

日軍將兵に

北阿^{アフリカ}洲より最近入手の報告によると
当方の豫期に反し敵を最後の決戦を

これは降伏したドイツ軍の一部後送の
実況で左方に衛英兵右には戦車警戒



やうすか
へって全軍
降服其の
陸^{りくどく}續^{ぞく}いて
投降して
また敵軍
將兵の数は
獨軍^{どくぐん}實に
十五万にた
し伊軍は
五万をこへ
た。糧食彈
薬^{りやく}もに豊^{ほう}々
富^ふであり
乍ら獨軍

がこの舉^{きよ}にいでた其理由はほかでもない。
即ち十千將兵が其自己統帥部の計
画の失態^{しつたい}に愛想^{あいさう}をつかいたからで
猶此上の抵抗は無駄である。觀念
したのと其爲に自暴自棄^{やげくそ}になつたか
らで。即ち地中海の制海權は聯合軍
かはの手に握^{にぎ}られる。そして後方連絡は
其爲に完全に断たれ、空における聯合軍
側^{がわ}の圧倒的優勢、數千の航空機によるそ
の戦法、即ち戰場爆轟^{ばくこう}及機銃掃射戦術、
之に志氣全く沮喪したるが爲で、北阿^{アフリカ}
諸戦を通じ、獨伊軍にして我方の
俘虏となりし將兵は五十万に達せんと
して、おるが之等獨伊の將兵は皆抵抗
のむだを知り、犬死よりむむする俘虏とな
るも生きて戦後の祖國のお役にと
の信念の下に投降したもので、皆当方の
手厚き取扱ひに満足、其平和の日のき
たるのを待つておる。

Photo: (Germans surrendering in North Africa.)

Caption: Germans surrendering in North Africa being led to the rear. Note British guard on left and tanks on right.

Text: In North Africa, according to latest advices, nearly 150,000 German and 50,000 Italian soldiers surrendered in the last battles which destroyed the last Axis foothold on the African continent. This mass surrender came contrary to our expectations of determined resistance.

The Germans who surrendered still had great quantities of food and ammunition. But, realizing the blunders of their High Command, they saw that further resistance was useless and irresponsible.

The Allied command of the Mediterranean sea made the German position hopeless.

The Allies also had overwhelming air power. Large-scale bombing and strafing attacks by thousands of bombers and fighter planes made further German resistance useless.

In the whole campaign, nearly 500,000 Germans and Italians surrendered. They saw the growing might of Allied military power; and that it was useless to continue fighting. All these Axis soldiers are now being well cared for and will be able to serve their countries again in peaceful ways when war ends.

(Dual purpose leaflet: short/long term

- (a) Indirect Surrender appeal
- (b) Playing up Allied war successes
- (c) Discrediting Axis partner.)