

### WHAT'S BEHIND THE NAZI DISASTER IN TUNISIA?

One of the startling features of the Axis defeat in Tunisia was the rapidity with which the resistance of the German armies collapsed. There had been much speculation about a "Dunkirk in reverse"; but the Nazi generals did not even try such a venture in earnest. The explanations of this sudden and rapid collapse, being offered by most of the press, are rather superficial. Some say Tunisia shows that the Nazis are not supermen; but every sensible person knew that all along. Others state that Germans do not like to fight when the odds are against them. The trouble with such generalizations is that, though they answer everything, they don't explain anything.

Tunisia was not the first defeat inflicted on the German armies in this war. They had been beaten in Russia before. In Tunisia, however, their resistance was much shorter and, in every respect, much less energetic than that shown last winter by their surrounded army at Stalingrad. There is no reason to suppose that there was a marked difference in military quality between the German army captured at Stalingrad and those troops which surrendered in Tunisia. There is only one plausible explanation. The suddenness with which the German army in Tunisia collapsed reveals that the deterioration of morale is increasing steadily among the German soldiers.

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Gillis, a shipfitter, was among the first Seabees to land at Guadalcanal last summer and remained there five months. He was cited for his action during heavy Navy gunfire when he risked his life to extricate and carry to safety seven men who had been trapped under debris after explosion of a shell. Gillis left the safety of his own shelter to aid his comrades.

We must now prepare to help our returning citizen soldiers become the bulwark of a new and better day; otherwise, the reactionary demagogues will make them the backbone of fascism or drive them into the camp of some other hue of totalitarianism.

### WANT TO WRITE TO SERVICEMEN

The Office of War Information offers these pointers for homefolks writing to soldiers, sailors, and marines—based on suggestions gathered in a survey among servicemen at home and overseas, in cooperation with the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces:

#### TELL HIM:

1. How the family is doing everything possible to help in the war.
2. How anxious the family is for the boy's return.
3. How well and busy the family is. Give details.
4. How the family is getting along financially.
5. What's doing in the community: news about girls (single) he knows, doings of friends, who's marrying whom, exploits of the home team and other sports events, social doings, effects of the war on the home town. Reminisce a little about past events and places the boy used to visit. Enclose clippings from the home-town paper.

#### DON'T TELL HIM:

1. Your troubles. He has troubles of his own.
2. Your complaints. He can't do anything about them.
3. About things you are deprived of. He can't supply them.
4. Doleful predictions about the future. He's fighting for that future—now.
5. Unnecessary details about financial troubles. If there are things he should know about family finances, and he is in a position to do something about the situation, tell him. But don't string it out.

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The defendant, Elizabeth Church Southard Gullledge, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to obtain an Absolute Divorce on the grounds of two years separation; and that said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, in the Courthouse in Charlotte, North Carolina, before \_\_\_\_\_, 1943, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.  
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