



# OUR FIGHT

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THE B.B.C. reports tonight THAT THE EXPLOSION AND NEAR SINKING OF THE DESTROYER H.M.S. HUNTER OFF ALMERIA YESTERDAY WAS CAUSED BY A. THERE WERE 8 DEAD AND 24 INJURED. IT ALSO STATES THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT BLAMES A FASCIST TORPEDO FOR THE OCCURENCE AND THAT THE FASCISTS BLAME THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

We have received no such communiqué from the Government, but perhaps we will receive it tomorrow. We give here the official communiqué of the Ministry of Navy and Air at 11.45 p.m. May 13th.

"This afternoon the Ministry of Navy and Air received information that it hastened to communicate by way of the Minister of State to the British Ambassador that the British Destroyer H.35 (It was later learnt that the vessel was the H.M.S. Hunter H.15) had suffered an accident almost in full sight of the port of Almeria, and was aided by armed merchant vessels attached to the Republican Fleet and by the destroyer Lazaga which, as the most rapid of the vessels anchored in that port, immediately put to sea.

With reference to the explosion the commandant of the Jaime I communicated the following to the Ministry.

"At about 3 p.m. a terrific explosion was heard, and immediately it was seen that it was about 2 miles from the Port of Almeria. Immediately I gave orders for help to be sent, consisting of the destroyer Lazaga and five armed trawlers which are under orders. One of the boats picked up three dead and 14 wounded, one of whom was in a serious state.

Our vessels noticed that the destroyer was threatened by sinking, the prow already under water, and the whole ship had a list to starboard. In view of the danger of it being it was towed towards a nearby beach in order to ground it, seeing that the list did not (continued on page 2.)

## News From The Fronts.

CENTRE. Rebel artillery continued to bombard the civil population of Madrid causing casualties and damage. Six soldiers deserted to our lines.

NCWTH: (Euzkadi) The rebels attacks were less intense today and all were easily repulsed. The loyal artillery attacked a number of enemy concentrations. SANTANDER: Our troops attacked Cilleruelos de Bricias and Barrio, bettering their positions and dislodging the enemy from Lanca. A feeble enemy counter attack was easily beaten off. 6 soldiers with one automatic rifle, five rifles and hand grenades came over to us.

## Yesterday's Air Communiqué

Northern Sector: Our aviation effectively bombarded the enemy positions on Mt. Vizcardi. Today a Heinkel monomotor was brought down by rifle fire; the pilot, of German nationality, bailed out and was taken prisoner. Rebel planes attempted to bombard Santander but were driven away by anti-aircraft fire.

ARAGON FRONT: At 6.45 today the Escoriaza factory and the M.Z.A. (Madrid-Zaragoza-Alicante) railway station in Zaragoza were bombed. At 4.50 the Cardet and Mercier factories in the same city were bombarded. The bombs were dropped accurately. Our planes returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

(The Basque war communiqué states that a plane, apparently the same reported in the air communiqué, was brought down by anti-aircraft machine guns. The plane is described as a pursuit plane; the captured pilot, a German, was brought before foreign correspondents where he stated he had participated he had participated in the bombardments of Guernica and Durango.)

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JARALIA FRONT. COMRADES PLEASE DO NOT DEFILATE (SHIT) ON THE SIDE OF THE SANITARY TRENCHES NOR ANYWHERE ELSE BUT IN THE SANITARY TRENCHES. A GENERAL SLACKNESS HAS BEEN OBSERVED WITH RESPECT TO SANITATION DESPITE EFFORTS OF THE BRIGADE OFFICERS ENTRUSTED WITH THIS MATTER. WE CANNOT TOO STRONGLY EMPHASISE THAT UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS IN SPAIN AND WITH HOT WEATHER IN THE OFFING EPIDEMIC CAN ACCOMPLISH IN ONE DAY WHAT FRANCO HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO IN 9 MONTHS. INSISTUTE INSPECTION AT ONCE TO SEE THAT SANITARY INSTRUCTIONS ARE METICULOUSLY COMPLIED WITH.

MORATA. The Lincoln Battalion canteen has been opened and is carrying on a tremendous trade. So popular is this institution that swarms of would-be purchasers from the 23rd. Brigade and the British Battalion of our own Brigade and others have formed lines before opening time. The Americans regretfully announce that they are unable to purchase and sell in quantities sufficient for such a wide market. It is urged that other battalions lose no time in creating their own canteens. This should start a race among the political commissars to see who will be the first to duplicate and surpass the American feat.

The Lincoln Battalion has another little boast too, it has just purchased two ping-pong tables for front line use, and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of additional equipment already ordered and expected tonight.

PARIS: The "Petit Journal" reports from Naples the departure of the vessel Liguria with 500 Italian officers destined for Spain. This vessel was recently reclassified as an auxiliary cruiser and therefore not subject to "control" inspection.

#### LONDON BUS STRIKE.

LONDON, 14th. The busmen are still solidly out on strike. At a delegate meeting today the voting in favour of continuing the strike was 45 to 4, representing a vote of 17593 against 1706.

Glasgow, 14th. 1500 Beardmore strikers have now been out six weeks. There will be a meeting tomorrow where settlement proposals will be discussed. They are striking for 1s. more an hour.

#### H.M.S. HUNTER

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When it was towed by the stern to Almeria and moored at Campsa Quay. Immediately after mooring I went aboard the H.35 and put myself at the disposition of the commandant. Some of the wounded were taken aboard the Jaime I and others put in ambulances on dry land.

After the role was called it was discovered that four men were missing and it was presumed that they were killed. The divers of Jaime I started to work, but had to give up because of lack of light.

Tomorrow morning they will make an inspection of the hulk of the destroyer in order to determine the cause of the explosion.

During the time of the saving of the H.35. several sea planes from the base of Los alcazares flew over it and over the Spanish vessels to help them.

The H.M.S. Hunter was a British destroyer in the control service.

The Admiral of the British Mediterranean Fleet today offered his thanks to the Spanish Government and the Authorities for their magnificent service to the stricken vessel and the British Government.

VALENCIA, 13th. Following the cabinet meeting this afternoon, journalists asked Minister of the Interior Galarza if the reports concerning the H.M.S. Hunter were true, and the Minister officially confirmed them.

JOURNALISTS RESIGN FROM PAPER. PARIS, 13th. The "ECHO DE PARIS" publishes today two items. The first announces the resignation of the director Henri Simon because he does not agree with the politics followed by the Council of Administration of the newspaper.

The other is a note signed by several members of the Editorial Staff and journalists of the Echo de Paris, stating that they consider it their duty to leave their posts with the director of the paper.

Amongst the signatures are several members of the French Academy and the writer and deputy De Korillis.

Informed circles state that for some time past the paper had pursued a policy of sympathy for the Spanish rebels, and that several of the editorial staff considered that a strong right wing opinion was not in the best interests of French security.

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