


THE RED STAR



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Ukraine



Scenes reminiscent of last month's fiasco at the Dvina River were enacted this month on the Ukraine front. At least fifteen Fascist divisions supported by more than a thousand aircraft repeated the mistake made to the north and attempted to smash through Red Army lines between Odessa and the Pripet Marshes. Fighting from prepared positions, the Second and Third Army fronts were able to give as good as they got. Only superior numbers enabled the German Imperialists and their subject allies to persevere for as long as they did. Marshall Alexander Vassilevskii (pictured left) pronounced himself extremely satisfied with the conduct under intense fire of the southern armies.

There is one major problem, however. How does one feed and house all the prisoners and deserters that have been taken over the past two months?

Home Front

Now that Spring has arrived we can expect the Fascist hordes to persist in their efforts to enslave the workers of the Soviet Union. The Red Army is up to the task of defending the Motherland. Recruitment of volunteers for the armed forces was at an all time high in April and production of tanks , artillery, aircraft and small arms continues to keep pace with demand due to the tireless efforts of the home army of comrades in our factories workers.

It is generally acknowledged that Soviet design of tanks and aircraft is superior to that of its enemies. Approaches have been made by the Capitalist powers to obtain the know-how of Soviet scientists and the Supreme Soviet is considering these favourably. The new medium and heavy tank models are ready to enter the production cycle and will be ready in a matter of weeks to enter the battlefield in numbers sufficient to shred the enemy formations.

In the meantime, we at home must tighten our belts so that our sons and daughters at the front can be given the right equipment in sufficient quantities to defeat the Fascist menace.

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Southern Front

Following the successful action in the Ukraine earlier in the month, Marshall Vassilevskii has ordered a general reorganisation of the units along the Southern Front in order to take advantage of the hard lessons learnt. Those formations most closely involved in the fighting will be pulled out of the front line for some well-earned rest and relaxation.

Citizens are advised that some stray German formations, cut off from the main army, may appear in the area. Do not panic! They will be rounded up and detained as soon as they are detected. Inform your local Commissar if you see anything at all unusual.

Soviet Hero Busts German Armour

Roman Chlakov, a tank commander in the 1st Tank Corps, reports that, during the vicious battle against the German mechanized and armoured formations in the South, his T-32 was responsible for the destruction of some five German tanks. This has been corroborated by eyewitness accounts from his fellow tankers and it is clear that his heroic actions enabled the Red Army to withstand the German onslaught. For his outstanding victories against the fascist forces, Roman Chlakov was the first non-commissioned officer of the red Army to be awarded the Order of Lenin.

Northern Front

Marshall Zhukov reported "All quiet on the Northern Front" this month. Following the disastrous attempt to force a crossing of the River Dvina in the face of fierce opposition last month, the German army spent April licking its wounds and generally keeping its head down. Red Army soldiers enjoyed the Spring sunshine and wondered whether they really would be home by the Autumn. Marshall Zhukov, a Hero of the Soviet Union, thought that the forces of fascism would need "a few more bloody lessons" before it dawned on them that Mother Russia was too tough a nut to crack.
