

At 11 o'clock today Britain entered on the 2nd year of war, in which, as a united nation, she took up arms to defend those principles of international conduct upon which the peace prosperity and happiness of all peoples depend, and to which the whole ideology of Nazi-ism stands opposed. The first year of war has brought many disappointments from a military point of view, but far from being disheartened or dismayed, the British people start a 2nd year of hostilities with their confidence confirmed and their determination even more set than 12 months ago. Within a week of the outbreak the War Cabinet made the famous decision to "base their policy on the assumption that the war will last for 3 years or more". That declaration has been justified again and again by events. Knowledge that it was based on a fundamentally and essentially true appraisal of factors underlying the strength of Britain and the weakness of the Nazis won for it the approval of our whole people and the thought of it has brought renewed faith in every crisis. It found its last echo 14 days ago in the speech of the Prime Minister. "Our offensive springs are being slowly compressed and we must resolutely and methodically prepare ourselves for the campaigns of 1941 & 1942 - campaigns which, as he remarked later, would be by no means exclusively defensive. The confidence of Britain and the Empire at the start of another year is not the result, in many, of obstinate complacency, but arises from a reasoned conviction that Hitler's Blitzkrieg was always one confined to war on land and in the air and that established British sea power and potential air power confronted him with difficulties which could not be overcome by lightning strokes. The unchallenged supremacy of the Royal Navy, and the quality of the R A F will give to every British man and woman the assurance of final victory. The Nazis have exhausted the advantage which careful concentrated preparation for aggression gave to the German military forces. They are now faced with the irresistably growing strength which Britain has summoned for their overthrow, behind which stands the faith of all the British Nations of the world.

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LONDON..... London had three air raid alarms by late Sunday as the Royal Air Force striking hard at Nazi invaders on the wars anniversary downed 22 of them and drove others from Britain's skies. A check of Saturday's air fighting over England showed 85 German planes downed. We lost 37 planes but pilots of 25 of them are safe. Authorities announced that one thousand workers homes and seaside boarding houses were wrecked August 24 at Ramsgate when 500 German bombs were dropped. Casualties were reported few.

LONDON..... Royal Air Force extending its operations near and in Berlin bombed an airplane engine factory, an airdrome and lighting installations at the German capital. Oil tanks, industrial targets and various military objectives including airdromes were bombed in other parts of Germany and the Netherlands.

It is announced in an Admiralty communique that a sloop, H M S Penzance has been torpedoed by a U-Boat and sank.

LONDON British ship taking 320 children and an unannounced number of passengers to Canada was torpedoed by a submarine the Ministry of information announced, but the only casualty was the ship's purser who died from a fall into a lifeboat. The children sang as they took to the boats. Lifeboat drill which they had received aboard was credited with cheating Hitler's underwater warfare of a new list of innocent victims.

BUCHAREST..... Disorders developed extensively as thousands of Rumanians shouting "fight the Hungarians" joined in violent demonstrations against the German Italian award handing over Northern Transylvania to Hungary. Guards with machine Guns prevented crowds assaulting King Carol's palace.

British war communique issued at G H Q Cairo today states that on all fronts there is nothing of importance to report.