

GENERAL GRANT TANKS.

A frequently quoted name in the Libyan scene is El Giza. It is here at the Railhead that we are first permitted to lift the veil of secrecy from some of General Ritchie's new tanks - the American built "General Grant". United States instructors are early on the job demonstrating to our tank men the structural details of the fine Cruiser model tanks. The new 28 tonners are playing a big part in the boiling Libyan cauldron. Heavily armed and thickly armoured, there is little doubt that Rommel had a shock when he found his Mark fours confronted by the General Grants, with their powerful 75 millimeter guns tearing open his Panzers with a devastating effect.

Speed has been sacrificed somewhat to fire power and increased armour. This is in marked contrast to the speedier and lighter armed tanks employed in the last offensive. The General Grant is more than a match for the German heavies, which have found their latest drive against Ritchie the most costly they have yet experienced.

.....