

Action on the Central Front

Few good photographs have trickled through on the heavy tank and infantry battle in Central Russia. These German pictures reached the United States via neutral Portugal and were described as having been taken on the Ost-Belgium Front. Notably absent were photos showing damaged German equipment or any pictures which might tend to show the Nazis in bad light. Nor was there any mention of the substantial Soviet advances. The photo shows German tanks and half-tracks reportedly advancing across open fields near Belgorod in a counter-offense. Despite the great number of vehicles shown the attack, apparently, was unsuccessful. The soldiers were reported to have been dug out from the south in the direction of the key center at Kharkov.

This German assault gun is described as following an infantry attack and appears to be a high velocity "Flam" gun mounted on a Mark III or Mark IV chassis. Extra armor on armor plate are mounted on its sides for added protection.

German engineers are re-erecting flags to show the position of their lines, according to the caption that accompanied this picture. They appear to be mounting a 20mm, anti-aircraft, antitank mobile piece.

These Nazis are commingled in fighting in the old front, according to the caption. "Tanks and motorized vehicle cover to a halt to watch the smoke and fire. Near the armor plate lying on the side of the tank in the foreground."

German soldiers are seen in a trench, some appearing to be in a state of distress or exhaustion.

Nazi soldiers show their own wrecked equipment but passed on the photo supposedly of some of their own restricted troops posing two Soviet tanks which had been knocked out. The picture is reported to have been taken in July.

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THE WAR FRONTS

1 RUSSIA: A month after the Nazis began their summer offensive from Chert and Belgorod in an attempt to wipe out the Soviet salient of the Don, the Red Army overtook the Nazis and captured both Chert and Belgorod. The latter town particularly appeared in danger of falling as front detachments described the Soviets cutting down from the north in cut off Kharkov from front sides, leaving the enemy's route out from the city to Desyapetrovsk.

2 SICILY: With the fall of the port of Catania, Sicily's second most important city, the Allies gained an important point in the concluding drive for the southwest corner of the island. At the center of the four American troops forced their way toward Randazzo after a bitter fight at Troina where German troops repulsed halfhearted their first attempt to withdraw north. Easy from Catania. Before the approach to Randazzo the U. S. troops joined with the British driving westward after taking Adrano and Bronte. On the north coast American troops outflanked the enemy by sea and landed behind the German lines at Santa Agata engaging enemy units going in that town. The tanks force meanwhile took San Fratello and Santa Agata and joined the American sea-borne units.

3 ITALY: The heavy shelling of the unaided port of Naples was reported by the U. S. command and destroyed enemy positions west of Capri, Ostia and on the north while other warships shelled Taranto and the coastal road to Messina along the east coast.

4 NEW GEORGIA: Making one year after the U. S. Marines landed at Guadalcanal and saved the situation in the Southwest Pacific, our troops captured the Japanese base at Munda on New Georgia Island this morning the enemy of another hold in the Central Solomon.

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A Bomber is Bombed
An one of our bombers engaged over the Japanese island of Iwojima in the Southwest Pacific a Japanese aircraft which was shot down. The bomber is shown in flames as it falls out of the sky. The Japanese aircraft was seen to be shot down, for the fragments have been reported to have been seen in the area.

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In South Maj. Gen. Kruger, Gen. Montgomery and Lt. Gen. Patton look over a map of the island they invaded as they get together in the Royal Palace at the port of Palermo.

In the South Pacific Gen. MacArthur studies plans after ducking at a U. S. base for an inspection. To his left is Lt. Gen. Kruger, commander of the U. S. 6th Army.

In China Gen. Stilwell, left, commander of our forces in the China-Burma-India Theater, chats with Maj. Gen. Chen, who commands the 14th Air Force in Java in China.

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An American map titled "Newsmag, Monday, August 16, 1943." The map of the Eastern front shows railways, oil pipe lines, rivers, canals, marshes, the extent of the farthest Nazi gains, the area recaptured by the current Soviet offensive, and the area held by the Nazis. The smaller map, of the invasion of Sicily, shows highways, roads, railways, and areas taken by the Allies. Printed text and photographs reveal news on multiple fronts. Printed text and pictures on the back provide detail on how to recognize Japanese aircraft.

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