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DEUTSCHES AFRIKA KORPS

Benito Mussolini's egotistical bid for glory and easy victory in North Africa concluded in defeat with the British taking much of the Italian forces as prisoners of war. In order to rescue the Italians, Hitler's Germany reluctantly extended the war onto the sands of North Africa.

The British forces had successfully defended their positions in

North Africa. To change this Hitler

needed a tough disciplined

military body with a crafty resourceful

leader at it's head. He found both in the

Afrika Korps under the command of Erwin

Rommel, soon to be known as "The desert fox".

What the men on both sides found was a totally unique type of war in one of the most inhospitable climates on earth. The weather was brutally hot during the day, freezing cold at night and often punctuated by stinging, blinding sand storms. Tight fitting goggles protected the soldiers eyes but not much could be done about the gritty damage done to vehicles and weapons. Add to this list of horrors, a

scarcity of water, swarms of biting flies, scorpions,

venomous serpents and the phrase, "War is hell",

seems hardly adequate. It is no wonder that the men

who fought on both sides of this war regarded each other

with knowing looks and a hard earned mutual respect.



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