

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 Soviet tank units involved in the Nazi big summer drive and captured Belgorod, making a significant gain 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.

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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 Chel and Belgorod in an attempt to wipe out the Soviet salient of the Don, the Red Army overtook the Nazis and captured both Chel 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 Dnepropetrovsk.

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 southern 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 engaged halfheartedly their former foe to withdraw north. Easy from Catania. Before the approach to Randazzo the U. S. troops joined with the British driving northwest 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 unitalized was resumed at both Anzio and southern ends of Italy. The port of Naples was reportedly hit

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

5 GERMANY: Four years after Goering boasted that the German public that not a single enemy bomb would be permitted to fall on Germany, British bombers marked the day with an attack on Nuremberg. Other heavy raids during the past week were made on Munster and Ludwigshafen. Targets included the big I. G. Farbenwerke Chemical plant emitting three miles along the Rhine River.

A Bomber is Bombed

An one of our bombers engaged over the Japanese island of Iwojima in the Southwest Pacific. A Japanese aircraft was shot down by a B-24 Superfortress. The bomber is shown in flames as it falls from the sky.

THE EASTERN FRONT

In South Pacific Gen. Kenner, 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 Palawan.

In the South Pacific Gen. MacArthur under whose direction 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.

TALKING THINGS OVER

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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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