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LAST DAYS IN ODESSA.

The last days of Odessa taken before it was evacuated by the Russians and became a Soviet 'Dunkirk'. With stoic courage and fortitude, the population of nearly half a million people go about their daily pursuits during a two months seige of the city. As the Germans and Roumanians press forward over heaps of their own dead, women and children help in the construction of barricades in readiness for the final stand. The order is "fight, destroy, and leave the city a blazing, worthless prize". Sailors of the Black Sea Fleet leave from their base at Sebastopol to play a valiant part in the evacuation, From the Crimea they sail, to make history on the beaches of Odessa. They're ready for anything (and I'm glad that sailor hasn't left his guitar behind). Once out to sea and the first courier of battle. An enemy plane is engaged. And then the guns of Soviet Warships rain shells on the outer approaches to the city.

Over the waters of the Black Sea, a duel between ship and plane. Meanwhile, in Odessa, cobble stones are ripped up to form tank obstacles, and the City becomes a death trap for the invaders. Russian ingenuity plays a grim game with death. Up to the last minute women helped to convert engines into armoured trains, for the suicide squads who remained to fight to the end. After the surface defenses were gone, they fought on in catacombs below the ruined city. Odessa died hard, but assuredly will live again.