



Balkan Crush

27 March, 1941

On 25th, Yugoslavia signed a Tripartite Pact in Vienna. German radio later announced that "the Axis Powers would not demand the right of passage of troops or war materials".

The official document had significant reservations as it received three notes.

The first note obliged the Axis powers to respect territorial integrity and sovereignty of Yugoslavia. In the second note the Axis promised not to ask Yugoslavia for any military assistance. In the third note they promised not to ask Yugoslavia for permission to move military forces across its territory during the war but did not mention war materials (to help our efforts in Africa).

On the following day, Serb demonstrators gathered on the streets of Belgrade shouting "Better the grave than a slave, better a war than the pact".

Today, by morning, a coup occurs in Yugoslavia.

Prince Paul that was the regent of Yugoslavia during the minority of King Peter II was removed from power and Peter II Karađorđević, with 17 years old was proclaimed King.

In the wake of the coup, Simović's new government refused to ratify Yugoslavia's signing of the Tripartite Pact, but did not openly rule it out. Hitler (notably emotional) angered by the coup and anti-German incidents in Belgrade, summoned his senior Officers and ordered that Yugoslavia be crushed without delay.

[Führer Directive 25](#) was issued, which called for Yugoslavia to be treated as a hostile state.

Italy was to be included in the operations and the directive made specific mention that "efforts will be made to induce Hungary and Bulgaria to take part in operations by offering them the prospect of regaining territory".

Furthermore, the directive stated that "internal tensions in Yugoslavia will be encouraged by giving political assurances to the Croats"

I did not try even to demote him to invade Yugoslavia but informed him that the main forces are in the east, preparing for Operation Barbarossa and because of that, we will take few days to set in motion this operation.

The Yugoslav coup came suddenly out of the blue. When the news was brought to me on the morning of the 27th I thought it was a joke.

Hitler speaking to his Commanders-in-Chief

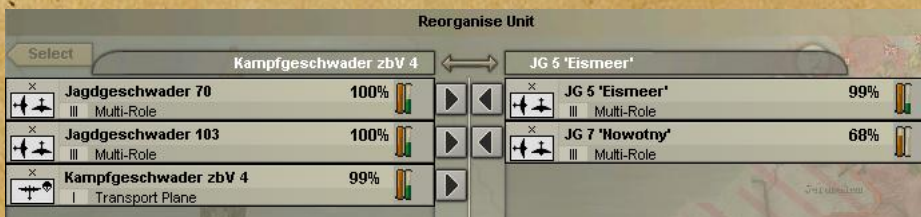
Never the less, I assured him that we would teach them a lesson by ourselves to be an example.

I do not know if it for my wife influence or not, but I'm giving biblical names to the operations.

This will be call *Operation Balkan Crush* (Before Christ and will end before the AD).

In the former Austria, the troops line up for the invasion of Yugoslavia. Twenty one Divisions are getting ready.

Our Junkers Ju-52/3m in Palestine were with a bit unprotected. The planes that we previews assign were in poor conditions. We decided to exchange some Focke-Wulf Fw-190D



Our Marines in Venice, board the *Hochseeflotte* that were restructured and order to go to the Coast of Sinai.



The Operation BC is to be swift and quick.
 We will use the aero transporter units.



Operation Balkan Crush

Four English transporter sunk.

Because of I was not happy we the arrange we put the Messerschmitt Bf-109E defending the Junkers in Palestine.

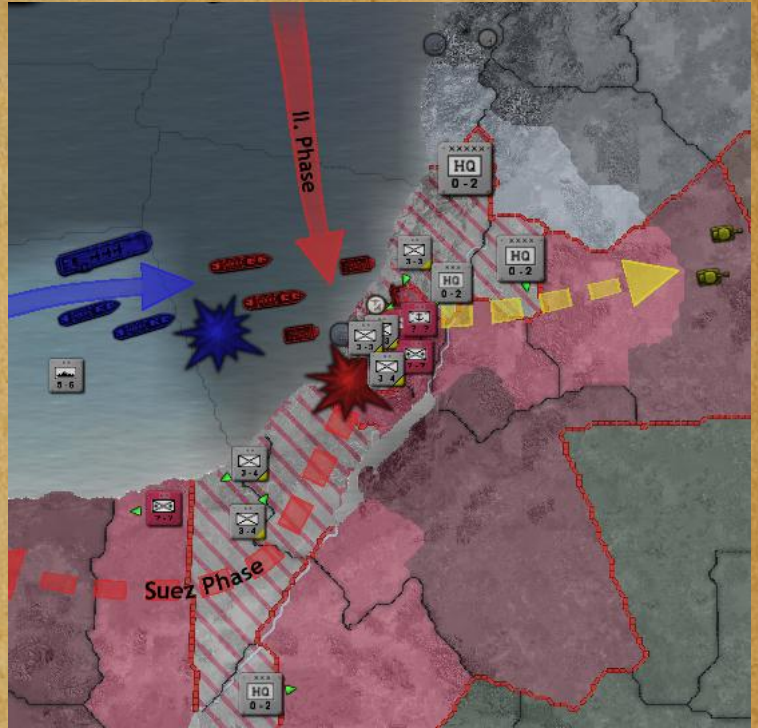
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28 January, 1941

In Hadera, north of Tel Aviv we lost the battle to the 3rd English Royal Marines.

In Jenin we had to bomb the English Marines there to help our man.

Three English transporters sunk.



Italian progress.

Our Marines are disembarking behind enemy lines to take the port of Români.

To help more, the 1st Fallschirmjäger is attacking from the air.



01 April, 1941

From 29th to the 1st of April we positioned the troops north of Yugoslavia.

In the Palestine, the battle of El' Arish, but we send reinforces to retake the lost territory.

Irbid was also lost .

Thirteen English transporters and one escort sunk.



Rashid Ali, along with four top level Army and Air Force officers; known as the "Golden Square," seized power via a coup d'état in Iraq and Rashid Ali proclaimed himself Chief of the "National Defence Government."

The leaders start to arrest many pro-British citizens and politicians. The plotters of the coup considered the United Kingdom to be weak and believed that its government would negotiate with their new government.

The immediate plans of Iraq's new leaders were to refuse further concessions to the United Kingdom, to retain diplomatic links with Fascist Italy, and to expel most prominent pro-British politicians from the country.

We are trying to get there to help them.

05 April, 1941

El' Arish is retaken and the battle of Ramallah is won with the help of the *Luftwaffe*.

From Poland we bring more bombers with two Messerschmitt Bf-109E and two Heinkel He-111.

In Români, the Fallschirmjäger are losing their organization but the 1st Marine-Sturm-Division as landed.



The *Graf Spee* fleet is order to go to the Nile Delta to detect and prevent any English ships preventing the disembark.

Twelve English transporters sunk.

06 April, 1941

At 6:00 the Operation Balkan Crush started.

Once again, my wife put my uniform impeccable.

The Suboperation *Condor* which consists in taking Beograd (the Capital), Sarajevo and Split by the *Fallschirmjäger*-Divisions has a go.

In the north of Yugoslavia, thirteen divisions start the invasion and not one hour late, the first two battles are won.



Balkans Crush Plan

One English transporters sunk.

08 April, 1941

Strategic Air Command was advance, giving less 10% in disorganization.

The *Graf Spee* was order to rebase at Venice, to pick the Panzer-Division.

Another battle won in north Yugoslavia and the *Fallschirmjäger* won Zagreb.

The key cities are now in our hands.



Three English Transporter sunk.

09 April, 1941

The Axis victory was swift. After three days, the Yugoslav high command had decided to seek an armistice and authorized the army and army group commanders to negotiate local ceasefires. That day their commanders asked us for terms, but we rejected.

Only unconditional surrender could form the basis for negotiation. Yesterday evening, they asked for an armistice based on unconditional surrender.

The pre-coup Foreign Minister Aleksandar Cincar-Marković and General Miloško Janković signed the armistice and unconditionally surrendered all Yugoslav troops. It came into effect today at 0:00.

At the signing, the Hungarians and Bulgarians were represented by liaison officers, but they did not sign the document because their countries were not at war with Yugoslavia.

The Italian representative, Colonel Luigi Buonofati, signed the document after noting that "the same terms are valid for the Italian army".

The Italian-backed Croatian fascist leader Ante Pavelić declared an Independent State of Croatia before the invasion was even over.

Never the less, for now, we need the ports and routes to support our campaign in Africa.

So, in a reunion with the *Führer*, and because of the three day campaign to defeat a "rebellious" country, he easily conceded me that.

In that same meeting, I was awarded for leadership, distinguished service and personal gallantry with the [Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves](#).

It's beautiful.



With the end of this campaign, the Divisions in north of Yugoslavia were sent to the Polish border, with the exception of one HQ and four Infantry-Divisions that were sent to Italy, to then reinforce the troops in Africa.

I think that now, I have some margin to do what I want.

Also I decided to move them to Africa because a few more Divisions will leave the recruit soon, and I prefer not to put them in the front lines for now.

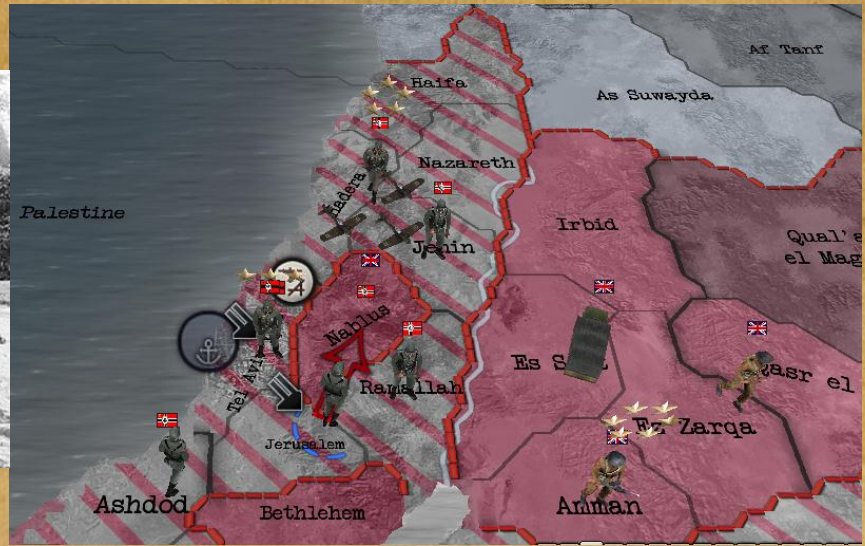
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1. Infanterie-Division		
von Kortzfleisch		8,991
12. Infanterie-Division		
Alpers		8,991
61. Infanterie-Division		
Härnicke		8,859
206. Infanterie-Division		
Höft		8,991



In Nablus, Africa, the English were encircle. Now, one Infantry-Division with the support of others, are finishing the 1st English Airborne Division.



1st English Airborne Division



The English try to recover Români and send an India Infantry-Division. In my opinion they should be in India defending against the Japanese advance, although I can understand that Oil is more important than land in India.

But they should know best, and partly I can understand, because the Japanese stopped their advance at India's doors.

That, I don't know why. I will inquire.

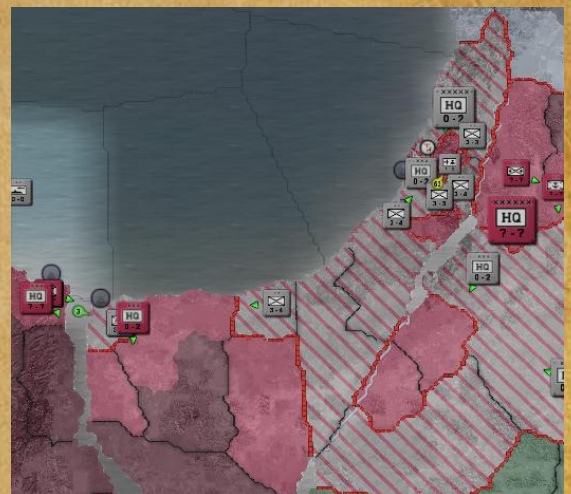
Against our Marines, and support by the bombardment of our ships, the India Division has no change. The *Hochseeflotte* were order to the Nile Delta to observe the English movements.

Six English convoys sunk.

Our General have improved the Central Planning and Mass Assault tactics.

Our scientists start to develop the Sonar and Detection Equipment to help detection of our enemies. Supply Organization must also be more efficiency.

This are the new studies started.



11 April, 1941

Today, at morning, the English give up their assault on Români
766 English soldiers died against 24 of ours.

At 16:00 they renew the assault, now with one Iraq Infantry-Division.
In Palestine we are suffering supplies problems, and one unit cannot link
with Români because of that.

Nablus is won, and 7.577 Airborne English were captured along with is
commanding Officer, Major Harding.

The province that were conquer by our HQ in Jordanian are being lost to
the English.

We send three hundred Heinkel He- 111 escorted to bomb them. It will
delay their Marines.

Two hundred new Henschel Hs-129 were order to be build.



Two English convoys sunk.

12 April, 1941

The 6.Panzer-Division arrived at Venice.

They board the *Graf Spee* fleet and went to Trieste to pick up, the HQ and
four Infantry-Divisions that arrive there. Then, they set sail to Tel Aviv.

The Heavy Cruiser Lützow and two destroyers that were anchored in
Brest for repairs were order to set sail to the port of Kiel.

The English, one more time, lost the assault at Români. I must say, they
are persistent.

Now they try with one English motorize Division.

But with a penalty of 90% in the amphibious assault, shore bombardment and lousy weather, they lost again.

A mix of one hundred Bf-109E and Ju.87C Stuka are order to be constructed to then join the Carrier that is almost completed.

The project of the carrier has been a headache, going back and forward. Now, at is conclusion, we note us that no order of planes has been made. So.. a carrier will be completed... but... without planes.... that at is best, will be delivered in June.

Inefficiencies...

Hochseeflotte is order to rebase at Români.

We saw that the major Cities in Egypt were protected. There's no need to be a "seating duck" for the Royal Navy.

Two of the four hundred Focke-Wulf Fw-190D that served in Africa station in Innsbruck are order to rebase at Nantes and the other two hundred in Bruxelles.

Then, after full organize, they must protect France against the English.

One English convoys sunk.

13 April, 1941

The 2.Marine-Sturm-Division is order to cross the Suez Canal but by south, in Bûr Sa id.



Nazareth is lost.

Two English convoys and one Australian were sunk.

14 April, 1941

Graf Zeppelin is ready to sea trials in Kiel.

The inauguration of our first carrier is superb. We are very proud.

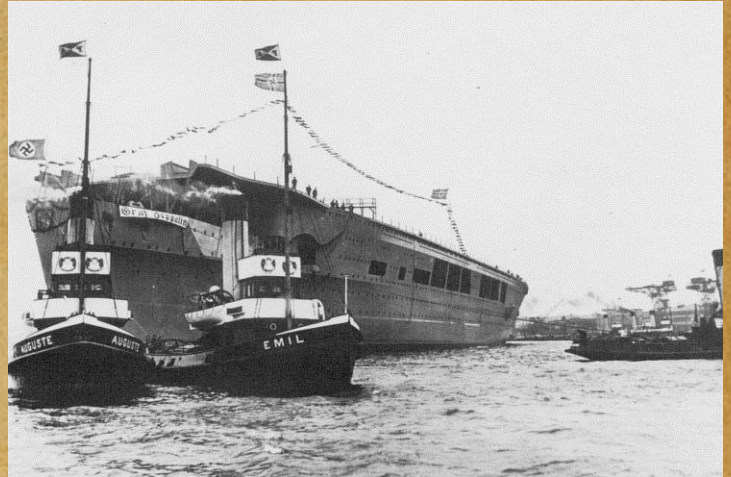
We have no planes ready to flight in the deck, but we have tons of proud.

Is a pity that pride does not shoot down aircrafts.

Let's see how this new "weapon" works in the future.

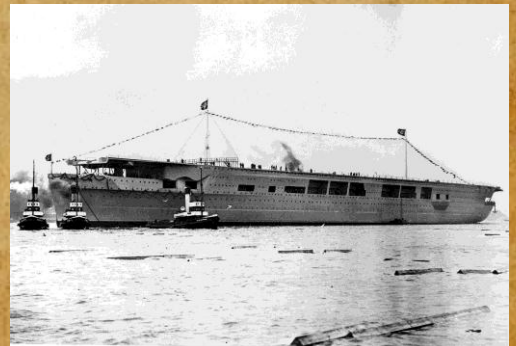
The modern Heavy Cruiser Lützow and one destroyer joins the carrier.

The other Destroyer is too old to join the fleet, and I prefer to merge him with the old ships of the Baltic fleet.



(Graf Zeppelin class)

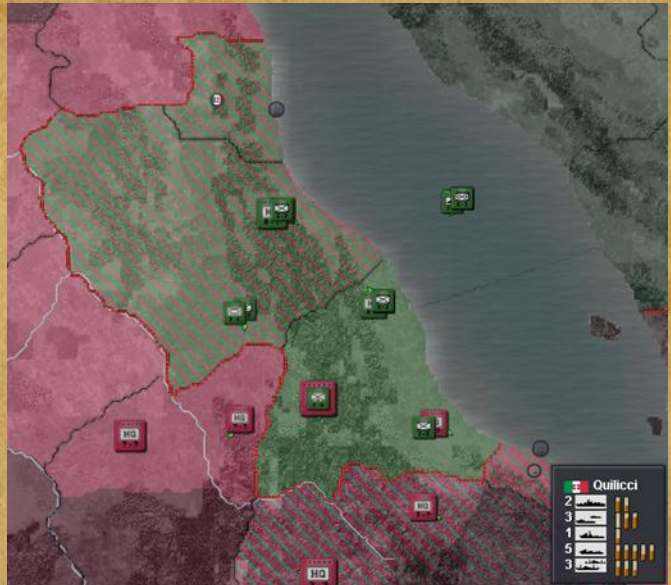
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Experience	24.9
Organisation	30.0
Morale	30.0%
Radio Strength	1.25
Max Speed	22.00KPH
Supply Consumption	1.07
Fuel Consumption	1.25
Range	3700KM
Distance	100.0KM
Surface Detection	2.00
Air Detection	3.00
Sub Detection	1.00
Visibility	97.00
Sea Defence	4.00
Air Defence	4.00
Air Attack	3.50
Convoy Attack	0.00
Sea Attack	0.00
Sub Attack	0.00
Shore Bombardment	0.00
Hull	1.20
Positioning	0.00



Three hundred Messerschmitt Bf-109E were order to help defend the English attacks.

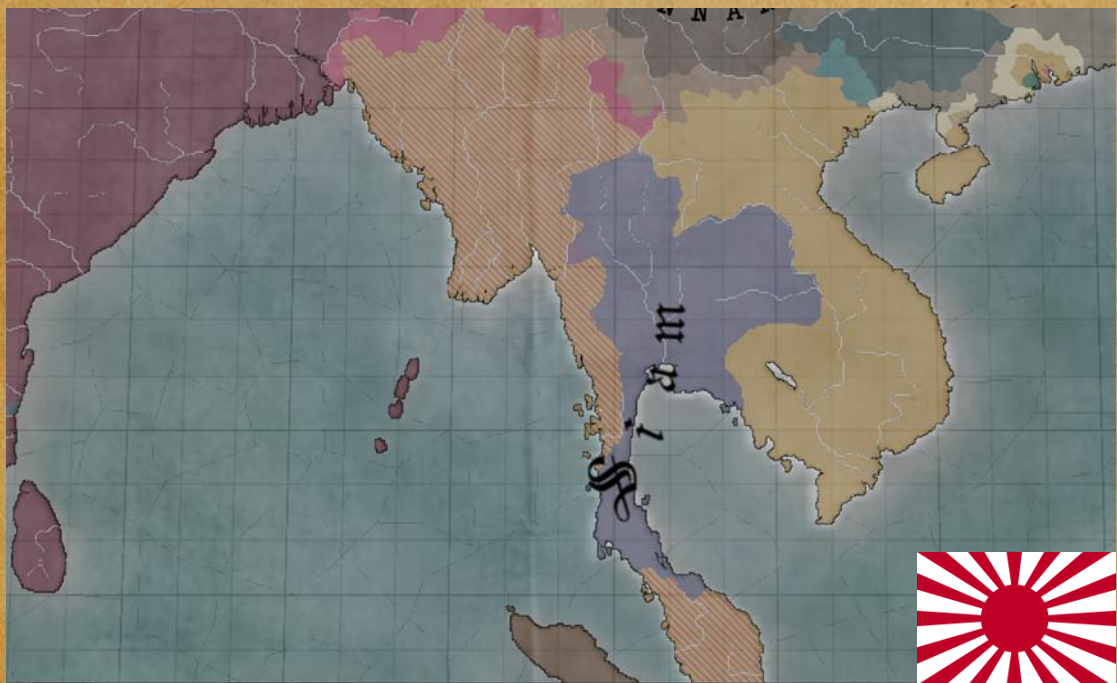
Bîr Gifgafa, at south of Români, is one.
After they take it, they will attempt do cross it.

The Italians are back in Abyssinia.
They manage to conquer the port
that we advice them to take it over
and they are spreading.
Although the English have much
troops there, they are managing
to retake Abyssinia.
Baby steps... baby steps.

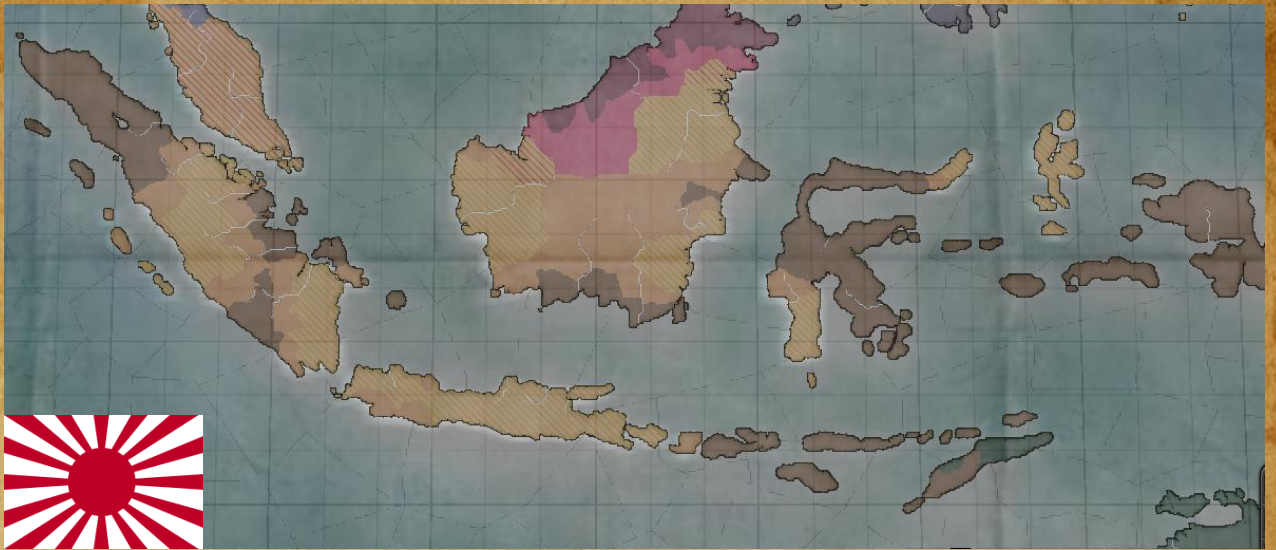


One English transporter sunk.

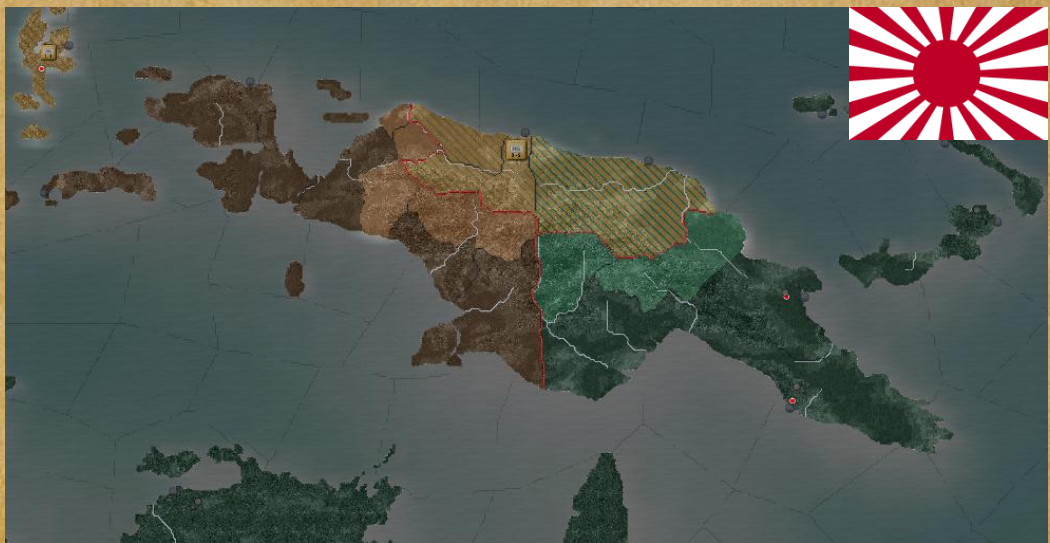
By the way, the south east situation.



The Japanese's stop their advance.



Netherlands East Indies



New Guinea

We continue to lose unprotect provinces in Transjordan.

In Paris, some dogfights between RAF and *Luftwaffe* fighters at night.

One English transporter sunk.

15 April, 1941

Six new are ready in Kiel to join the *Graf Zeppelin* fleet.

This new destroyers are from class V. The only ship class III is the carrier.

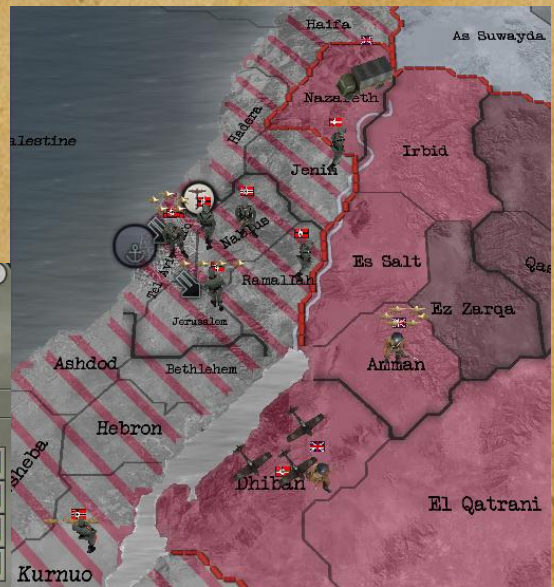


The dogfights continue in Paris at night. Its killing both sides.



Nablus is secure.

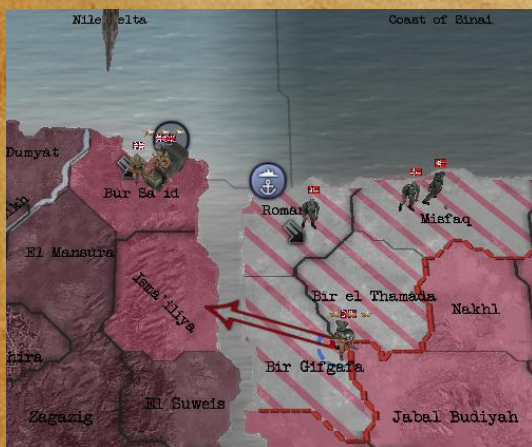
Our bombers continue to massacred the English Marines.



Eight English transporters sunk.

16 April, 1941

Our Marine acquire the south province of Români and is crossing the Suez. Six English transporters sunk. One Australian transporter sunk.

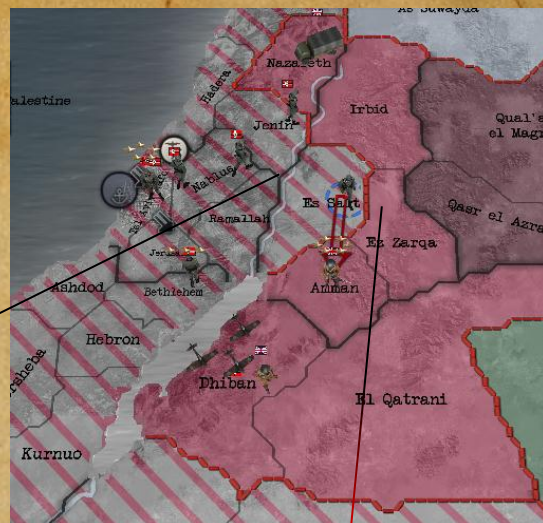


18 April, 1941

The 6. Infantry-Division is retaking the province lost.

They capture Es Salt and went to Amman to fight one English HQ that calls for two group Bomber help. We do not have fighters there anymore, but the infantry can (and must) endure the bombings.

And they do it at the same time that they win the fight (the English retreat).



Rashid Ali, on behalf of the "National Defence Government" of Iraq, asked Germany for military assistance in the event of war with the British. Ultimately, Rashid Ali attempted to restrict British rights guaranteed under [Article 5](#) of the 1930 treaty when he insisted that newly arrived British troops be quickly transported through Iraq and to Palestine.

The best way of the English to bring troops from India, is to Iraq. So, with the arrival at the end of the day of the *Graf Spee* fleet to Tel Aviv, with three infantry-divisions, one HQ and one Light Panzer-Division it was the cherry on top of the cake, because we could send Von Funck to start the Oil Phase, and head at maximal speed to Iraq.

One Infantry-division is still in Trieste (did not make it in time to board)

Two English transporters sunk.

19 April, 1941

The divisions that arrive at Tel Aviv, board again the *Graf Spee* fleet to transport them to Români.

We decided.... well... the truth is that I decided that the *Operation AD* must include the Nile, and it's Pyramids.

I could not let the Italians take that "jewel".

So, that divisions are going to secure Români and help the marines that cross the Nile at Ismâ'îliya, securing the bridges constructed by their engineers and advance to El Mansûra to encircle the port of Bûr Sa'id.

The new Infantry-Division is deployed in Prussia under the XX.Armeeekorps of Paulus, in the *Heeresgruppe A*.

The Infantry-Division that was moving to Români, is order to stop, and head to Tel Aviv to join is HQ, the *I.AfrikaKorps*.



Nazareth is surrounded and the 81. Infantry-Division support by another, gives the final blow.

Almost nine thousand English soldiers are captured.

They are forced to march to Tel Aviv to be sent to Germany.

Five English transporter sunk.

The 1. Marine-Sturm-Division board the Graf Spee to be dropped behind enemy lines, in Dumyât to complete the encircle the port of Bûr Sa'id.



English bombers, taking advantage of the fact that no aerial coverage exists, bombard our infantry.

However, in France, over two hundred aircraft are ordered to intercept British bombers

I confess that I feel much confident with *Operation Barbarossa*.

After the fall of Yugoslavia in three days, as well as other countries, or even the mighty France, along with the progress in Transjordan and Egypt, makes me think of the invincibility of our *Wehrmacht*.

Only England is taking longer, but this is due to the weakness of our *Kriegsmarine*.

However the Soviet border is filled with infantry and tanks.

All this confidence may originate in slipping's.

The units will begin to move closer to the border and each will know which province it should move.

I have a mixture of fear and expectation.

20 April, 1941

Heavy Cruiser Anti-Aircraft Armament is improved.

That way we can best defend against the enemy planes.

Light Cruiser Escort must be improved, that will improve the position of the ships.

One Infantry-Division is deployed in Prussia and attach to the XXII. *ArmeeKorps, (Heeresgruppe A).*

Two Garrison-Divisions start their training.

Another two hundred fighters now are order to defend west France against the English bombers.

Now France is proper protected.

Four English transporters sunk.



21 April, 1941

The 1. Marine-Sturm-Division took the beach, but soon, after secure (thank God), The 4th Iraq (still loyal) and the 25th Indian Infantries try to capture them.

The soldiers of colonies against our Elite Marines.

No change.

The *Hochseeflotte* is to set sail to Italy, to get more troops.

El Qatrani is won.

The siege on the English Marines is closing.

Four English transporters sunk.


23 April, 1941

In the skies of Euskirchen, German our fighters fight the Harris Bomber day and night.

One hundred Heinkel He-111 Tactical bomber were deployed.

Five new radar stations are order.

Kampfgeschwader 25

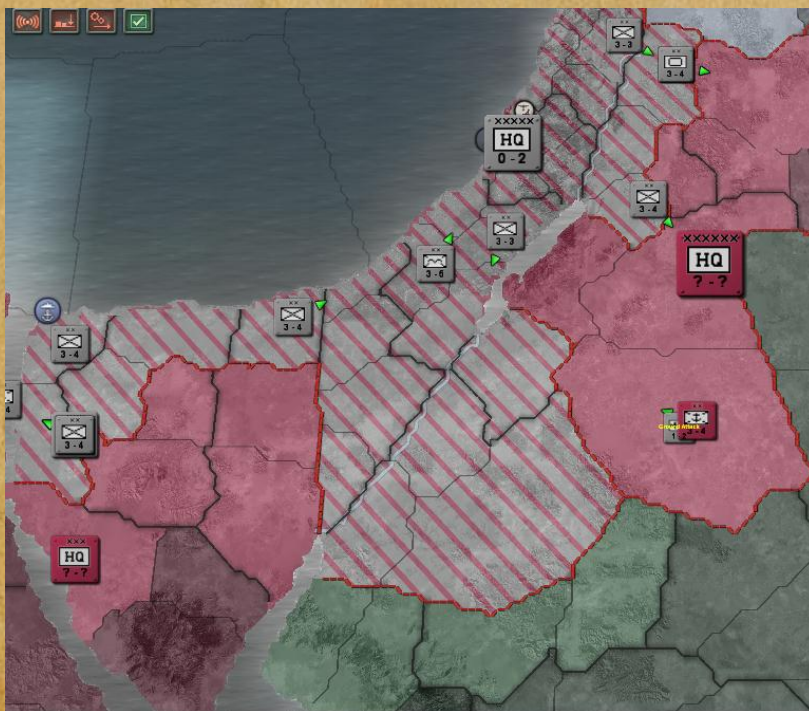


(Heinkel He-111+)

Statistics	
Strength	100%
Experience	25.0
Organisation	50.0
Morale	45.0%
Radio Strength	1.00
Max Speed	275.00KPH
Supply Consumption	2.32
Fuel Consumption	4.00
Surface Defence	8.00
Air Defence	7.25
Strategic Attack	2.00
Soft Attack	7.00
Hard Attack	3.00
Transport Capability	0.00
Air Attack	1.75
Sea Attack	3.00

Current Models

Basic Aero Engine	Yes
Basic Aircraft Machine Gun	Yes
Basic Medium Fuel Tank	Yes
Basic Twin Engine Airframe	Yes



The *Hochseeflotte* is order to bring the Infantry-Division in Italy to Români.

Six English transporters sunk.

25 April, 1941

National Socialism
 This government has no elections.

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Conscription Laws	Service by Requirement	Norway: Collaboration Government
Economic Laws	Total Economic Mobilisation	Belgium: Full occupation
Education Investment Laws	Massive Education Investment	Netherlands: Military Government
Industrial Policy Laws	Heavy Industry Emphasis	Poland: Total Exploitation
Press Laws	Propaganda Press	Yugoslavia: Collaboration Government
Training Laws	Specialist Training	

NSDAP

Organisation

Popularity

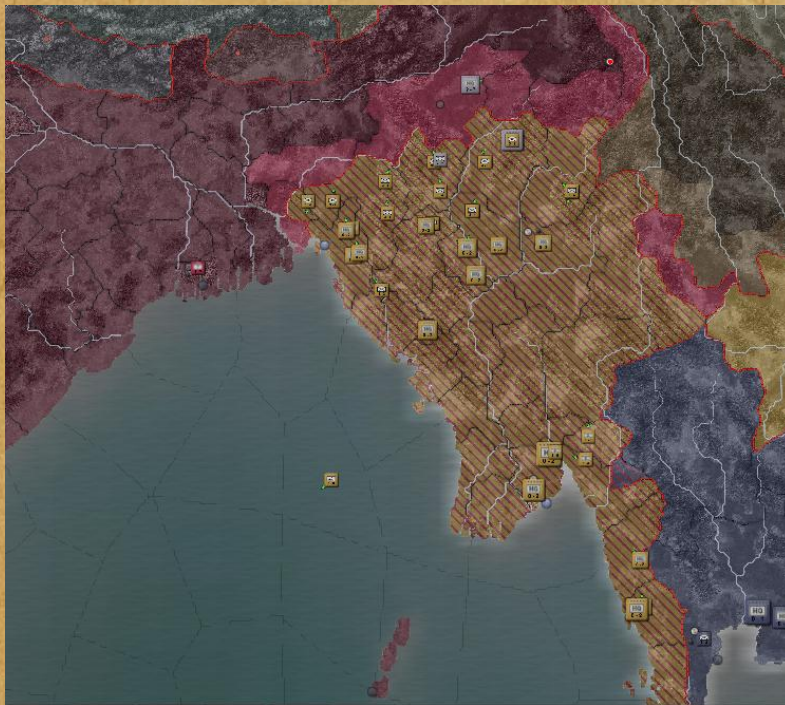
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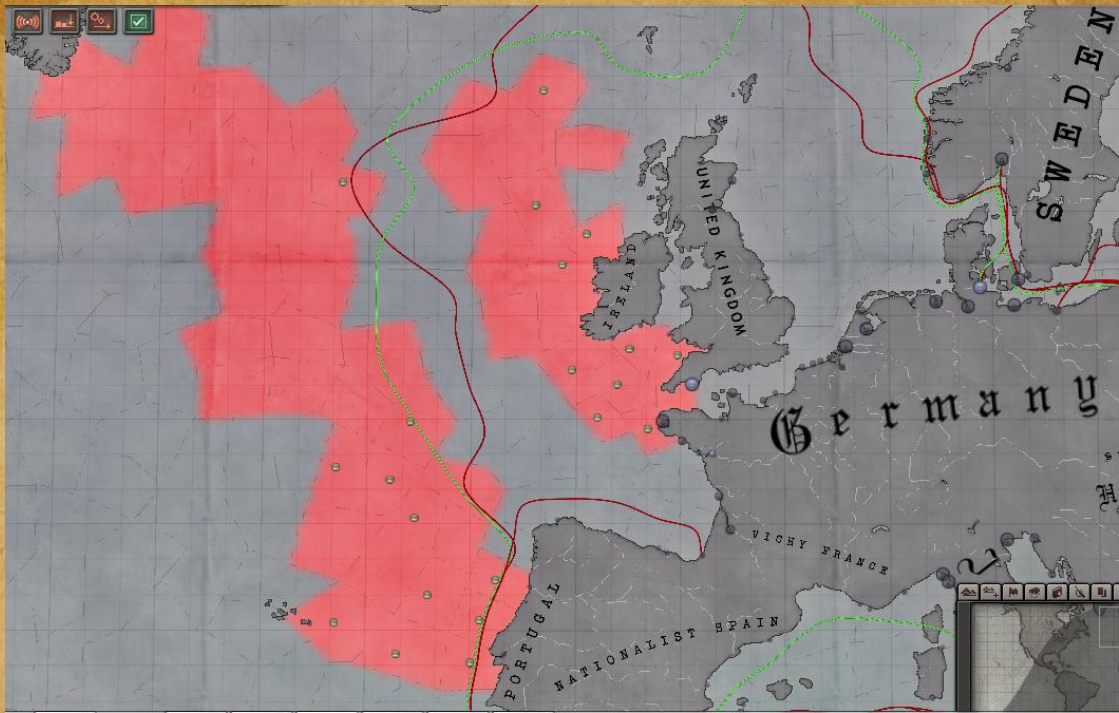
Liberate Country Create Puppet

Government.



Japan in Birmania

Two more wins in Transjordan.



German Convoys Routes.

Four English transporters sunk.



In the skies of Breda, Netherlands, four hundred German fighters and three hundred English, fight.

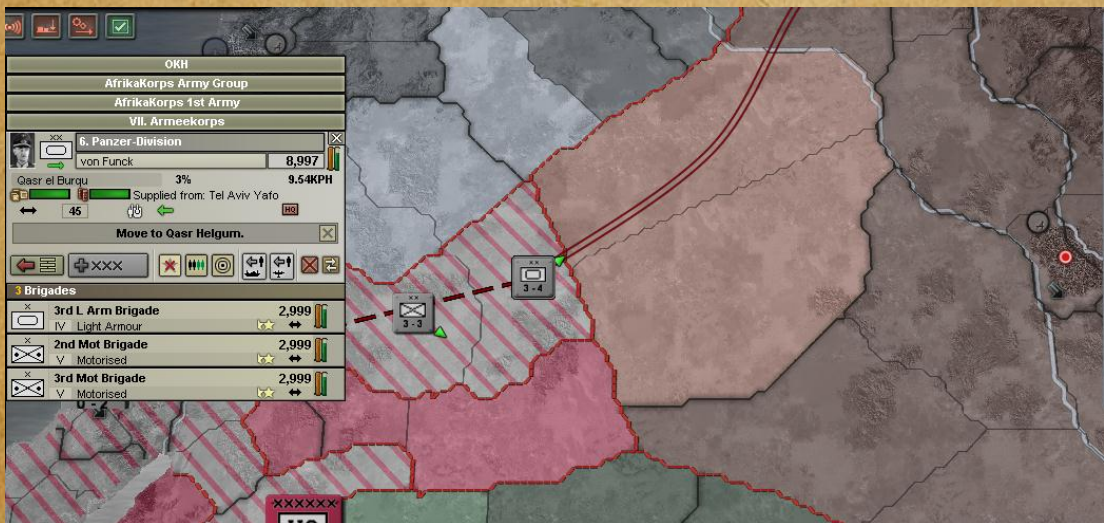
26 April, 1941

Commander Decision Making is more accurate in the *Kriegsmarine*, improve the target choice in about 15%.

With this, we release more leadership to Officers.

The battle in the sky of Breta, with refueling, taking offs, and fighting took twenty seven hours.

The wear is visible.



Von Funck with the 6. Panzer-Division is order to move north of Iraq.

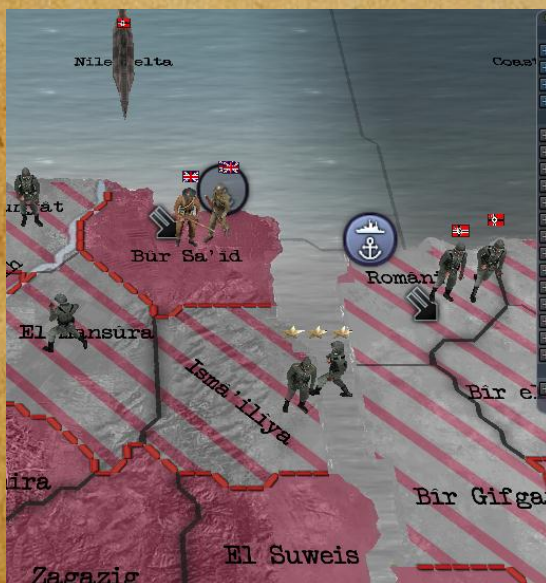
Five English transporters sunk.

27 April, 1941

Fights in Breta continues.

Four English transporter sunk.

The temperature in Africa this time of the year is about 17C



28 April, 1941

El Mansûra is conquer. The siege of Bûr Sa'id is completed.

Graf Spee fleet is in the Nile to support the attack on the port.

Two Iraqi Infantry-divisions and one Indian attack the 2. Marine-Sturm to try to break the siege.

In the port, there are also two Iraqi Infantry-Divisions and one Indian. The sand storms that rise, are not helping at all, but they will manage to win.

30 April, 1941

The 8.Panzer-Division is deployed in Innsbruck and prepared to go to Africa.

Five new rocket test sites are order to be build.

The economy is turn to production.

Eleven English transporters sunk.

One Canadian transporter sunk.

