

BRITISH ATTACK ON FT. CAPUZZO LIKE FILM SCENE

Italian Desert Stronghold Near Frontier Bombarded By Tanks and Field Guns

(Editor's note: Jan Yindrich of the United Press staff in Cairo went to the north African front to observe British and Italian hostilities. His observations of last Saturday are reported in the following dispatch).

By Jan Yindrich (UP Staff Correspondent) Facing Fort Capuzzo, Libyan Frontier, June 29.—(By Courier-UP)—This afternoon I watched the beginning of a battle for Fort Capuzzo. Hollywood could not have done it better; didn't, in fact, since it was like a scene lifted right out of "Beau Geste," only more so.

The white battlemented Italian desert stronghold was almost identical with that millions have seen on the screen in the desert movie. It stood high on a slate-covered Libyan desert plateau.

About five miles from the fort, which itself was four miles from the Egyptian-Libyan frontier, I saw through binoculars British tanks and armored cars slowly closing in on the fort. They advanced under a burning sun and cobalt sky, blazing away with machine guns at the fort and weaving to avoid shells from the Italian batteries.

Field Guns Join
At 6 p. m. British field guns started shelling the Italian batteries and also the fort. I saw clouds of smoke arise as shells hit the Italian guns. Then two shells hit a corner of the fort which was enveloped at once in clouds of smoke and dust.

After the clouds drifted away a huge gap in the outer wall of the fort was visible to the naked eye through the clear desert air.

The batteries pounded away without drawing fire from the Italian guns which concentrated on the ring of British tanks surrounding the fort. For the moment at least they cut the road from the fort to the Italian air field at Sidi Azia and to Bardia.

Four Italian batteries to the left of the fort pumped a steady stream of shells at the British tanks and armored cars, but in the hour and a half that I watched only one hit was scored.

Planes Appear
Five British fighting planes appeared and circled over the scene to protect the British field guns from bombing. Not an Italian plane was seen. I was told later that royal air force fighters had shot down two Italian planes over Sidi Azia, about 10 miles northwest of Capuzzo. Presumably they were

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en route to the fort to strafe the British armored units. When I left the scene as the sun was disappearing slowly beyond the horizon, the British tanks were awaiting nightfall to rush the fort. But I learned later that they encountered stiff opposition and the battle still was on at night with each side watching the other like a cat stalking a mouse.

Those same British troops had captured Fort Capuzzo once—on June 14—"in five minutes," the British said, after the Italian garrison fled. Those troops belong to the mechanized cavalry regiments commanded by a fair-haired, blue-eyed officer affectionately called "buckets of blood and bags of bullets."

Italians Reappear
The British helped themselves to the stock of the first class wine cellar, blew up stacks of hand grenades and ammunition and drove off in trucks and motorcycles.

Then, a high officer told me, 40 Italian trucks carrying about 1,000 troops and accompanied by 16 tanks and a number of field guns, appeared on the evening of June 28 and re-occupied the empty shell of the building battered by the blowing up of ammunition.

No British troops were inside the fort, it was said.

HIGHWAY OILING STARTS MONDAY

Oiling of the Jacksonville-Central Point road between Beall Lane and Ross Lane, will start next Monday, County Engineer Paul B. Rynning announces. It will be the first road oiling of the year, under the ten-mile per year program, adopted

four years ago by the county court. Engineer Rynning said the oil had been ordered, and stated he would not be surprised, if the purchase did not bring a rain, to delay operations. The oiling program is mapped for the entire county, and it is planned to have the work completed by August 1 or before fruit hauling gets underway extensively.

The county has completed applying dust palliatives on roads and streets throughout the county. The palliative was applied in Rogue River, Gold Hill, Butte Falls and Medford, and in rural districts. About 30,000 yards of the fluid was used.

BOY SCOUT CAMP QUOTA IS FILLED

Registrations for the Boy Scout camp at Lake o' the Woods for the third period from July 14 to 21 were closed at noon today according to word from Scout headquarters. One hundred scouts and leaders are now registered for the period and that is the capacity of the camp. "We have room for a few more

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in the second period which opens next Sunday," Scout Executive Wells said.

The fourth and fifth camp periods from July 21 to 28 and from July 28 to August 4 are each

about two thirds filled at the present time the records show. Indications are for the largest camping season in the history of the twelve year old camp. Leaders for the camp are

leaving tomorrow afternoon for the season. Those going up will be Del Ayers, Tom McGrath, Douglas Eden, Jack Kresse, Bob Holmes, Dick Smith, Glenn Taylor, James Hoey, Henry Noben,

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Loans Secured by Shares of This Association.....	2,503.69
Real Estate Sold on Contract.....	140,519.10
Real Estate Owned and in Foreclosure.....	22,900.58
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Portland.....	12,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....	30,096.86
Home Office Building.....	24,358.49
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,414.53
Other Assets.....	479.02
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$896,835.47

LIABILITIES

Savings and Investment Accounts.....	\$766,098.33
Funds from Fed. Home Loan Bank of Portland.....	80,000.00
Dividends for Cash Payment, July 3, 1940.....	12,081.00
Loans in Process.....	6,227.86
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