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The same two *Simplicissimus* cartoons showing Britain being starved out by the U-boats as used in G.57/1942.

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### **U-BOATS – ONCE AGAIN THE LAST HOPE**

Hitler, 4 September, 1940:

If the British Air Force drop 2 or 3 or 4,000 kilograms of bombs, then we will drop 150,000, 180,000, 230,000, 300,000, 400,000 and more kilograms of bombs in one night and if they declare that they will attack our towns in ever increasing measure, well, we will wipe out their towns!

That was Hitler in his prime. Later he became more modest. At the beginning of 1942 he only wanted to answer “blow for blow”. By the end of 1942 he postponed the retaliation to a later date. And now one hears almost nothing about retaliation at all. Now the U-boats are the ones who are to conquer the RAF.

Goebbels, 10 April, 1943:

England with her air war has us by the wrist. We with our U-boat war have England by the throat.

...But not only since yesterday! The U-boats have for years been giving us their best. Already on the 24 February 1941 Hitler declared: “Every ship that comes before our torpedo tubes will be sunk”. And the result?

One result is that England is the only country in Europe without bread rationing.

The second result is that one and a half million fully equipped American soldiers have been shipped across the “severed” sea routes and have arrived safely.

The third result is that England has built up in North Africa a fighting force which has beaten Rommel and is now destroying him. The OKW daily speaks of the “vastly superior forces” of the Allies in North Africa. Thus it admits the failure of the U-boats, who could not stop these “vastly superior forces” being brought from England round Africa to Suez.

A fourth result is that the most terrible air power of all time has been assembled in this “blockaded” England. Today the English bombers are no longer dropping 2,000-4,000 kilograms in one night over Germany, they are dropping one million kilograms of bombs.

**THE U-BOATS’ HOLD ON ENGLAND’S THROAT SEEMS TO BE SOMEWHAT LOOSE.**