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- 1. DETAILS OF THE TOMMY-GUN
- 2. REPORT ON BRITISH ANTI-INVASION MEASURES (1940)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

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To JOHN. [1]

- 1. Tommy-guns are automatic submachine guns:

Calibre : .45 inch

Weight : 4.2 kilograms

Length : 33 inches

1,500 rounds a minute

50-round magazines

Effective range : 70 metres.

They are intended for use against parachute landings.

2. Yesterday [we][a] drove past two military airfields. Blockhouses with machine guns have been erected along the airfield boundaries. There are two rows of barbed wire joining the blockhouses and surrounding the airfields. There are [Fairey][a] Battles at BENSON airfield and Hurricanes at NORTHOLT. They all have Anglo-French markings. Near COVENTRY patrols are being carried out by flights of Hurricanes.

3. On the roads are police armed with rifles. The troops are stationed in concealed camps in woods and copses. Carts with their shafts pointing upwards and agricultural machines have been left standing in fields under cultivation.

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