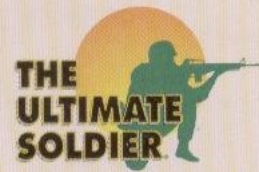


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Benito Mussolini's egotistical bid for glory and easy victory in North Africa concluded in defeat, with the British taking much of the Italian forces as prisoners of war. In order to rescue the Italians, Hitler's German reluctantly extended the war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