

**Directive from the Supreme Command Headquarters to the Commander in Chief of the Soviet Forces in the Far East on the Start of Combat Operations**

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The Supreme Command Headquarters o r d e r s:

1. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Transbaikal, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Far East fronts are to begin combat operations to carry out the tasks outlined in Headquarters directives № 11112 (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Far East front), № 11113 (for the 1<sup>st</sup> Far East front), and № 11114 (for the Transbaikal front).  
Air operations for all fronts should start on the morning of August 9<sup>th</sup>, with the primary aim of bombing Harbin and Changchun.  
Ground troops should cross the Manchuria border:  
Transbaikal and 1<sup>st</sup> Far East front – the morning of August 9<sup>th</sup>; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Far East front – on the orders from Marshal Vasilevsky.
2. Upon receipt of this order, the Pacific Fleet is to:
  - a) Go into operational readiness number one;
  - b) Begin to position minefields according to the approved plan, with the exception of the entryways to the Amur River and Tauai Bay;
  - c) Cease individual navigation, direct transports to rallying points.  
Hereafter organize maritime traffic in convoys under the protection of warships;
  - d) Deploy submarines. Begin the fleet's combat operations on the morning of August 9<sup>th</sup>.
3. Use the Transbaikal time zone.
4. Report upon the receipt and execution [of this order].

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