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SMOLENSK CAULDRON BOILS OVER

The combined might of the army and air force proved this month that the myth of Axis invincibility is exactly that – a myth! The Axis assault on Smolensk continued and much of the city bears the scars of the frenzied attacks of the Nazi elite. In addition to the estimated twenty-four divisions to the west, a fast attack group of some sixteen panzer divisions circled the city and made their onslaught from the northeast. All were supported by the Luftwaffe's finest.

It can now be confirmed that Axis losses have exceeded anything on that front in the war to date. The first casualties were the Luftwaffe crews who have completely surrendered the skies over Smolensk to the Axis ground of air cover, progress in the northeast one of battles ever over a three result was a the reputation of Our main picture 'tankies' with tanks just captured from the enemy. Of the sixteen fast attack divisions, three made it back to their own lines.



air force. The troops, deprived made little city itself. To the the biggest tank fought played out week period. The crushing blow to German armour. shows our veteran four Panther A

At the time of going to print, Smolensk is still the scene of intense fighting. Win or lose it will forever be remembered as the first nail in the Axis coffin.

KOREA TAKEN BACK FOR THE KOREANS

Ninth and Third Armies have reported that all but the last few remnants of the Japanese army remain in Korea. The Japanese have reportedly stripped their western front to reinforce Korea and have left themselves exposed to a revitalised Chinese military. Those new formations to land in Korea have been swiftly isolated and reduced to pockets of resistance. It is anticipated that fighting will continue in Manchuria where Japanese die-hards continue to try to impose their will on the Chinese people.

JAPANESE PLOT EXPOSED

News has been leaked this week, from sources high in the security services, that one of the products of the struggle in Korea has been a mine of information on the intelligence front. The Japanese were so taken by surprise that their swift collapse exposed them on a number of fronts. A number of headquarters units was overrun before sensitive documents could be destroyed.

The most significant find has been a series of Japanese planning documents, the objective of which is to secure the blockage of the Panama Canal. This was to be achieved by the destruction of the Panama Canal Locks. The modus operandi is breathtaking in its daring but wholly achievable by the Imperial Japanese Navy. Seiran attack bombers launched from I-400 class submarines have been designated for the task. Both bombers and submarines have been a closely guarded secret and their existence has not been confirmed until now.

What is the implication of this seemingly random exercise? The Panama Canal is used extensively by the Americans to move ships between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The blockage of the canal would forbid this and would therefore hamper reinforcement of either theatre. It can only be speculated that such an act would precede an attack on American interests in the Pacific, thus isolating the Pacific Fleets from assistance from the east coast.

British and American reaction to this news has been muted, no doubt while the news is digested. Apparently there is so much material that processing is expected to take some time yet. Watch this space for developments.
