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FORGING AHEAD IN TUNISIA.

From the Pondeuk area, forces of the First Army sweep down from the Tunisian Mountains and, in the undulating country outside KAIROUAN, the gunners drop a fiery curtain on the last scene of enemy resistance there.

While the North West African Air Forces incessantly harry the retreating enemy, General Anderson sends his advance elements into Kairouan - the Holy City of Islam which, at one time, became German Headquarters. Crusader Tanks which went round England during the Tanks Weeks rumble along the roads leading into the city which historically ranks first in the Arab world.

An early effect of our entry is the immediate demonstration of fervant joy as the last remaining Nazis are parched out of the City. It's not difficult to imagine the elation which has taken hold of Kairouan as the cream of the scum is rooted out of their homes and placed in compounds.

The Iron Cross and Oak Leaves, a decoration for bravery. Other people in Kairouan wear distinctions too - only these are Jews forced to wear the Star of David by order of Adolf Hitler.

Some 24 hours earlier, in the regions where our 8th army still held the initiative, the final phase of the battle for SFAX was being rounded off. The cordon we had drawn round the area reaching North to Sousse had tightened to a degree where Rommel was forced to take to his heels again, leaving scattered remnants to be mopped up.

Across country marked with white tapes, indicating the safety lanes swept clear of land mines, the body of the victorious 8th pressed on and into its objective. People who had been waiting since dawn for the great moment came out with their flags to cheer their liberators. For five months they had been waiting for this, and now begins a mounting volume of emotion as the crowds begin to gather.

The enthusiasm of the crowd boiled ever anew as the distant rumble of transport grew to a roar which was to finally merge with the triumphant skirl of the pipes. The glorious 51st Highlanders.

One particularly moving scene met our cameraman. A study which no canvas could portray so vividly.

There's a big story attached to that Fortress; General Montgomery ~~he~~ won it in a bet with General Eisenhower that he would take SFAX by April 15. He did it with four days to spare.

While Monty squats under the bomber, he gets the American crew to show him a few points. Yes, the plane and the airmen are Monty's for the duration. Any bets on the under-belly of the Axis? The climax to the rejoicings in SFAX is the personal appearance of Monty in the City. Match your applause with that of a liberated people.