

PLANNING FOR VICTORY ---MR. CHURCHILL IN AFRICA.

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Once again the newsreel records a secret journey --- the crossing of the Atlantic for one more meeting of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt. A carefully guarded little convoy of Britain's leaders charged with the colossal task of winning the war for us. In the cabin ~~left to right~~ ^{with Mr. Churchill - Field Marshal Sir Archibald Wavell, & Air Chief Sir Charles Portal, First Sea Lord Sir Dudley Pound and} you see Air Chief Sir Charles Portal, First Sea Lord Sir Dudley Pound and ~~Chief of the Imperial General Staff~~ General Sir Alan Brooke ^{and Field Marshal Wavell, C in C India,} discussing Britain's policy on the way over.

Arriving in America, Mr. Harry Hopkins came with greetings from the President; and Mr. Churchill and the Service Chiefs went aboard the United States Naval launch for the shore. Pictures of the meeting with the President, ~~the Washington Conference and the speech to Congress~~ have already been released.

And so we come straight to Africa --- the next surprise port of call in the Premier's journey. And here --- though he is never gloomy--- Mr. Churchill always seems to be in the highest spirits; here among the men of our great armies, who finished one job as soon as they were given the tools; ~~the men who smashed a mighty German and Italian army and shattered one more of Hitler's careful plans for the conquest of Britain.~~ In the Amphitheatre at Carthage Mr. Churchill saw the 1st Army, with a guard of honour formed by the Somerset Light Infantry. ~~Mr. Anthony Eden, our Foreign Secretary, had joined the Prime Minister.~~

Here Mr. Churchill talked to them --- the men who shattered one more of Hitler's plans for the ultimate conquest of Britain.

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Seldom have any of our pictures been crowded with more celebrities than there; the fighting chiefs of the Allied Navies, Armies and Air Forces are to be seen at every turn; a sight to bring tears of longing to Goering's bloodshot eyes.

Leaving the Amphitheatre, the ~~Franklin~~ Premier's car drove beneath the ancient Roman Aqueduct. ~~Also on the return to Tunis and Premier's car drove~~ ^{And} over the bridge put up by our Sappers ^{across} the River Medjerda; the original stone bridge had been blown up by the retreating Afrika Korps.

On the road the party stopped to examine evidence of a ^{hard fought} ~~hard fought~~ battle of the recent past --- the remains of a once-formidable German Mark VI Tiger Tank --- 62-tons of it, ~~and then through another channel of cheering troops, with General Brooke and General Anderson, G.O.C. in C. the First Army.~~

American troops were also included in this all-embracing tour; the North African battlefields had become a parade ground between ~~one~~ ^{one} arduous campaign and the greater, tougher one to come.

At this time General Eisenhower, Commander in Chief Allied Forces in North Africa, visited General Giraud in Algiers: The French Commander invested General Eisenhower with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

And here is the much-postponed meeting of General de Gaulle, ~~and General Grand~~. These two generals representing both sides of the France which is not under German rule, have joined Forces as Joint Presidents of the French Committee of National Liberation; ~~it is now to be hoped that now all Frenchmen will at last unite in the really important job of beating the Axis. There's been so much argument about which Frenchman shall govern France, it seems almost a minor point that at present Hitler governs it.~~

Next visit on Mr. Churchill's programme was to the R.A.F; to see some of the men of the greatest air force in the world to-day; the men and machines who are teaching Germans that the air power with which they hoped to enslave the world, is coming back at them like a boomerang.

Mr. Churchill here is with Acting Air Marshal Sir Arthur Conyngham, Air Officer Commanding Light Support in North Africa. The tactical air force that softened up the Axis for the kill in Tunis, Bizerta and Cape Bon.

Into lunch --- with Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, commanding all North Africa's Allied Air Forces, ^{next to} General Alexander ~~on extreme left of the picture.~~

Afterwards Mr. Churchill drove away with Air Chief Marshal Tedder and Mr. Eden, with Sir Arthur Conyngham at the wheel.

Next, ~~see a~~ ^a ~~rather~~ call at an airfield of the United States Army Air Force; the force that has carried out such devastating daylight attacks on the Italian islands.

And at General Eisenhower's Headquarters you will meet General Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff.

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And Gen. Montgomery with the new 8th Army Head. 984
~~General Marshall talking business with General Montgomery:~~

Here are Mr. Eden^a, General Brooke, General ~~Marshall~~ and General Eisenhower. General Alexander, as usual, modestly inconspicuous at the back.

And outside again, a few informal words for the troops in a most unparliamentary manner; ~~in fact~~, it almost looks like an Ensa Show: with Mr. Eden speaking next while Mr. Churchill listens ~~with amusement~~ *enigmatically*.

Well --- that's about ~~over~~ *over* the tour of the African battlefields: ~~and it talks plainly of a victory. But nobody~~ --- ~~fact~~ of all the men who are in the front line nobody forgets that there are very hard days ahead: nobody expects to walk through Europe in a swift triumphal march; but it ~~certainly~~ looks as if ~~at least~~ we've got the means and the men to do it.