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No. 6
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between
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獨逸、伊太利及日本間ノ軍事協定

獨逸、伊太利兩國軍隊並ニ日本陸海軍ハ一九四〇年九月二十七日ノ三國同盟ノ精神ニ基キ、且、一九四一年十二月十一日ノ日獨伊三國間ノ協約ニ關聯シテ、相互間ノ協動作戦ヲ確保シ敵戦力ヲ可及的速ニ殲滅センカ爲茲ニ軍事協定ヲ締結スル。

一、作戰地域ノ區分

獨逸伊太利兩國軍隊並ニ日本陸海軍ハ左ノ如ク擔當地域内ニ於テ必要ナル作戰ヲ遂行スル

I 日本

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(ロ) 東經約七〇度以東ノ亞細亞大陸

2 獨逸及伊太利

(イ) 東經約七〇度以西ヨリ米大陸東岸ニ到ル水域並ニソノ水域ニ在ル大陸及島嶼（亞弗利加、アイスランド等）

(ロ) 近東、中東及東經約七〇度以西ノ歐洲

3 印度洋ニ於テハ情況ニ依リ前項ニ協定セル地域境界、地域制限ヲ越エテ作戰ヲ施行ス

ル 事ヲ得ル。

二、一般作戰計畫

I 日本ハ

英米ニ對スル獨逸、伊太利ノ作戰ニ協力シ南洋方面及太平洋ニ於テ作戰ヲ遂行スル。

(イ) 日本ハ大東亞ニ於ケル英、米、葡ノ重要基地ヲ擊滅シ同地域内ノソノ領土ヲ攻撃占領スル

(ロ) 日本ハ西太平洋ニ於ケル制海權ヲ確保スル爲太平洋及印度洋ニ於ケル米、英、陸、海、空軍ノ殲滅ヲ期スル。

(ハ) 米、英艦隊ガ太平洋ニ其ノ主力ヲ集結セル場合、日本ハ太平洋及印度洋全域ニ於テ通商攻撃ヲ増強シ且尙大西洋ニソノ海軍力ノ一部ヲ派遣シ獨、伊海軍ト直接協力スル。

2 獨逸及伊太利ハ

南洋方面及ビ太平洋ニ於ケル日本ノ作戰ニ協力シ對英、米作戰ヲ遂行スル。

(イ) 獨逸及伊太利ハ近東、中東、地中海、大西洋ニ於ケル英、米ノ重要基地ヲ擊滅シ同域ニ在ル英、米領土ヲ攻撃占領スル

(ロ) 獨、伊ハ大西洋及地中海ニ於ケル英國及米國ノ陸、海、空軍ヲ殲滅シ且敵ノ通商

ヲ破壊スル

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三、軍事作戰ノ重要點

I 作戰計畫ノ重要事項ニ關スル連絡ノ維持

2 經濟戰ニ於ケル協力、左ノモノヲ含ム

- (イ) 經濟戰計畫ニ關スル連絡ノ維持
(ロ) 經濟戰ノ進行、重要情報其他必要事項ニ
關スル連絡ノ維持

(ハ) 一ノ加盟國ガソノ擔當作戰地域ヲ越エ經
濟戰ヲ遂行セントスル場合、ソノ計畫ヲ
豫メ他ノ同盟國ニ通知シ作戰基地ノ使用、
補強供給、乘員ノ休養、修理業務等ニ關
スル協力並ニ相互援助ヲ確保スル。

3 作戰ニ必要ナル情報ノ蒐集及交換

4 心理的戰爭ニ關スル協力

5 相互ノ軍用電報傳送ヲ確保スル爲ノ協力

6 技術的要求ガ存在スル限り獨逸、伊太利、
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 4. Collaboration in psychological warfare, and
 5. In securing mutual military message transmission

6. collaboration in establishing air communication between Germany, Italy and Japan and in opening sea lanes and sea transport across the Indian Ocean.

~~The agreement~~
Signed by the Chief of the High Command of the German Armed Forces, the Plenipotentiary of the High Command of the Italian Armed Forces and the Plenipotentiaries of the Chief of the Imperial Japanese General Staff and of the Chief of the Imperial Japanese Naval General Staff:

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Military Agreement
between
Germany, Italy, and Japan

The German and Italian Armed Forces, as well as the Japanese Army and Navy, herewith conclude a military agreement in the spirit of the Tripartite Pact of 27 September 1940 and in connection with the agreement between Germany, Italy, and Japan of 11 December 1941 to secure the operational co-operation among themselves and to destroy as soon as possible the fighting power of the enemy.

I. Division of the zones for operations.

The German and Italian Armed Forces as well as the Japanese Army and Navy will carry out the required operations within the zones assigned to them as follows:

1. Japan.

- (a) The waters eastward from about 70° East longitude, to the West Coast of the American Continent, as well as the continent and islands (Australia, Netherlands, East Indies, New Zealand, etc.) which are situated in these waters.
- (b) The Asiatic Continent East of about 70° East longitude.

2. Germany and Italy.

- (a) The waters westward from about 70° East longitude, to the East Coast of the American Continent as well as the continent and islands (Africa, Iceland, etc.) which are situated in these waters.
- (b) The Near East, the Middle East and Europe westwards from about 70° East longitude.

3. In the Indian Ocean the operations may be carried out beyond the zone-borders /zone limits/ agreed upon above according to the situation.

II. General Operations Plan.

1. Japan.

will, working together with the German and Italian operations against England and the U.S.A., carry out the operations in the South Sea Area and in the Pacific.

- (a) She will destroy important English, United States, and Netherlands bases in Greater East Asia, /and/ attack or occupy their territories in that area.
- (b) She will seek the annihilation of the North American and English land, sea, and air forces in the Pacific and the Indian Ocean, in order to secure for herself the control of the seas in the Western Pacific.
- (c) If the North American and English fleets concentrate largely in the Atlantic, Japan will reinforce her commerce raiding /Handelskrieg/ in the entire area of the Pacific and the Indian Ocean and, in addition, send part of her naval forces to the Atlantic and there collaborate directly with the German and Italian Navies.

2. Germany and Italy.

will, in cooperation with the Japanese operations in the South Sea Area and the Pacific, carry out the operations against England and the United States of America.

- (a) They will destroy important English and United States bases in the Near East and Middle East, in the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic, attack or occupy their territories in that area.
- (b) They will seek the annihilation of the English and American land, sea, and air forces in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea, and the destruction of enemy commerce.
- (c) If the English and United States fleets concentrate largely in the Pacific, Germany and Italy will send part of their naval forces to the Pacific and there collaborate directly with the Japanese Navy.

III. Main Points of Military Cooperation.

1. Maintenance of contact regarding important points of operational planning.
2. Collaboration in economic warfare, including:

- (a) Maintenance of contact regarding the planning of economic warfare.
 - (b) Maintenance of contact regarding the course of the economic warfare, important information and other necessary particulars.
 - (c) In case one partner wishes to carry out economic warfare beyond the operational zone assigned to him, he will inform the other partners beforehand of his own plan, to secure the cooperation and mutual support regarding use of the operations bases, reinforcement, supply, recreation of the crews, repair work, etc.
3. Collaboration concerning the assembling and exchanging of information important to the operations.
 4. Collaboration concerning psychological warfare /militaerische Zersetzungsarbeit/.
 5. Collaboration for securing mutual military message transmission.
 6. Collaboration for the purpose of establishing air communication between Germany, Italy, and Japan, insofar as technical requirements exist, as well as the opening of the sea lanes and sea transport across the Indian Ocean.

In witness whereof the Chief of the High Command of the German Armed Forces, the Plenipotentiary of the High Command of the Italian Armed Forces and the Plenipotentiaries of the Chief of the Imperial Japanese General Staff and of the Chief of the Imperial Japanese Naval General Staff have signed this agreement.

Drawn up in German, Italian, and Japanese original in Berlin on 18 January 1942 - in the 20th year of the Fascist Era - corresponding to the ___ day of the first month of the 17th year of the Syowa Era.

Signed: Keitel
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