

ARMISTICE WITH FINLAND AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Signed at Moscow, September 19, 1944

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ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

Whereas the Finnish Government has accepted the preliminary condition of the Soviet Government regarding a break with Germany and the removal of German troops from Finland, and whereas the conclusion of a future treaty of peace will be facilitated by the inclusion in an Armistice Agreement of certain conditions of this peace treaty, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, acting on behalf of all the United Nations at war with Finland⁽¹⁾, on the one hand, and the Government of Finland, on the other hand, have decided to conclude the present agreement for an armistice, the execution of which will be controlled by the Soviet High Command similarly acting on behalf of the United Nations at war with Finland, hereinafter named the Allied (Soviet) High Command.

On the basis of the foregoing the representative of the Allied (Soviet) High Command, Colonel-General A. A. Carl Enckell, Minister for Foreign Affairs, General Rudolf Walden, Minister of Defence, General Erik Heinrichs, Chief of General Staff, and Lieutenant-General Oscar Enckell, duly authorized thereto, have signed the following conditions:

ARTICLE 1

In connection with the cessation of military activities on the part of Finland on the 4th September, 1944, and on the part of the Soviet Union on the 5th September, 1944, Finland undertakes to withdraw her troops behind the line of the Soviet-Finnish frontier of 1940 in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Annex attached to the present Agreement. (See Annex to Article 1.)

ARTICLE 2

Finland undertakes to disarm the German land, naval and air armed forces which have remained in Finland since the 15th September, 1944, and to hand over their personnel to the Allied (Soviet) High Command as prisoners of war, in which task the Soviet Government will assist the Finnish army. (See Annex to Article 2.)

The Finnish Government also accepts the obligation to intern German and Hungarian nationals in Finnish territory.

ARTICLE 3

Finland undertakes to make available at the request of the Allied (Soviet) High Command the aerodromes on the southern and southwestern coast of Finland with all equipment to serve as bases for Soviet aircraft during the period necessary for air operations against German forces in Estonia and against the German navy in the northern part of the Baltic Sea. (See Annex to Article 3.)

⁽¹⁾ By Proclamation issued at Ottawa on December 7, 1941, it was declared that a state of war with Finland existed as and from December 7, 1941.