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Down the long battle line from the Baltic to the Sea of Asev, the Seviet ferces are on the effensive. Their successes are announced by the victory guas of Moscow. Russia sends us pictures, not of those, but of the Red Army gummers in the field,

See by the map the territory won back in thirteen menths. That shaded corridor which hurdles the IMIRFER and, likenthe Stormoviks of the Red Air Force, spreads westward to sweep the invader into his own land there to destroy him for good. The Angle-American air offensive enables Soviet aircraft to be employed at the front. Russian bombers and fighters are released for army support, while her allies see to it that German war industry is crippled. The interlocking system of air wirfare.

Vistim of one of Stalin's fighters. Out of this wreckings they brought a Nasi pilot.

Here is Russia's imperishable Stalingrad teday. From chaetic piles of rubble and torn masonry arises a canvas city, where the builders of a new Stalingrad live and work. Every brick and stone block is reshaped and used in the reconstruction of new buildings. Young and old set shout the task of bringing order out of confusion. Every wall that grows in this wonderland is fashioned from the shell and bomb-tern skeletons of a city which refused to die.

Dewn the Volga goes timber for Stalingrad. Great log rafts carried on its busy stream for use in recenstruction. "Greetings to the heroes of Stalingrad" reads the message. No other city was ever born of such courage.

Recognising the many deeds of courage performed in the defence of Stalingrad, medals and certificates are presented to those who fought in the battles for the steel city. A day in which men and women heroes of the Red Army step out of the ranks to receive the decerations of a grateful Republican Union.

Design for the two-handed Swerd of Honeur which the King has had forged to commemorate the inflexible courage of the warrier city. Britain's eldest swerd-maker, Tom Beasley, is the craftsman, pausing in his work of fashiening Commando knives, to shape the four foot long blade. A magnificent weapon of the finest steel.

Gerperal Durbin of the R.A.F. works on the silver mountains to the scabbard covered with crimson Persian lambskin. After the handle is assembled, the blade is taken by an expert and rung against an anvil to test it. Inscribed in English and Russian are these words: "To the steel hearted citizens of Stalingrad, the gift of King George VI, in teken of the hemage of the British people".

At Goldsmith's Hall in the war-tern City of Lenden the finished article is on view. It will be exhibited elsewhere in ERITAIN.

M. GUSEF the new Soviet Ambassador is among the distinguished visitors to examine it, Long lines of Londoners queued up to see the Swerd then on view to the public.

Transperted back to the Russian battlefields by these Seviet war pictures, we visit the coastal district near NOVCROSSISK, graveyard of Nasi hopes in the new liberated Kuban. From here Red Army guns are trained on the remains of the German bridgehead dwindling into no thingness.

Shock troops are rushed forward on tanks to maintain the pressure being exerted on the Germans felling back on the Kersh peninsular. Another battle for the Grimea is in the making.

Attack and counter attack. For several weeks it was thrust and parry in this sector around BERIGGROD, but there is no weak link in Stalin's master plan. By heroulean labours and great bravery the Germans were driven back.

The succession of defeats dating from Stalingrad have bitten deep into the German mind. The urge to escape further disasters by withdrawal is strong. They call it "shortening their lines". But the symptoms of wholesale defeat are there.

Assembly point of captured German equipment. From many battlefields come vast quantities of material for transport back for reconditioning or the blast furnaces. A Hitler secret weapon - the multiple-barrel mortar known as the "Sobbing Sister" joins the trainleads of scrap destined for Shalingrad and the fasteries working within easy manual distance of her ruins.

A lease-lend Jeep travels up to the artillery lines where Soviet gunners are homoring at the German positions. Devastating blows by the Red Army call forth our unstinted admiration and still more practicable support. Fermidable though the German Army still is, its days of riding roughshed over Europe are rapidly in decline.