

TO-DAY'S NEWS

THE WAR

Rommel is still being hotly pursued by the Eighth Army, and over 9,500 prisoners have now been taken. The Americans are mopping up east of El Guettar. (p. 4)

The First Army has continued its attack in north Tunisia, and has taken some important tactical localities. (p. 4)

The Germans announced last night that they had evacuated Pichon, in the central sector of Tunisia. (p. 4)

The enemy's retreating transport in the Sfax area has suffered heavy losses. (p. 4)

The Red Army has repelled attacks by enemy armour and infantry in a new sector on the Donetz front below Balaklaya, about 30 miles north-west of the Izyum sector. (p. 4)

A powerful force of R.A.F. bombers flew through ice-laden clouds to make a heavy attack on the Ruhr on Thursday night. Our Aeronautical Correspondent writes that the loss of 21 bombers does not represent more than a normal percentage. (p. 4)

The loss of the destroyer Harvester in the Atlantic after a battle with U-boats, two of which were sunk, was announced by the Admiralty last night. (p. 4)

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The Queen will broadcast a message to the women of the Empire at 9 p.m. to-morrow. (p. 4)

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, and Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, took part in an official conference on industrial health which opened in London yesterday. (p. 2)

The report of the Committee on Post-War Agricultural Education, published to-day, recommends the establishment of a National Council for Agricultural Education. (p. 2)

The "holidays at home" arrangements for London during the coming summer will be on a larger scale than ever and will include open-air grand opera and ballet. (p. 2)