cover the the two above operations destroying 3 enemy aircraft probably destroying 7 and damaging 2. We lost 3 bombers and two fighters.
3. Enemy lately endeavoured to supplement over-strained land transport by using coastwise shipping from their Northern European quarters. Recent successful attacks by Royal Air Force and British submarine caused enemy shipping losses or damage amounting to over 200,000 tons during the last week, including the above which is very serious for the enemy.
4. Night of July 19th/20th. 49 aircraft despatched to attack Hanover and others engaged in mine-laying, two missing.
5. Night of July 17th/18th. Wellingtons hit the mole at Derna and started fires. On July 18th Blenheims scored direct hits on power house Tripoli (Libya). 1 Blenheim lost. Night of July 18th/19th. Swordfish from Malta attacked Tripoli Harbour.

6. Night of July 18th/19th. Twenty enemy aircraft attacked Alexandria, nine others attacked Malta. On July 18th four enemy aircraft bombed Nicosia, Cyprus, damage slight.

7. Finland and Baltic front - Little change.

White Russia -German spear-head East of Smolensk appears to be continuing its advance but the Russians are attacking on the flanks.

Ukraine. Thrust East of Berdichev towards the Dnieper is continuing with heavy fighting,

Bessarabia. The German claim to have reached Dniester River at several points is correct but the situation is vague.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

22nd July, 1941.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON DATED JULY 21ST, 1941

1. Night of July 20th/July 21st.

Virulent air attack on east coast convoy resulted in two British ships being damaged. Both taken in tow for harbour. On July 20th six Blenheims escorted by fighters made attack on 5,000 ton merchant vessel off Le Touquet. She had previously been unsuccessfully attacked July 19th but second attack drove her ashore Berck-sur-Mer. Two enemy fighters shot down.

2. Night of July 19th/July 20th. Thirty-nine bombers dropped heavy load high explosives and 6,000 incendiaries on Hanover. More very large fires started.

3. Last night 146 bombers despatched to Cologne and Rotterdam - one missing.

4. Egypt and Libya

Tobruk

Midnight July 18th/July 19th to evening July 19th small formations of enemy aircraft made eight raids. No damage or casualties. Enemy shelled town and harbour. No damage. We shelled El Adem aerodrome.

5. Syria

Our forces well received at Jerablus.

6. Russia

Situation Murmansk well in hand. Baltic States - strong Russian resistance has prevented further German advance. Smolensk area - fierce fighting and repeated Russian counter-attacks from the south.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 25th, 1941

Dear Mr. President,

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Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON
DATED JULY 23rd, 1941

NAVAL. July 23rd.

Scharnhorst and four destroyers located
at La Pallice.

2. Coastal convoy attacked by enemy aircraft
night of July 22nd/23rd undamaged but His Majesty's
ship Garth slightly damaged by near miss.

3. A.M. July 23rd Focke Wulf aircraft attacking
outward convoy west Ireland shot down by Hudson
aircraft.

4. Night of July 21/22nd five enemy aircraft
raided Suez Canal area. Kabret aerodrome main
objective. Four bombs dropped on Ismailia. Canal
not affected but naval camp at Kabret slightly
damaged.

5. Royal Air Force. July 22nd.

Blenheims with fighter escort attacked ship-
yard at Le Trait (Seine) hitting sheds and slipways.
Fighters destroyed 4 Messerschmitts 109 plus one
probable. Three spitfires lost.

6. Night of July 22nd/23rd. Aircraft despatched
to Frankfurt, Mannheim, Dunkirk. Havocs bombed aero-
dromes in Northern France. All returned safely.

7. Benghazi bombed night of July 20th/21st by
Wellingtons.

8. Italy. Night of July 20th/21st.

Seven and a half tons of high explosives and
many incendiaries dropped on railway sidings near
Naples, harbour causing very large fires.

Military/

9. Military.

Tobruk. Enemy casualties night of July 17th/18th 50 killed 100 wounded. Ours 10. .

10. Russia.

Some enemy advance Finnish front where they claim Pitkaranta. Local Russian withdrawals on Dniester. Elsewhere enemy progress advanced slowly.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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July 25th, 1941

Dear Mr. President,

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON
DATED JULY 24th, 1941

NAVAL. July 23rd.

"Manchester" and "Firedrake" during operations in Mediterranean damaged by air attack are returning to harbour. Fearless sunk. One merchant vessel torpedoed but proceeding to harbour ten knots. Italian communique of July 24th is false.

2. Royal Air Force. Night of July 22nd/23rd. Medium weight attack on Frankfurt and light attack on Mannheim. Locks at Dunkerque also bombed.

3. Night of July 23rd/24th large force of bombers attacked Mannheim, Frankfurt, Ostend and Havre and all returned.

4. In sweeps over France July 23rd fighters supported our bombers attacks on shipping. 10 enemy fighters shot down certain, 2 probably, 11 damaged 14 fighters lost (6 pilots safe) and 7 bombers.

5. 3 separate air attacks on Scharnhorst at La Pallice; first 2200 July 23rd, second and third during night. One hit on stern with heavy bomb claimed during first attack other results unobserved. One bomber attacked by 8 M.E. 109's shot down 2.

6. Afternoon of July 22nd 4 Blenheims attacked enemy convoy of 4 medium merchant vessels and 5 destroyers south-bound off Pantellaria. 2 ships estimated/

estimated 6000 and 7000 tons respectively received 2 hits each. Third ship believed ammunition carrier 3 hits and blew up. Later reconnaissance showed 7,000 tons ship sunk with stern showing. Later attack by 5 Swordfish resulted 7,000 ton tanker hit with two torpedoes claimed total loss. One destroyer hit aft.

7. German Air Force. Night of July 23rd/24th about 40 enemy aircraft operated majority made light attacks on Liverpool area, Scotland and Yorkshire. 2 destroyed.

8. Military. Tobruk.

Further successful patrol activity night of July 21st, 22nd.

9. Suez Canal. 6 aircraft raided canal area ineffectively.

10. Russia. No big claims either side. Germans reported having some success North East of Ladoga and East of Mogilev-Podolsk. Moscow raids done little material or moral damage.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 29th, 1941

Dear Mr. President,

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Believe me,

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON
DATED JULY 27th, 1941

His Majesty's submarine Union now presumed lost.

2. Reference Optel of July 26th, 65 ratings missing from Achates. German S.S. Erlangen has sunk. Scharnhorst located at Brest morning of 26th/27th.

3. Considerable shipping casualties suffered by enemy shipping from our air attacks. Comparatively successful passage of supply convoy United Kingdom to Malta all covering forces have returned to Gibraltar safely except Fearless. During these operations one E-boat was sunk and at least 12 enemy aircraft destroyed.

4. ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Daylight 26th, one Fortress bombed Emden starting fires.

Night 25th/26th, results Hamburg particularly successful.

Night 24th/25th, Royal Air Force bombed Benghazi. 25th enemy air activity over the United Kingdom remains very slight.

Night 24th/25th. Alexandria attacked by 5 enemy aircraft. Some bombs fell in town and mines believed to have been dropped.

SYRIA. Suweida in Jabel Druze occupied July 24th.

RUSSIA. No important changes reported.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 29th, 1941

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President of the United States of America,
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON
dated July 28th, 1941

NAVAL.

Photographs of Brest p.m. July 27th show battle cruisers and Prinz Eugen all in dry dock. Camouflage netting over Scharnhorst.

2. P.M. July 27th, three squadrons of fighters operating off Calais destroyed one enemy aircraft and probably destroyed three more, one Hurricane is missing.

3. Yesterday enemy E boat off Le Treport appeared to be severely damaged after attacks by Spitfire.

4. Last night small raid by aircraft made Dunkirk docks. Considerable mine laying was carried out by Royal Air Force. One aircraft missing.

5. Enemy raids night of July 27th/28th on United Kingdom larger scale than recently. About 60 aircraft South Eastern area; London main objective. Bombing London widespread but not severe three incidents of damage to railways. Casualties not heavy. Night fighters destroyed three and damaged one.

6. TOBRUK.

Night of July 25th/26th. Indian patrol attacked enemy posts killing 25 mostly with bayonets. Allied other patrols active and successful.

7. Russia. Little change.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 30th, 1941

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on the military situation. It was
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON

DATED JULY 29th, 1941.

NAVAL

On the 24th floating dock towed by two tugs and escorted by one destroyer and two torpedo boats was hit with two torpedoes off Cape Spartivento (Italy).

2. 28th Italian cruiser, Emanuele Filiberto class, hit with two torpedoes from submarine 30 miles west of Trapani.

3. ROYAL AIR FORCE.

28th bad weather curtailed operations from United Kingdom and trawler off Dieppe set on fire by British fighter. Night of the 28th/29th the Royal Air Force operations confined to mine-laying in enemy waters. One aircraft missing.

4. Benghazi again bombed night of 26th/27th.

5. In enemy air attack on Port Said night of 26th/27th most bombs fell outside the harbour and four large bombs dropped east of El Kantara. No damage.

6. MILITARY. RUSSIA.

Only appreciable change is in Balta area Ukraine and was where enemy thrust probably aims at encircling Odessa and perhaps Nikolaev. Germans apparently mastering the situation west of Smo..... Finish advance on Petrozavodsk making progress. German drive on Leningrad still apparently halted.

7. TOBRUK.

27th enemy aircraft damaged lighting system. Three half-hearted Italian patrols attempting raids were repulsed. Our casualties nil.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 31st 1941.

Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of
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on the military situation dated July
30th.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Very sincerely yours,

Halifax

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President of the United States of America,

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JULY 30th 1941.

1. NAVAL.

Two attacks made on outward bound convoy west of Spain. Four small merchant ships have been sunk in 2 attacks, 7 are unaccounted for but are not overdue. German claim is grossly exaggerated.

2. Enemy air attack on east coast convoy night of July 29th/30th resulted in 1 British ship of 2,671 tons bombed and sunk off Tyne.

3. ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Bad weather curtailed Royal Air Force operations.

4. On July 28th, 8 Beaufighters attacked 4 aerodromes in Sicily 2 on each target. 34 aircraft believed destroyed, in addition number were damaged.

5. MILITARY.

Russia.

Confused situation Smolensk area. German progress east and alleged mopping up operations east of Smolensk meeting fierce resistance. Possible that Germans forced on the defensive here some sectors. Some German progress east of Mogilev but Russians attacking towards Rogachev. In the Ukraine Germans advancing half-way between Kiev and Odessa against vigorous resistance. Further south the Germans are across the Dniester almost down to Tiraspol. German casualties certainly heavy but no estimation possible at present.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

August 1st, 1941.

Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of the
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the military situation. It is dated
July 31st.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Very sincerely yours,

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President of the United States of America,

Washington, D. C.



Telegram from London dated July 31st.

1. Naval. Naval aircraft attacked Kirkenes p.m. July 30th. Two hits made on Bremse and one hit each on 4 merchant vessels. Other results unobserved. We lost eleven torpedo aircraft and two fighters. Two Messerschmidt 109's, one Junker destroyed.
2. Another force of naval aircraft attacked Petsamo same time. Jetties torpedoed and fire started in oil tanks and warehouse. Three aircraft lost, one Messerschmidt 109 destroyed.
3. Royal Air Force. Two attacks were made by bomber command on convoy of five ships and U-boats p.m. July 30th off Heligoland. First attack two merchant vessels claimed hit with bombs. Second attack U-boat attacked by [word omitted] but not hit. 1500 ton merchant vessel claimed as total loss. Altogether Royal Air Force on July 30th claims to have destroyed 5 ships totalling about 6000 tons.
4. Night of July 30th/31st heavy attack made on Cologne industrial area. One aircraft lost and two overdue.
5. On July 29th when strong force of dive-bombers and fighters attacked British convoy off Libya, our fighters shot down four Junkers 87, two Messerschmidts 109 for loss of two Tomahawks.
6. On July 30th six Beaufighters attacked Elmas (Sardinia) aerodromes and seaplane base destroyed five aircraft and damaged seven. Large fire started hangars.
7. Military. Tobruk. Night of July 28th/29th fighting patrol evicted large party of Italians from position 4000 yards east of Perimeter. Enemy casualties unknown, ourselves 2. Some arms captured. Other patrols penetrated deep into enemy lines south of Derna Road without making contact. July 29th
enemy/

enemy shelled harbour demolishing secondary pumping plant.

8. Eladem area. Our mechanised patrols have destroyed 2000 gallons of aviation spirit, 600 gallons of oil at landing field 50 miles south east of Eladem.

9. Russia. Estonia. Slight German progress towards Tallinn and southwest Lake Ilmen. Smolensk area heavy fighting but apparently no important change. To southwest of Smolensk Russian counter attacks believed slackening.

Ukraine. Some German progress south Kiev against stubborn Russian resistance.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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4th August, 1941

Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of the latest report received from London on the military situation. It was dated August 1st.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON AUGUST 1ST, 1941

NAVAL

In addition to losses previously reported one Dutch ship, one British ship both medium size and one unknown ship were torpedoed in outward bound convoy attacked west of Spain.

2. In operations by Naval Aircraft against Petsamo and Kirkenes on July 30th 4 enemy aircraft destroyed certainly, two probably. A shadowing aircraft destroyed on the following day.

3. German attempts to mobilize shipping of occupied countries being seriously impeded by shortage of skilled personnel. Some small French vessels seized at the time of occupation being handed back to French. Release of 10,000 prisoners of war, French naval officers and ratings may be intended to relieve pressure in manning French mercantile marine.

4. Weather again prevented operations by the Royal Air Force. Night of July 31st-August 1st. Enemy activity over the United Kingdom still very slight. On July 30th German aircraft carried out complete reconnaissance of Iceland.

5. SYRIA

All Vichy French artillery and fixed defenses also most of machine guns and mortars now in our possession. We are occupying chief ammunition depots and other ammunition in possession of troops is being handed over satisfactorily.

6. TOBRUK

Water supply unaffected by damage reported in telegram of July 31st.

7. KUFRA

July 27th we established patrols at Bir Zighen (120 miles north west of Kufra) and Tazerbo (30 miles further West).

8. RUSSIA

No change reported.

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August 4th, 1941.

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Telegram from London dated August 2nd.

1. Naval. During night of July 31st/August 1st "Maori" bombarded seaplane slipway and buildings Porto Conte Sardinia. "Cossack" fired star shells over Alghero while nine Swordfish attacked aerodrome.
2. Naval. Night of August 1st and 2nd two British ships bombed off Sunderland. Both reached harbour under own steam. One British ship 4,000 tons bombed and sunk off Blyth.
3. Shipping losses for last week greater than previous week, but still below average.
4. On August 1st three Blenheims attacked tanker about 1,500 tons, a freighter and auxiliary ship off Ostend. Tanker set on fire and left sinking. Night of July 31st/August 1st one 5,000 ton merchant vessel in convoy off Pantellaria believed hit by torpedo when 5 Swordfish attacked. One July 24th British submarine sank 6,000 tons laden merchant vessel escorted by one destroyer off Trapani.
5. Night of July 31st/August 1st 6 aircraft attacked Malta. Damage slight.
6. Tobruk. July 31st. Successful patrol activity. Some damage and several casualties from bombing.
7. Frontier. Evening of July 31st shelling forced our forward patrol to withdraw.
8. Russia. Pierce fighting all fronts. Some German progress in Estonia and on the Ukraine-Bessarabian front. Finns estimate own casualties 15,000 and German minimum 6,000 in extreme north of and near Salia. Finns claim capture of Olonets and advance towards Petrozavodsk. Further German advance towards Tallina reported. No advance towards Lenin-grad from Southwest, Smolensk Sector, no German advance. Situation confused but Germans probably retain initiative. Southern front, Germans probably nearing Dnieper River 60 miles south of Kieff.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 4th 1941.

On August 2nd further reinforcements arrived in His Majesty's Ships at Malta from the West. British submarine reports sinking 1600 ton merchant ship off East coast of Sardinia, she was afterwards bombed when at Periscope depth but was only damaged. Now known in outward bound Gibraltar convoy reported attacked West of Spain 9 ships have been sunk but total tonnage only 70,290. Two of these ships had already been detached.

2. German claim concerning attack on East coast convoy August 2nd fantastic. Two attacks by aircraft 1 of which shot down. Total casualties reported 1 British ship 1,110 tons damaged by near miss.

3. On August 2nd, Royal Air Force sank with torpedo fully laden tanker estimated 2,000 tons off Ostend. Merchant vessel estimated 1,000 tons attacked off Norway appeared damaged by near miss as the crew abandoned ship. Off Den Helder auxiliary vessel estimated at 2,000 tons hit seen on fire and left sinking. Fighter Command report an attack on E-Boat off Cherbourg which was left sinking. On August 1st three Blenheims while attacking shipping Lampedusa harbour claim hits 2 merchant ships of 3,000 tons each.

4. Alexandria attacked night of August 1st - August 2nd by 9 enemy aircraft. Mines and bombs reported dropped in harbour area.

5. Night of August 2nd.

Strong force of over 200 bombers despatched to Germany. Medium weight attacks made on Hamburg, Kiel and Berlin.

6. Russia.

Fighting continues Estonia Smolensk and Kiev sectors and no German progress towards Kiev itself. To South some progress towards the Dnieper. River not yet reached. Further South German attacks South Eastwards against strong Russian resistance.

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August 5th, 1941.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON DATED
AUGUST 4th, 1941

On July 22nd British submarine near Samos shelled Caique flying German flag and carrying German troops and set her on fire. During night of July 27th/28th in Gulf of Euphemia, Calabria British submarine wrecked train which piled up and burst into flames. Same submarine p.m. July 28th sank escorted laden merchant vessel of 4,000 tons south bound ten miles north west of Paolo.

2. P:M: Hurricane catapulted from Maplin shot down Focke Wulf shadowing homeward convoy about 450 miles west of Lands End. Another enemy aircraft shot down August 3rd by fighters whilst attacking convoy south of Orfordness. Free French pilot of coastal command fired cannon shells into E boat off Gris Nez and left her in flames.

3. Mediterranean. P.M. August 2nd, force of 20 - 30 J.U. 87's, ME 109's attacked two destroyers running supplies to Tobruk. Hurricanes shot down 5 enemy aircraft and probably two more, three hurricanes missing.

4. At Reggio Calabria. On August 3rd two Beaufighters attacked by thirty aircraft with cannon and M.G. fire; claimed many destroyed and severely damaged.

5. Night of August 3rd/4th. Aircraft sent to Hanover and Frankfurt railway centres. One missing. At Hanover large fires started and burst of one 4,000 pound bomb caused blackout of Flak and searchlights over approximately 2 square miles for more than five minutes.

/ 6. Russia.

6. Russia.

Fighting continues Velikie Lake.
(half way between Lake Ilmen and Smolensk) and east and south of Smolensk. No progress towards Kiev but thrust south eastwards in Uman area continuing.

7. Tobruk.

Night of August 1st/2nd one of our patrols located enemy minefield and removed 80 mines.

8. Axis oil tankers. It is estimated that during July enemy (including French) tankers sunk or claimed as total loss in Mediterranean and on West Atlantic coast amounted to about 60,000 tons. During these operations Axis must have lost in addition some 20,000 tons of oil.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 5th, 1941.

German ship "Frankfurt" 5522 tons, intercepted 600 miles southwest Azores by ocean boarding vessel, was scuttled, 26 prisoners taken remaining twenty of crew missing. Early on 5th S L convoy attacked west of Ireland, 5 ships torpedoed. U-boat was sighted and bombed by escort vessels.

2. Benghazi was bombed night of 2nd/3rd by thirteen Wellingtons, who started fires. Port Said and Suez attacked night of 3rd/4th by small force of enemy bombers. No serious damage but canal is closed.

3. Abyssinia.

August 2nd, we repulsed Italian attack in Wolchehit area and counterattacked, killing 26 Italians and taking 13 prisoners. Our casualties slight.

4. Russia.

Some German progress south east Porkhov and also north and south Kieff. Indications of temporary deadlock at Smolensk. German casualties to end of July estimated one million.



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August 8th 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 6th 1941.

NAVAL. Of the five ships torpedoed in convoy west of Ireland on the 5th one has not been sunk.

2. On the 5th Royal Air Force aircraft attacked convoy off the Hook of Holland, two hits scored on merchant vessel estimated 2,000 tons, believed destroyed.

3. Suez Canal is open. During air attacks on Suez night of 3rd/4th 8,000 tons British tanker hit, will probably be beached, 5,000 ton Belgian tanker torpedoed, not reported sunk. Small Belgian ship torpedoed and sunk.

4. British submarine night of 27th/28th blew up a train on a railway line in east Sicily (sic).

5. Royal Air Force. Night of 3rd/4th. Two ships estimated 8,000 tons were each hit by Wellington aircraft west of Appolonia.

6. On the 4th and 5th. Blenheims claimed to have sunk 800 tons schooner near Misurata and 9 small ships off Tunis night of 5th/6th.

7. Night of 5th/6th very strong force of aircraft sent to Germany. Heavy attacks delivered on Frankfurt, Mannheim and Carlsruhe. Light attacks on Aachew and Boulogne. Eleven missing. Enemy night activity over the United Kingdom still very slight.

8. Military - Russia.

No change except in the Ukraine where the German south east advance south of Byelaya Tserkov apparently continues against stiff resistance.

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August 9th, 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 7th 1941

Naval.

H.M. Submarine Cachalot now presumed lost.

2. Netherlands Submarine sank 4000 ton enemy merchant ship S.S.W. of Naples on 29th and probably badly damaged enemy anti-submarine Steamships South of Sardinia on the 3rd.
3. Thirty aircraft raided the area night of 4th/5th, main effort being on Ismailia. No damage to service property.
4. In heavy weather on the 6th/7th small merchant ships in convoy ran ashore off Happisborough together with an anti-submarine trawler. Six ships totalling 8757 tons believed total losses.
5. Royal Air Force P.M. on the 5th a Beaufort aircraft dropped 6 bombs from 800 feet on 10,000 ton merchant ship at Nantes. All considered hits as fires and explosions observed from the bow to the stern of the ship.
6. On the 6th 3000 ton merchant ship was torpedoed by Beaufort off Norway.
7. In Nord Fjord at 1600/6 Beaufort Aircraft near missed a merchant ship estimated at 5000 tons.
8. On the 6th aircraft bombed a tanker over Cherbourg.
9. On the 6th our fighters destroyed four, and damaged one, enemy aircraft without loss.
10. Night of 6th/7th medium weight attacks on Frankfurt, Mannheim, Karlsruhe and Calais. 10 aircraft missing.
11. Night of 5th/6th five Swordfish bombed submarine base at Augusta Sicily. Several fires started, big one at submarine jetty.

/ 12. Malta

12. Malta attacked same night by 10 aircraft. Slight damage to dockyard no casualties. Hurricanes shot down three.

13. Military. Tobruk.

Third. We attacked two posts in Medawar Salinet. One attack completely successful, 28 of the enemy killed. Other attack also successful but fierce confused fighting developed and enemy counter attack was successful. We lost 28 killed, 104 wounded, 8 missing. Enemy losses unknown but undoubtedly heavy. German troops were engaged.

14. Russia.

German special communiques issued August 6th considered to give reasonably accurate survey of killed to date except in regard to Russian losses, of which no check possible.

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11th August, 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON

DATED: AUGUST 8, 1941

One motor minesweeper mined and sunk in the Thames estuary on August 6th.

2. Night of August 6th/7th.

Seven swordfish of F.A.A. attacked convoy of 6 merchant ships, 6 destroyers, off Tunisia. One 8,000 ton ship, one 6,000 ton ship sunk. A.M. 7th. 8 Blenheims attacked and hit 2 ships about the same tonnage, 1 probably sunk and 1 severely damaged.

3. Suez. Shipping in harbour attacked by 20 enemy aircraft night of August 6th/7th. Fire in an oil tanker quickly controlled. Damage not heavy so far as known at present.

4. August 7th.

6 Blenheims with fighter escort attacked St. Omer aerodrome and 6 other barges near Calais. During these and other minor operations 478 (sic) fighters employed. Four enemy fighters destroyed and others damaged. We lost 11 fighters, 1 pilot safe. Night of August 7th/8th Royal Air Force despatched strong force to attack Essen, medium force Hamm and Dortmund. Attack on Hamm particularly successful. Three aircraft missing.

5. Tobruk. August 6th

We captured enemy post containing 4 men.

6. Russia.

Some reason to suppose that Germans have cut off Russian forces in Estonia. Ukraine, 2 strong German thrusts south eastwards, Astride River Bug and west of River Dnieper, believed making considerable progress.

If/



If progress maintained Russians will be forced to
evacuate southern Ukraine west of River Bug.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.,

11TH AUGUST, 1941.

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Telegram from London dated 9th August, 1941.

Week ending 2nd August over 1,000,000 tons of imports were brought in convoy highest total of this year. Up to August 5th since commencement of hostilities enemy had lost 3,755,000 tons of shipping and in addition 16,00 gross tons under enemy control.

2. Famagusta Cyprus attacked by 3 enemy aircraft P.M.

7th. One tug sunk otherwise no naval damage or casualties.

3. In the air raid on Alexandria early 8th by 20 enemy aircraft a near miss slightly damaged British merchant ship and a quay. Otherwise no naval damage or casualties.

4. During daylight of the 8th weather prevented offensive bombing operations. One enemy fighter destroyed. Night of 8th/9th 143 aircraft despatched, shipyards at Kiel and Hamburg attacked. Kiel highly successful. Large fires broke out. 4 aircraft missing.

5. Syria. Total of guns excluding antiquated pieces handed in to date 341. Ammunition ample and usable. Beirut workshops operating. Principal aerodromes taken over. Embarkation of personnel for repatriation proceeding.

6. Russia. Esthonia. German advance to Rakvere (Wesenberg) threat to whole of Esthonian coast Gulf of Finland. Ukraine German advance south eastwards believed to have resulted in rounding up of considerable Russian forces.

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August 12th, 1941

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON
DATED AUGUST 10th, 1941

Bases attacked at Bardia,
Benghazi, Capuzzo and Tripoli (Libya) night
7th/8th and Tripoli again night 8th/9th.

Night 8th/9th enemy aircraft
attacked Alexandria and the Canal Zone. Slight
damage caused at Suez and Ismailia.

9th. Five escorted Blenheims bombed
target near Gravelines. During this and other
offensive operations 18 enemy fighters were
destroyed and others damaged. We lost 10
spitfires.

Libya. Jarabub now occupied by
our troops.

Russia. Finnish and Baltic fronts
no change. White Russia. German southeastward
thrust making progress towards Bryansk. Southern
Ukraine. Germans have captured Korosten and are
immediately threatening Kiev. Further South
German thrusts along Dnieper and Astride Bug
making headway. Some substance in German claims
regarding captures in this sector.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 11th, 1941

Naval. Night of 10th/11th. Three attacks by E-boats on coastal convoy. British ship 1,548 tons torpedoed and sunk off Dungeness.

2. His Majesty's Trawler "Withernsea" attacked by Heinkel 111, P.M. 9th, shot it down and picked up pilot.

3. Two air attacks on the Suez Canal on night of 9th/10th. Ismailia, Port Said, Suez area bombed from high level. Slight damage round docks at Suez, no casualties reported.

4. Royal Air Force. On 10th by daylight three Blenheims scored two hits on merchant vessels off Gravelines. Two Blenheims shot down one ME 109 destroyed.

5. Night of 8th/9th, 33 Wellingtons attacked Corinth Canal with bombs and mines.

6. Military.

Russia. Murmansk front stabilized. No reports of enemy progress on Finnish front or North East Ladoga.

7. Ukraine. German advance continues. Armoured units operating near Kremenchug on the river Dnieper. Advance elements in southwards thrust on Nikolaev have reached Vosnessensk. German casualties heavy.



BRITISH EMBASSY,
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August 15th, 1941

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON

DATED AUGUST 12th, 1941

NAVAL.

H.M. Ship "Protector" hit by aircraft torpedo p.m. August 11th 60 miles N.N.W. Port Said. Assistance sent.

2. Night of August 10th/11th. Naval aircraft attacked 13,000 ton merchant ship in Syracuse with 3 torpedoes. Believed 2 hits one caused explosion amidships, reconnaissance shows ship down by stern and list to port.

3. ROYAL AIR FORCE. Bad weather curtail-
ing our patrols but August 11th, 3 merchant ships
attacked off west coast of France and one off
south Norway.

4. Night of August 11th/12th. Royal Air
Force objectives included Rheydt, Krefeld, Rotter-
dam. About 90 aircraft engaged. All returned
safely.

5. MIDDLE EAST. Royal Air Force continued
attacking enemy ports and harbours. August 10th
Martin near missed petrol tanker in Bardia harbour
and Blenheim hit 700 ton French collier off Lampe-
dusa. Ship seen sinking by stern.

6. Enemy air activity United Kingdom negli-
gible.

7. EGYPT LIBYA. Night of August 9th/10th.
British observation post attacked by 30-40 Italians.
26 were killed. Our casualties nil. August 10th/11th,
about 20 aircraft attacked Suez and aerodromes near
Ismailia.

Russia/

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Finland Baltic White Russian fronts
no news. Ukraine pressure on Kieff continues.
Russians believed counter-attacking south of
Kieff. German thrusts on Nikolaev and Odessa
making headway.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON
DATED AUGUST 13th, 1941

NAVAL. July 31st. Off Ghamines British submarine sank by gun fire large Schooner carrying and Stores, on August 6th, she bombarded Apollonia (Libya).

2. "Protector" was due arrive at harbour 0600/12.

3. ROYAL AIR FORCE. August 12th. About 80 Bombers and 500 Fighters including 4 Fortresses and 12 Whirlwinds took part in day operations. Amongst targets attacked were two power stations at Cologne with operations against shipyards at Le Trait and aerodromes at St. Omer and Amsterdam. Preliminary reports indicate that low-level attacks at Cologne resulted in both battery stations being completely gutted by fire and destroyed. At Le Trait ship was hit in slipway. Fighters escorted bombers and carried out offensive sweeps to cover return. We lost 12 bombers and 10 fighters, 1 pilot safe. Enemy losses, 4 aircraft.

4. August 12th/13th. Over 230 aircraft attacked targets in Germany including Berlin, Hanover, Magdeberg and Essen. 13 missing.

5. LIBYA. August 10th/11th. 36 heavy bombers attacked Benghazi. Bombs fell on military objectives, railway and dock installations many large fires seen in docks.

6. GERMAN AIR FORCE. EGYPT. August 11th/12th.
9 enemy aircraft attacked Suez Canal zone.
4 aircraft damaged on ground near Ismalaya and several
buildings/

buildings destroyed.

7. MALTA. August 11/12th. About 9 enemy aircraft bombed Island; 2 destroyed by Hurricane night fighters.

8. Night of August 12th/13th. About 50 enemy bombers scattered bombs mostly in fields over midland, eastern and southeast England.

9. MILITARY. RUSSIA. Finnish Baltic White Russia fronts no news. Ukraine, Germans claim to have reached coast and to control lower course of Dnieper River and whole railway system in Southern Ukraine. Claims unconfirmed but quite possibly true. Russians suggest armoured forces of this area far ahead of infantry. Pockets of Russian resistance probably still south of Uman.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.,

August 16th, 1941.

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Telegram from London dated August 14th.

1. Netherlands submarine has torpedoed and sunk in Mediterranean 5,000 ton laden supply ship and 1,000 ton cargo ship.
2. On the 13th merchant ship estimated at 2,000 tons attacked with torpedo by Beaufort aircraft 5 miles southwest of Ymuiden: result unobserved.
3. Night of 11th to 12th and following day Tobruk was attacked by enemy aircraft. Damage done to ordnance stores, ammunition dump and power cables. In spite of considerable bombing and shelling, passage of supplies to Tobruk by destroyers and lighters continues. On the 12th Famagusta harbour and Nicosia aerodrome attacked by 8 aircraft: slight damage.
4. Night of 12th to 13th four heavy bombers from Malta attacked Tripoli (L.).
5. Abyssinia. Italian garrison Debarech 6,000 strong reported to have only three days' rations left.
6. Russia. Finland no information. Baltic front. Russian reference to fighting in direction of Staraja Russa August 13th may indicate fresh German offensive this sector. Ukraine. German pressure continues towards Dnieper River southwest of Kiev. Germans apparently in immediate neighbourhood of Nikolaev.

Telegram from London dated August 15th.

1. Night of 13th to 14th three Swordfish attacked submarine base at Augusta Sicily. Large fire started jetty. Two other Swordfish attacked barracks Syracuse. Large fire started.
2. Night of 12th to 13th one Blenheim 5 Albacores attacked submarine reported Bardia Harbour, possibly damaged as oil patches seen next day.
3. On the 14th Boulogne attacked by 11 bombers. Two thousand ton merchant vessel Heligoland attacked by three bombers left in sinking condition. Our fighters destroyed 14 aircraft 3 probable and damaged 6. We lost 6 Spitfires and 1 bomber.
4. Night of the 14th to 15th over 310 aircraft attacked targets including Hanover, Brunswick, Magdeburg and Boulogne. 12 bombers missing.
5. Egypt. 13th to 14th, 15 enemy bombers attacked Suez Canal zone, our fighters intercepted 2, no details available.

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August 18th, 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 16th 1941

Circassia A.M.C. captured Italian S.S. Stella 4,272 tons 1,000 miles N.W. of Cape Verde Islands on August 14th. Despatch (sic) intercepted German Norderney, 3,667 tons, 900 miles east of Barbados. Crew scuttled ship but endeavours being made to save her. Amongst the cargo was 1,500 tons of rubber. Spanish Berga, 804 tons, from Malaya ostensibly bound Spanish port but in fact for Genoa with Cargo of Pyrites for Germany was intercepted off Almeria and brought into Gibraltar.

2. In the Mediterranean August 14th Blenheims from Malta attacked two tankers estimated 4,000 tons each, two schooners 800 tons each. All four ships hit, both tankers probably sunk, schooners damaged. During night of August 14th/15th nine Swordfish attacked convoy 30 miles south of Lampione. One merchant ship estimated 6,000 tons, two merchant ships each estimated at 3,000 tons, were all hit by torpedoes. Large ship and one 3,000 ton ship also one of the destroyers sunk.

3. Night of August 13th/14th Royal Air Force aircraft bombed Corinth canal and claim that the Canal is blocked.

4. Tobruk. August 14th. Fighting patrol surprised enemy post outside Western Perimeter killing entire garrison of twelve men. Penetrating further same patrol engaged large working party but ultimately had to withdraw with one officer, five other ranks wounded.

5. Russia. Baltic front heavy fighting at Kholm area but no appreciable change.

Smolensk. Enemy digging in. Kiev Russians have probably broken up strong German attack. Southern Ukraine German drive into loop formed by Dnieper continues.

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August 19, 1941.

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Telegram from London dated August 17th.

1. Lowestoft bombed night 16th - 17th. Some naval property damaged.
2. German Norderney has been sunk.
3. East Coast convoy off Cromer attacked last night by at least six low-flying aircraft, no damage to convoy reported; one aircraft shot down, two damaged.
4. On the 14th three Blenheims Bomber Command scored two direct hits on medium sized merchant ship with deck cargo of timber. Last seen on fire and sinking. Sixteenth a Blenheim bombed and set on fire enemy patrol vessel off the Dutch coast. Royal Air Force yesterday carried out various operations on enemy territory; sorties by 54 squadrons made by fighters. Total of 19 enemy fighters destroyed certain, 3 probably, 4 damaged. We lost 4. Last night 200 aircraft attacked enemy targets. Heavy attack on Cologne slightly lesser attacks on Dusseldorf Duisberg light attacks Rotterdam and Ostend. Anti-aircraft fire very heavy. Night 15th to 16th 9 Wellingtons from Malta bombed Catania starting large fires; believed oil tanks hit.
5. Russian front no fresh developments on eastern front other than in Ukraine where capture of Odessa and Nikolaev may not be long delayed. Soviet forces south and west of Dneiper are however effecting orderly withdrawal, supply services working well, and morale most satisfactory.

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August 20th, 1941.

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President of the United States of America,
Washington, D.C.

TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 18th. 1941.

1. In air attack on east coast convoy one aircraft, damaged by gun fire, struck balloon wire and crashed. One ship damaged by near miss; second ship damaged by near miss following day.
2. August 17th. Bomber Command aircraft attacked with torpedoes 5,000 ton tanker off Le Touquet. One hit with torpedo scored vessel believed sunk.
3. Our fighters engaged ME 109's escorting tankers, destroyed 7. 2 hurricanes missing.
4. Night of 15th/16th. Aircraft carried out attacks on shipping at Benghazi and Bardia, and Lybian aerodromes.
5. Night of 16th/17th. 5 Swordfish bombed Catania harbour. In dock area very large fires started followed by explosions.
6. Night of 17th/18th. Royal Air Force despatched over 105 aircraft and among targets attacked were Duisburg and Bremen. 2 of our aircraft missing.
7. Tobruk. August 15th patrol engaged enemy working party with hand grenades. Our casualties nil. Impossible to estimate enemies'. Frontier area. Coastal and centre sector shelled.
8. Russia. German thrust towards Leningrad resumed from Narva area. Further German progress towards the Dnieper between Kremenchug area and Black Sea. Russians reported falling back in good order. Heavy casualties on both sides in fighting north of Nikolaev.



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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

August 21st, 1941.

Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein a copy of the
latest report received from London on
the military situation. It is dated
August 19th, 1941.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. President,

Very sincerely yours,

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 19th, 1941

During attack by U Boats a.m. August 19th on outward bound convoy 520 miles east of Ushant Norwegian destroyer Bath and one small British ship sunk. Further attack made later casualties not known. H. M. S. Picotee overdue feared lost. She was escorting ship to Iceland.

2. August 18th. 22 Blenheims sent with fighter escort to attack engineering works at Lille, shell factory at Marquise and shipping off the Dutch coast. 3 small trawlers were sunk. Conditions intermittently cloudy rendered the success of the attack on the first two targets doubtful. One Blenheim lost. About three hundred and seventy fighters took part and destroyed 3 enemy fighters. We lost 3 Spitfires.

3. Night of August 18th August 19th over 120 aircraft despatched from United Kingdom to attack Cologne, Duisburg and Dunkerque. Visibility good, bombs burst in all target areas. At Cologne 4,000 lb. bomb dropped close neighbourhood of main station. Eight aircraft missing.

4. Seven Swordfish from Malta attacked South bound convoy of 5 merchant vessels 1 tanker escorted by 6 destroyers at 20.45/17 in position 20 miles west of Lampione. Believed several ships hit by torpedo and one known destroyed estimated 9,000 tons.

5. Tobruk. Our patrol activity continues. Enemy heavily shelled Medawar salient night of August 16th-17th doing little damage.

6. Russia. Germans closing in on Novgorod. German drive towards Dnieper River progressing especially in centre where spearheads approaching Nikopol.



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August 22nd, 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 20th, 1941.

Forty-six survivors from the Norwegian Destroyer Bath, have been picked up.

The Bath was on the point of attacking U Boat sighted 300 yards off Starboard beam when torpedo struck the Engine room.

She sunk in 3 minutes. Two other small merchant ships in this outward convoy torpedoed in the second attack.

2. August 19th. During British sweeps over France we lost 14 fighters. 13 ME 109's destroyed certain, 8 probably and 13 damaged. Three and possibly one other of our pilots are safe. Night of August 19th-20th. Out of about 120 aircraft despatched majority delivered heavy attack on Kiel. Weather conditions very bad. Four missing.

3. Night attacks on Benghazi and Tripoli harbours continue. Night of August 18th-19th. Suez Canal area again attacked by 14 aircraft. Bombs dropped El Kantara and Suez but no serious damage or casualties. August 19th. Hurricanes shot down three out of twelve Italian fighters which approached Malta but turned back.

4. About 31 enemy operated night of August 19th-20th, of which one destroyed by fighters. Some serious damage caused west of Hartle Pool and damage to Dorman Long's Steel Works Middlesborough has caused appreciable loss of production.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 21st, 1941.

1. 20th. Twelve Blenheims operated off Frisian Islands against enemy vessels. Six Blenheims escorted by five squadrons of fighters attacked Alkmaar aerodrome (near Amsterdam). Reconnaissances and sweeps involving further six fighter squadrons carried out, during which we destroyed three enemy aircraft. We lost two fighters, one pilot rescued.
2. 20th/21st. Adverse weather caused cancellation of operations. Five Havocs and a Hudson attacked enemy aerodromes. During routine patrol off Norwegian coast Hudson bombed 1000 ton merchant vessel scoring hit amidships.
3. Libya. Frontier area August 19th our artillery engaged and damaged enemy MT descending Halfaya pass.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

25th August, 1941

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON AUGUST 22ND, 1941

1. Afternoon August 20th north of Port Said enemy aircraft torpedoed British tanker of 4,782 tons. She proceeded under her own steam.
2. Free French submarine reports having torpedoed one merchant vessel off Norwegian coast. No details available.
3. Three Beauforts attacked with cannon and machine gunned seven trawlers off Calais; two seen to be on fire.
4. Daylight August 21st. Royal Air Force carried out three bomb attacks on enemy objects. Severe damage done to IJmuiden Iron and Steel Works. During air combats we lost fourteen fighters, one pilot safe. One enemy fighter destroyed. Ten probably, six damaged.
5. Night of August 21st/22nd our bombing operations cancelled owing to weather, enemy air activity over the United Kingdom negligible.
6. Benghazi bombed as usual, eighteen Marylands with fighter escort bombed enemy tanker northwest of Bardia.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

August 26th, 1941.

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Dear Mr. President,

I enclose herein copies of the
two latest reports received from London
on the military situation. They are dated
August 23rd and August 24th.

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Telegram from London dated August 23rd.

H.M. Netlayer Tonbrid bombed and sunk off Yarmouth afternoon August 22nd. Also one motor gun boat bombed and damaged.

2. Alexandria and Tobruk attacked by enemy aircraft - causing only slight damage at former. One enemy aircraft destroyed and two others probably at Tobruk.

3. H.M. Corvette Zinnia torpedoed and sunk while escorting outward bound Gibraltar convoy on August 22nd, some survivors.

4. Enemy air attack on 7th Cruiser Squadron and destroyers, stopped H.M.S. Nizam by near miss between Tobruk and Alexandria. However able to proceed and all ships reached port.

5. 71 ships 243,422 tons of British, Allied and neutral countries still detained by Vichy French.

6. Royal Air Force claim Cannon and machine gun hits on one R (sic) boat while attacking shipping on August 22nd. Three enemy aircraft destroyed August 22nd. Night August 22nd/23rd more than 120 aircraft despatched. Targets included Mannheim and Havre. One bomber missing. Weather conditions difficult. Royal Air Force attacked Bengazi night of August 20th/21st and Tripoli (L) night of August 21st/22nd. Considerable damage believed caused to shipping in latter harbour.

7. Russia. Finns claim that Russians have withdrawn in Karelian Isthmus to line R. Vuoksi probably correct. Withdrawal shortens line and affords strong position. Germans appear to be trying to eliminate Russian salient between Gomel and Kiev by advances south from Gomel and northwest from Korosten. No evidence that Germans have established bridge-heads over Dnieper river southern Ukraine.

Telegram from London dated August 24th.

Large convoy of 72 ships of which 50 British arrived safely and intact in British ports from across the Atlantic during the last few days. 23 were tankers. One of His Majesty's Trawlers shot down an enemy aircraft off Holy Island.

2. H.M. Submarine "Unbeaten" torpedoed a ship in a convoy of four fast south bound liners p.m. 19th southwest of Sicily with unknown result.

3. 7 ships totalling 12,741 tons plus one tug 482 tons in outward bound convoy for Gibraltar have been sunk by submarine. Some of these have previously been mentioned.

4. Russia. Very stubborn fighting continues whole front near Leningrad sector where some indication that Germans have made progress.

5. Night August 22nd/23rd nearly 80 tons high explosive bombs and 5,200 incendiaries dropped on Mannheim and a 4,000 pound bomb burst in centre of the town. 32 tons high explosive bombs were dropped on Havre docks same night.

Malta. August 23rd. Royal Air Force attacked small convoy off Kerkenah Island. A 1,000 ton merchant vessel was hit by bomb and a schooner machine-gunned and left listing.

6. Libya. Tobruk attacked by enemy aircraft on August 22nd causing slight damage to shipping and a few casualties. One enemy aircraft destroyed, one disabled. August 21st. Our fighters attacked about..... German aircraft operating in small formations over Sidi Barrani area. One enemy fighter was destroyed besides four probably destroyed and eight damaged. We lost three fighters, one pilot safe.

British Embassy,
Washington, D.C.,
27th August, 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 25TH

Free French submarine Rubis previously reported disabled after ship off Norwegian coast has been safely escorted into harbour.

2. His Majesty's Submarine Tigris torpedoed and sank 3000 tons merchant ship off North Cape on 17th.

3. Italian squadron including 3 battleships, 4 cruisers and destroyer was operating to southward of Sardinia on August 24th.

4. 20th. H.M. Submarine Unique attacked convoy of 4 liners off Tripoli escorted by destroyers claimed 3 hits on S.S. Esperia (11,398 tons).

5. Naval units from Gibraltar successfully attacked cork forest and factories in Sardinia.

6. H.M.S. Wolsey was in collision with a Norwegian M/S trawler which sank. His Majesty's sloop Black Swan escorting coastal convoy, which was unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft, was damaged by near miss and has 2 unexploded bombs on board.

7. Early a.m. August 25th British forces entered Iran. Abadan Khorramshah and Bandar Shahpur seized. Iranian gunboats Palang and Bobr sunk. 2 patrol vessels captured and 2 more otherwise disposed of. At Bandar Shahpur floating dock and 2 out of 8 axis ships the German Hohenfels 7862 tons and Sturmfels 6288 tons were captured.

8. Corinth Canal. Recent 2 bombing attacks reported causing landslides which have closed canal to all traffic.

9. Night/

9. Night 23/24 Royal Air Force heavily attacked Tripoli (L) causing large fire in supply dump and other fires dock area.
10. August 24th. Royal Air Force hit 2 800 ton schooners and an escort vessel in Gulf of Sidra. Latter and one schooner probably sank later.
11. Night of August 24th/August 25th 50 bombers despatched of which three are missing. Targets included Dusseldorf.
12. Russia. Germans continue to attack vigorously south of Lake Ilmen and north eastwards from Korosten. South Kiev they are meeting with stiff opposition.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.,

AUGUST 27, 1941.



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WASHINGTON.

August 28th 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 26th 1941.

NAVAL.

His Majesty's Minelayer "Southern Prince" flying Rear Admiral (M) torpedoed late night August 25th - August 26th but able to proceed. Free French submarine reports having attacked 2 Finnish ships escorted by trawlers off Norwegian coast on August 21st, 2 torpedoes fired at 500 yards; explosions damaged her machinery; she has arrived back safely.

2. MILITARY.

IRAN.

In south Navy landed force at Abadan which surprised the Iranian garrison in barracks. Refinery in our hands and undamaged. Isolated posts holding out but no organized resistance remains. 7 merchant ships captured and 1 sunk. 2 of these German "Hohenfels" 7,900 tons and "Sturmfels" 6,300 tons, undamaged and 5 repairable. Attempts made sabotage all by fire. 2 sloops sunk and 4 gunboats, a depot ship and 6,000 ton capacity floating-dock captured. Admiral Bayendor Commander-in-Chief Naval and Military forces in this area was killed. Naval personnel casualties negligible and military personnel casualties very slight. Number of German and Italian prisoners taken in addition to Iranian naval personnel. In the north our forces operating from Khanaqin area captured Naft-I-Shan and Qasr-I-Shirin according to plan. Some opposition encountered.

3. Royal Air Force. August 24th - August 25th.

Dusseldorf/

Dusseldorf. Aircraft dropped 49 tons H.E. and 4,600 incendiaries August 25th. A spitfire attacked wireless station near Cherbourg and caused violent explosion. August 25th - August 26th, more than 95 aircraft despatched targets included Mannheim and Karlsruhe 49 (12 heavy). Six bombers missing.

4. LIBYA.

August 24th - August 25th. Wellingtons attacked enemy camps in Solum and Bardia areas; others from Malta bombed Tripoli (L) starting fires in docks.

5. IRAN.

August 25th. Blenheims dropped leaflets over Tehran and Kazvin.



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August 29, 1941.

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TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED AUGUST 27, 1941

1. H.M. Submarine Torbay sank large Italian schooner off C. Matapan August 16th subsequently returned to port with one hundred and thirty British Allied troops from Crete.
2. Night of 25th/26th eight enemy aircraft attacked Alexandria starting fire in Native quarter. Night of 25th/26th Royal Air Force made further successful attack on Tripoli (L), two Blenheims sank vessel of four thousand tons N.E. Kerkenah. One Blenheim striking mast is missing. On 25th Royal Air Force also attacked Bardia. Hurricanes near Malta shot down three Italian fighters and probably destroyed two others. During day-light August 26th British bombers with fighter escort attacked shipping with following results - one three thousand ton left burning, two two thousand ton, two four thousand ton all hit, one seven thousand ton sunk. Two five hundred ton reported vessels hit, one sunk. Seven Blenheims missing. Fighters attacked seven Minesweepers left one on fire, two others smoking. Royal Air Force claim to have destroyed on ground six JU 88, seven JU 87, and damaged four JU 88 and one JU 87. During further operations Royal Air Force claim one ME 109 destroyed, 2 ME 109's probably destroyed and 3 others damaged. Our own losses, 4 fighters. One JU88 shot down off Scottish coast 26/27. Total of bombers despatched over 175. Targets included Cologne; Havre, Boulogne. 3 aircraft missing day of 27th. Blenheims attacked aerodromes and power house in France. Preliminary reports are six ME 109's and 2 ME 109F's destroyed; 3 ME 109's probably destroyed and 3 ME 109's damaged. Our losses 12 fighters, 3 pilots safe.

3. U.S.S.R. Baltic Front.

German thrust eastward north of Novgorod advance sufficient to be extremely dangerous to Moscow-Leningrad Railway. German drive southward Smolensk area appears advanced beyond Gornel-Bryansk railway and becoming serious threat to Russian forces to the south. Occupation of the whole of Ukraine west of River Dnieper almost complete and Germans claim entered Dniepropetrovsk.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.,

AUGUST 29, 1941.



BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

August 30th, 1941.

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Telegram from London dated August 28th.

1. British merchant vessel returning from Malta to Gibraltar shelled by submarine north west of Pantelleria on 27th.
2. Night 26th/27th. Outward bound Atlantic convoy twice attacked by U boat in north west approaches. One Norwegian and two British ships reported sunk.
3. Soviet merchant vessel was torpedoed near Murmanek on 26th. 5,000 ton ammunition ship and 2,000 ton merchant ship torpedoed by Russian submarine in Petsamo harbour.
4. Royal Air Force. 26th/27th. Over 90 tons H.E. and 6,500 incendiaries dropped on Cologne. Large fires started. Successful attacks also made on docks at Havre and Boulogne. 27th. Fighters provided escort for bombers over Northern France, 10 enemy fighters destroyed; We lost 13, 3 pilots safe. 27th/28th. Total bombers despatched 15. Targets including Mannheim seaming, all returned.
5. Libya. 25th/26th. Railway sidings in Benghazi harbour successfully bombed. 26th. 6 Marylands dropped 5½ tons bombs on concentration of enemy armoured fighting vehicles 46 miles east of Tobruk. 26th/27th. More than 14 tons of H.E. dropped on Tripoli (L) causing large fires in military stores.
6. Persia. 26 Hurricanes and Gloucesters machine gunned aerodromes and hit six enemy aircraft on the ground.
7. Aircraft casualties in operations over and from British Isles. German: destroyed August 25th one August 25th/26th one August 27th ten total twelve probable, August 27th, three damaged August 27th five. British thirteen.
8. U.S.S.R. fighting continues in Gomel area. No confirmation of report of Russian recapture of Gomel. Main German effort still concentrated in this area, Spearhead drive South Eastwards apparently making progress. In Ukraine fierce fighting/



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fighting continues Dniepropetrowsk. Germans probably entered the town and attempting to establish bridge head across River Dnieper. Northern Sector. Finnish drive reported area Kiestinki, capture of Suojarvi claimed.

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His Majesty's Embassy has been instructed to inform the State Department for the information of the President that His Majesty's Government have reviewed the position of Portugal in the light of the Atlantic conversations. At these conversations a suggestion was made that His Majesty's Government should inform the Portuguese Government that they could not supply the equipment required for the defence of the Atlantic islands, and that the Portuguese Government should accordingly apply to the United States Government. In the meantime, however, the negotiations with Dr. Salazar which the British authorities - with the knowledge of the United States authorities - had undertaken have made further progress and there is good hope of a satisfactory outcome. In the circumstances, His Majesty's Government think that it would be prejudicial to these negotiations if they were now to make to the Portuguese Government a communication of the nature suggested.

It is already clear that Portugal intends to be faithful to the Anglo-Portuguese alliance and is prepared to accept cooperation in the defence of the Portuguese possessions in certain/

certain circumstances. The time and manner in which this cooperation should be given remain to be settled, and will be the subject of further confidential discussions between the British and Portuguese Governments at an early date. The United States Government will be informed of the outcome of these discussions.

His Majesty's Embassy would be grateful if the foregoing information, which should be regarded as highly secret, could be communicated to the President.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
September 4th, 1941.