

# The Texts of the Day's War Communiqués

## INVADERS HURL MORE WEIGHT AGAINST STALINGRAD

### United Nations

AT UNITED NATIONS HEAD-QUARTERS, Australia, Aug. 25 (AP)—A communiqué:

**Northwestern sector:**  
Darwin: Three enemy aircraft unsuccessfully raided at night, dropping bombs in a swamp area.

**Northeastern sector:**  
Kokoda: Our forward elements engaged and dispersed an enemy patrol.

**Eastern New Guinea:**  
Thirteen enemy fighters were attacked by an Allied interceptor unit which shot down four Zero type fighters and hit and damaged others. One of our planes was damaged but returned to its base.

**Rabaul (New Britain):** Two Zero type fighters unsuccessfully intercepted an Allied reconnaissance unit. One enemy aircraft was hit, set on fire and probably destroyed.

### United States

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—A Navy communiqué:

**South Pacific:**

1. United States naval and air forces are engaged in a large-scale battle at sea in an attempt to repel a strong Japanese striking force which has approached the southeastern group of the Solomon Islands from the north-eastward.
2. It was expected that our occupation of the important enemy base at Tulagi would be countered by a violent attempt on the part of the enemy to recapture their shore bases in this area. This counter-attack has developed and is now being met.
3. Preliminary reports indicate that the enemy striking force has been attacked by United States Army Flying Fortresses and that our carrier-based naval aircraft are in action.
4. Army bombers attacked a large Japanese carrier and reported four hits. United States carrier aircraft attacked and severely damaged the smaller Japanese carrier Ryuzo. Several enemy cruisers and a battleship also have been hit by our carrier planes.
5. During the afternoon of Aug. 23 (Washington date) a strong enemy air attack on Guadalcanal Island was intercepted by our fighters and at least twenty-one aircraft were shot down. Our losses in this action were minor.
6. During the night of Aug. 23-24 (Washington date) enemy destroyers shelled our shore positions on Guadalcanal.
7. On Aug. 24 (Washington date) United States aircraft hit and damaged an enemy transport and a cruiser north of Guadalcanal and left both burning fiercely.
8. The action continues.

### British

LONDON, Aug. 25 (AP)—An Air Ministry communiqué:

Last night in bad weather a strong force of our bombers attacked Wiesbaden.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command attacked railway objectives in the Low Countries and destroyed a number of engines.

Sixteen of our bombers are missing.

**A later Air Ministry communiqué:**

Objectives in the upper Rhineland, particularly at Frankfurt and Wiesbaden, were bombed.

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**An Air and Home Security Ministries communiqué:**

During the hours of darkness there has been nothing to report. Yesterday evening an enemy aircraft was destroyed by our fighters off the south coast of England.

**An additional Air and Home Security Ministries communiqué:**

During today there has been slight enemy activity over the south coast of England. One enemy aircraft flew inland and dropped bombs at a point in the home counties. Some damage was done, but no one was seriously injured.

An enemy bomber was destroyed over the south coast early this morning.

### An Admiralty communiqué:

Last night an offensive patrol of our light coastal forces under command of Lieutenant H. L. Lloyd, D. S. C., R. N., surprised four German flakships (anti-aircraft ships) off Flushing. One of the flakships was hit by a torpedo fired from Lieutenant Lloyd's motor torpedo boat and almost certainly was sunk.

The other three flakships were heavily engaged with gunfire and it is considered that damage and casualties were inflicted on them. All our boats have returned to harbor. We suffered no casualties.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
LONDON, Aug. 25—An Air Ministry communiqué:

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that Air Commodore H. R. H. the Duke of Kent was killed on active service this afternoon when a Sunderland flying boat crashed north of Scotland. H. R. H., who was attached to the staff of the Inspector General of the Royal Air Force, was proceeding to Iceland on duty. All the crew of the flying boat also lost their lives.

CAIRO, Aug. 25 (AP)—A joint British Middle East Command and Royal Air Force communiqué:

During the night of Aug. 23-24



The Russians battled against masses of tanks northwest and southwest of the important Volga city—a Vichy dispatch placed the action at Kachalino (1) and Abganerova (2). Rumanian forces were reported by Berlin to have captured Temryuk (3). Moscow said the enemy had been slowed below Krasnodar (4). At Prokhladnaya (5) the Nazis, although obviously aiming for Grozny, also have a choice of trying to pick their way along the highway to Kutaisi or of making for the Orjonikidze-Tiflis road. Both roads would be difficult to negotiate, but the Nazis claimed they already controlled equally difficult mountain passes and had planted their flag on Mount Elbrus (6).

our patrols continued active and in the northern sector attacked enemy patrols.

Yesterday there were artillery exchanges in the central sector. Otherwise there was nothing to report.

Air activity over the battle area consisted of sweeps and raids by our fighters and fighter-bombers.

### Russian

MOSCOW, Aug. 25 (AP)—A Soviet Information Bureau communiqué:

During the night of Aug. 24-25 our troops fought the enemy in areas southeast of Kletskaya and northeast of Kotelnikov, as well as in areas of Prokhladnaya and south of Krasnodar.

No changes took place on other sectors of the front.

Southeast of Kletskaya our troops fought fierce battles with the enemy who had crossed the Don. German Fascist troops supported by large numbers of tanks and aircraft succeeded in pressing our units back and making an advance. Our men are repulsing attacks of the Hitlerites and inflicting severe losses on them.

In one sector men of "N" unit during the day repulsed six enemy attacks, destroying thirteen tanks and killing about 400 German officers and men.

In another sector Soviet artillery dispersed and partly wiped out a large enemy tank and infantry column.

Northeast of Kotelnikov fierce engagements continued. Defending one position, men of "N" units killed more than 200 Hitlerites.

South of Krasnodar Soviet planes cooperating with land troops in one day destroyed five German tanks and seventy trucks with troops and supplies and wiped out about a company of enemy infantry.

In the Prokhladnaya area our units surrounded a German detachment of mountain troops. In engagements with this detachment, 200 Hitlerites were killed.

In another sector Red Army men with the support of two armored trains repulsed an attack by enemy forces many times greater in number. Twenty-three German tanks were disabled and eight destroyed.

On the northwestern front fighting of local importance took place.

In a number of sectors our detachments repulsed enemy infantry attacks. Near the populated place of "V" Soviet troops broke into enemy trenches and waged hand to hand fighting with the Hitlerites.

Our airmen shot down three German planes. In addition anti-aircraft artillery brought down five German Junkers-52 transport planes.

Guerrillas operating in one district of the Smolensk region have derailed in one week three trains carrying enemy man power and equipment.

MOSCOW, Wednesday, Aug. 26 (AP)—The Soviet Information Bureau's communiqué early today:

During Aug. 25 our troops fought the enemy in the areas of Kletskaya, northwest of Stalingrad and northeast of Kotelnikov, as well as in the areas of Prokhladnaya and south of Krasnodar. On other sectors of the front no material changes took place.

Our ships in the Black Sea sank a 5,000-ton enemy transport.

During Aug. 24 our air units on various sectors of the front destroyed or damaged ten tanks, sixty trucks with troops and supplies, thirty carts with supplies and five fuel tank lorries, and silenced ten batteries of field and anti-aircraft artillery, blew up four ammunition dumps and dispersed and partly annihilated about one battalion of enemy infantry.

In the Kletskaya area our troops were actively engaged. Northwest of Stalingrad our troops were fighting against enemy tanks and infantry. The situation in this sector has become complicated. Our troops are repulsing enemy attacks and inflicting huge losses.

One of our units destroyed seventeen tanks and killed 450 Germans during the day. Another unit launched seven counter-attacks against numerically superior enemy forces and destroyed twenty-two German tanks, nine anti-tank guns and thirty-four lorries and killed approximately 800 German officers and men. Our aircraft at the approaches to Stalingrad, together with our AA artillery, destroyed ninety-two German planes in two days.

The Germans launched a number of attacks in the northeast Kotelnikovskii sector defended by the unit "N." Our troops repulsed the enemy with anti-tank guns, grenades and incendiary bottles. Fourteen German tanks were disabled and damaged and about 300 Germans killed.

In the area south of Krasnodar stubborn fighting continued, often ending in hand-to-hand engagements. In one sector the enemy was trying to break into a village. By stubborn counterattacks our troops were holding back the attackers. In fighting near a railway station the Germans lost eight tanks and about 900 men and officers.

In the Prokhladnenski area Soviet troops have repulsed several enemy attacks. A group of automatic riflemen, landed by German planes have been wiped out.

On the northwestern front fighting of local significance took place.

Several joint guerrilla detachments in the Leningrad region continued fighting large German punitive forces. During the past few days guerrillas have killed or wounded about 1,000 German invaders and disabled nine tanks.

### German

A High Command communiqué broadcast from Berlin and recorded here by The Associated Press:

At the mouth of the Kuban, Rumanian formations occupied, after heavy fighting, the harbor town of Temryuk. South of the lower Kuban several enemy counter-attacks were shattered and the Soviets were thrown back father into the mountains in following up this action.

German Alpine troops have mastered several passes of the Western Caucasus mountains, partly in attack. On Aug. 21 at 11 A. M. a group of Alpine troops hoisted the German flag on Elbrus (18,471 feet), the highest peak of the Caucasus.

Despite desperate bolshevist resistance, German troops operating northwest and south of Stalingrad advanced farther. Fifty-two Soviet tanks were destroyed. Italian troops operating on the Don front repulsed sev-

eral enemy attacks in hand-to-hand fighting.

Violent day and night raids of the air force on the enemy's rear communications, in particular on Stalingrad, caused fires and considerable destruction in armament works and other military objectives. Two transports were sunk on the Volga.

Southwest of Kaluga and northwest of Medyn heavy enemy attacks failed.

At Rzhev German troops have engaged strong enemy infantry and tank divisions in embittered fighting. Sixty-three Soviet tanks were destroyed, forty in one sector.

Southeast of Lake Ilmen and in front of Leningrad only local fighting took place.

German bombers attacked the important White Sea port of Archangel, where huge fires were started.

During the last two nights light German bombers attacked a British airport northwest of Cairo where hangars and planes were based.

Two British planes which carried out day flights over occupied western territory were shot down. Last night R. A. F. formation dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs on the Rhine main area. The civilian population suffered casualties. In several places, particularly in Frankfurt and Mainz, damage was done to buildings. Night fighters and flak artillery downed sixteen raiders.

The air force carried out day raids over Southern England, where strategically important objectives were bombed.

On Aug. 24 German minesweepers attacked a numerically superior force of British motor torpedo boats in the Channel. One motor torpedo boat and a larger vessel were sunk at close range and another motor torpedo boat, after being set ablaze, remained stationary. Our naval forces returned safely to port. Last night German patrol vessels sailing in the northern exit of the Channel sank two British motor torpedo boats.

### Italian

A High Command communiqué broadcast from Rome and recorded here by The Associated Press:

Normal artillery activity occurred on the whole Egyptian front, where anti-aircraft batteries destroyed four aircraft which tried to attack our supply lines in the rear.

In the Mediterranean an attack by numerous enemy planes against a convoy failed. Escort ships shot down two of the attacking aircraft, while another suffered the same fate at the hands of German fighters.

One British steamer was sunk by German bombers by a direct hit.

Attacks of an enemy air force against towns in Greece and possessions in the Aegean caused limited damage. No casualties are reported.

Nine men, among them five officers belonging to crews of British aircraft shot down during combats of previous days, have been rescued and captured.

### Japanese

No broadcast of a Japanese communiqué was recorded yesterday by the principal radio listening posts in the United States.