

Children stray into a front line tank battle

BUS LOAD SAVED

Express Staff Reporter ALAN MOOREHEAD NEAR MERJ AYOUN (Southern Syria), Wednesday (delayed).

ALL along the line now the French thrusts behind our forward positions have been halted and a series of British counter-attacks are going on.

Here among the ripening wheat and across yellow hills we have been locked with the enemy since dawn.

At five a.m. the British moved forward to a little cluster of hilltop houses at Merj Ayoun where the Vichy drive spent itself two days ago.

Scarred villages

When I hunched in a clump of trees 30 yards below the tank, they were pouring shells on the town. I saw my correspondents, stayed during the week-end. I drove on a narrow razor-back hill to find road police and Customs stations, and barns filled with newly-threshed grain, and the villages of Kirt and Goyat, all riverside scarred by the French barrage and bombing that had gone on all morning.

Dust and fumes

Each round sent a great yellow cloud of mingled dust and fumes billowing over the houseposts. Five or six Vichy tanks, knocked out in this morning's fighting, stuck like blackcurrants to the hillside, which mounts sharply in the shape of a winding cleft.

They were ours

Straining through glasses at them we still could not determine whether they were French or our own reinforcements. Four short black crocodiles of marching men crept down through the stubble 3,000 yards away towards us under the shadow of the great purple rock face that poised with the ruined Crusaders' castle on its top.

'Scotland next' talk

GERMANY'S war machine is being prepared for a drive on four fronts, according to what is claimed to be uncensored information reaching Washington and quoted today by the Overseas News Agency. But the next blitzkrieg was believed most likely to be aimed at Ireland or Scotland.

Eire gets seven new ships for supplies

At least thirty ships are required by Eire for essential supplies, said Mr. Lemass, Supplies Minister, moving a vote for £102,000 for the new Irish shipping company in the Dail last night.

104 men of the sea

The deaths of 104 members of the merchant navy and fishing crews by enemy action are reported by the Ministry of War Transport in a list issued today.

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FLASHBACK

June 20, 1916

THREE night attacks by the Germans against Verdun were smothered by artillery and machine-gun fire, reported the French official communiqué.

Ship losses debate in secret

Mr. Churchill said in Parliament yesterday that he has agreed to a debate on the shipping position, but has decided it must be held in secret.

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Children go from Moscow

From the radio station at Tiflis which is the capital of Georgia, where Stalin was born—came a violent "no appeasement of Hitler" demand.

"REPULSED"

Contact has been made along the Bessarabian front between our frontier guards and the advanced troops of a certain Power who were invited to help their way to Kamenetz Podolski. The attack is being victoriously repulsed.

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GIVE WOMEN ENGINEERS EQUAL PAY

Equal pay for equal work by women engineers was urged in a resolution passed at the conference of the Amalgamated Engineering Union in Llandudno yesterday.

SECRET TRAPS FOR ARMY DODGERS

SECRET methods for detecting conscription-dodgers are being perfected by the Ministry of Labour.

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POCKET CARTOON



'I FOUND KINDNESS IN PRISON'

Sir D. Broughton

NAIROBI, Thursday. AFTER evidence which had lasted 22 hours, Sir Delves Broughton, B.L., left the witness-box today at Nairobi, where he is accused of murdering the Earl of Erroll.

PARALYSED

He prisoned officials and fellow-prisoners for the consideration he had received while in custody, and added: "They all made life as bearable as possible. In fact I have received more genuine kindness and thought from prison officials and prisoners than I ever had outside prison."

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SPORTS SECTION

Commotion dashes along to complete classic double

NEWMARKET, Thursday.—Official returns for Derby day show that fewer than 25,000 paid for admission to all enclosures. Non-paying spectators and members would not bring the total attendance above 35,000.

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Express Air Reporter

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