

ROMMEL ON THE RUN.

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Please to remember the 5th of November when the 8th Army was making bonfires with the Axis guys in the desert. With shattering effect the wonderful news of Rommel's full scale retreat was let loose to the world. It was then that the first dramatic announcement telling of our victorious advance was broadcast. By direct transmission from Cairo, Godfrey Talbot, the B.B.C. War Correspondent in the Middle East radioced his electrifying despatch. We reproduce here his ~~in~~ historic words -

"Out in the desert, out of Cairo there has come tonight the news for which we have been waiting... the news that all the world that fights for freedom has been waiting to hear. The news that the Desert and Cairo have been expecting to be let loose all day. The Axis forces in the desert are in full retreat. There is no shadow of doubt about it... the enemy are on the run... and we are after them. Right on their heels - no half measures. Maybe some of the enemy did get out, but there would be others in flight before the Eighth Army, or dead. It is heartening news indeed tonight, heartening news for the United Nations and the 8th Army."

The order of the day is "Wipe out the Axis in Africa". Every communique tells how the German and Italian columns are being relentlessly pursued and destroyed. Day and night, there is no let up in the hammering. The Montgomery mincing machine is chewing the Afrika Korps to shreds. Outstanding in the battle is the R.A.F., maintaining a non-stop onslaught on the broken enemy streaming back. The greatest British success of the war overseas has been struck at Rommel, Germany's ablest Commander. Outgeneraled and outfought,

The great toll of enemy prisoners is ~~mounting rapidly~~ mounting daily. 9,000 were taken in the first few days. Then 4,000 were quickly added. In their haste to save their own skins, the Germans left three divisions of Italians to their fate. And here now are the men whose names ring around the world - General Alexander our C-in-C Middle East, General Montgomery, Commander of the 8th Army who has won a glorious victory thanks to the imperishable British soldier.