

# WAR DIARY

## HISTORY AS IT HAPPENS

In this section weekly, appears a day by day record of the events of history in the making. As some time elapses in the publication of "The Listener," this diary is one week retrospective.

### Thursday, February 27

Acting on assurances by House leaders that the Lease and Lend Bill would be passed, Roosevelt took steps to transfer war supplies to Britain.

A strike of 12,000 Bethlehem (U.S.A.) steel workers was declared.

Germany tightened control of occupied territory from Norway to France.

Intense interest was reported from Ankara in the visit by Mr. Eden and Sir John Dill.

A provisional agreement about Tangier was signed between Britain and Spain.

### Friday, February 28

Japan delivered an ultimatum to Indo-China demanding acceptance of Japan's final proposal for mediation.

The British Minister to Bulgaria, George Rendell, told journalists that the time for Britain to break off relations with Bulgaria was very near.

The German radio reported that German troops were called out in Amsterdam to disperse demonstrations. Eight were killed and 40 wounded.

Mr. Eden and Sir John Dill conferred with Turkish leaders and reached full agreement.

### Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2

200,000 German troops on the frontier of Rumania marched into Bulgaria. Thousands of Bulgarian soldiers marched to the Turkish frontier. Bulgaria joined the Axis by signing the Tripartite Pact. German soldiers in full battle dress drove into Sofia and paraded before the German legation. Turkey rushed troops to the Bulgarian frontier. Mr. Rendell saw King Boris.

A communique from Ankara announced complete accord between Turkey and Britain.

British Hurricanes on their first appearance on the Albanian front, shot down 44 enemy aircraft without loss to themselves.

Fears that Brazil might align herself with the Axis were expressed in Washington.

Conflicting reports arrived from Tokio of the Vichy agreement to Japan's proposals.

### Monday, March 3

Small detachments of the German army in Bulgaria took up quarters a few miles from the Greek frontier. German aeroplanes flew over Sofia in a steady stream.

The Dardanelles were closed by Turkey.

Mr. Eden and Sir John Dill arrived at Athens.

The Greek town of Larissa, severely damaged by earthquake, was attacked by Italian aeroplanes when most of the people were homeless.

Greek forces continued to advance in the central sector of Albania.

"The Times" said that reports from high diplomatic circles in Berlin agreed that vehement recriminations had occurred between Japan and Germany.

### Tuesday, March 4

A German aeroplane landed at Istanbul carrying a courier with a special message of friendship from Hitler to the Turkish President.

The Moscow radio sharply criticised Bulgaria's acceptance of the German move.

Larissa was again bombed by the Italians.

### Wednesday, March 5

Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria.

Russian reinforcements were arriving on the frontier of Rumania.

Colonel Donovan, emissary for Colonel Knox, was received by the King after a tour of all the European countries.

Messages from south China reported a great Japanese naval and military movement to the south.

19,000 single men in New Zealand were called up by ballot for service overseas.



British soldiers are at "the ready" in the Balkans and in Africa. Here is a section leader of the Grenadier Guards waiting to blow his whistle to lead his men forward

## THE HOME GUARD WANTS YOU

To help in rallying others to the Home Guard and stimulating those already in an appeal was recently made for a Home Guard Song. This contribution by H. Gallagher, Wellington, has been accepted by the organisation as a suitable set of words for music. When the music has been provided — a composer is now at work on it—the song will be put over the air.

### HOME GUARD RALLY

Roll up, hesitators! there is work for men to do,

We've taken up the challenge and mean to see it through.

Take your station by the nation,  
There's a Home Guard job for you!

Join the Home Guard—join up now,  
Meet the menace to our shore,  
With your aid we'll show them how,  
You're the man we're looking for.

If you love your country, if for liberty you stand,

You can show your loyalty and lend a helping hand;

You're assisting by enlisting  
With the nearest Home Command.

Join the Home Guard—join up now,  
Help your country win the war,  
With your aid we'll show them how,  
You're the man we're looking for.

Home and wife and children are relying  
on your grit,

Prove you're true New Zealand and the  
stuff that doesn't quit;

While you're gaining Home Guard training

You're contributing your bit.

Join the Home Guard—join up now,  
Be New Zealand to the core,

With your aid we'll show them how,  
You're the man we're looking for.

Our sons are giving battle to the foe  
across the sea,

Ours to guard their heritage—the trust  
for you and me—

Shall we falter, pause, or alter,  
While they fight to keep us free?

Join the Home Guard—join up now,  
We're resolved to guard the door,

With your aid we'll show them how,  
You're the man we're looking for.

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## Artistic Black-out

In a big London hospital a group of artists decided to bring a little colour relief into the patients' lives—particularly during the stress of air-raids. All the wards are fitted with long, black-out blinds, and on these the artists have painted colourful and animated scenes. The patients were allowed to select their own subject; women choosing romantic scenes and fashion designs, while children clamoured for Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. The experiment was voted a great success.