



# DECLARATIONS OF THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

8th - The Minister of National Defence has issued the following note:-  
"Semi-Official agencies and newspapers are attempting to propagate with the idea of poisoning the public opinion of the world as regards the events of the bombardment of Almeria; the false news that the airplanes of the republic which bombed the German cruiser, "Deutschland", while in the port, were flown by Russian aviators.

The Minister of National Defence can prove that all the airplanes which made these incursions were flown by Spanish pilots.

The Chief of the Squadron had received an order by decree that to protect our ships that were to attack, and did attack, the port of Almeria and then the machines were to limit their flight to reconnaissance of the neighborhood where the boat was attacked. As they were flying at a low altitude the German ship opened fire on them.

In an interview Captain ARGENTI, who was in command of the airplanes which bombed the "DEUTSCHLAND", affirmed that all the aviators who were in the planes which bombed this ship were Spanish and produced papers which showed the date on which they entered the service.  
"I went on ... I had received an order to fly over IBIZA and to cover our bombers, which orders are still in my wallet. At five in the evening our bombers were flying over IBIZA at about four thousand feet when they were in the harbour a warship. As ours was a reconnaissance flight we flew over the ship and as we did so she fired her anti-aircraft guns on us. At first the shot was wide but later the fire was corrected. On this I ordered the observer to drop bombs and he told me the result of the bombs by telephone"  
He concluded by saying that the statement that the planes were flying low over the "DEUTSCHLAND" were absolutely grotesque.

10th - The MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE has published the following at a press conference:-

"As a new proof of the force of the Non-Intervention policy the Ministry of National Defence cites the act of to-day (Tuesday) when between 2.00 and 2.30 Italian hydroplanes landed in the bay of POLLENÇA (Near Tarragona) in order to increase the Italian contingent which is operating in loyal territory of the Spanish Republican Government.

11th - To-day there arrived in this port the liner "TABARA" which had brought 2,200 refugees from HUELVA.

12th - The Court of Enquiry today questioned a man, Italian, who was found with a bomb entering the international tunnel at CERBERA. He stated that there were another five Italians in the vicinity who were the authors of the bomb outrages in the district of FERRIGNAN.

In CERBERA there was also arrested a man who placed a bomb in the Spanish Consulate at TARRAGONA.

13th - A recent plebiscite has rejected the decree of the reactionary Cortes of Parliament which would have acted against the Communist Party of Spain.

## FRONT NEWS

14th - In the sector of BELLMONTE our troops have occupied a piece of enemy territory with it several trenches, 20 dead, 20 rifles, 200 cartridges, case of 200 sheep, 24 pigs, 50 cows, and several horses.



11/11/11

(  
On the  
kilomet  
months ri  
with 35 C  
aroba,  
the muni  
they capt  
with them  
kilometre  
resulted

During  
Very  
will s  
which sto

I hav  
annual  
night,  
assaults  
the par  
other han  
are light  
aroba.  
men, by  
escapes to  
week, th  
his pos

They  
other day  
aiding  
into the m  
med with

Old Sa  
says,  
when the v  
to thi  
was late  
life, and

How ma  
sands  
year.  
attach  
ruits  
Pedro  
as C  
there  
the