

Verordert am

19

Uhr durch

Aufgenommen am

19

Uhr durch

Erhalten am

19

Uhr

Fern-
Sprech-
Blatt.

Spruch Nr.

von

an

Bemerkte:

Abfahrende Stelle:

te Meldung

Ort

Tag
MonatStunde
Minuten

Abgegangen

Angelommen

An

Am die Truppen
von Bin Schein.

Weiterer Widerstand bedeutet
unzweifelhaft Blutvergießen. Ihr werdet
dasselbe Schicksal erleiden, wie die
beiden ausgehenden Brigaden in Fort
Saleh, die vorgetrieben vernichtet wurden.

Wir stellen den Kampf ein.
Wenn ihr unsere Flaggen seht und
ohne Waffen zu uns über den Lauf.

Heimlich
Gamschloß

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ROMMEL'S THIRD CALL TO GENERAL KOENIG TO SURRENDER BIR HACHEIM, LIKEWISE REJECTED CONTEMPTUOUSLY: THE HISTORIC DOCUMENT BROUGHT BACK BY GENERAL DE GAULLE FROM HIS MIDDLE EAST TOUR.

General de Gaulle, when recently in the Middle East received from General Koenig, heroic Commander at Bir Hacheim, the original of the signed third demand by Rommel, calling for the surrender of the hard-pressed French garrison; like the earlier ones, the demand was contemptuously ignored, the reaction being "Go to the devil". The document will be preserved at London H.Q. of Fighting France. It was brought to the first line of the French defences by a German Army Car flying white flag. The enemy officer who brought the previous demand was blown up on his return by a French mine.

TRANSLATION: "To the troops of Bir Hacheim. Continuation of resistance would only result in a useless shedding of blood. You would meet the same fate as the two British brigades which were wiped out the day before yesterday at Got Saleb. We will cease fire if you will hoist the white flag and if you will come over to our lines without arms."

(Signed) ROMMEL.
GENERAL OBERST.

PHOTO SHOWS: Facsimile reproduction of the third demand by Field Marshal (the general) Rommel, commander of the German North Africa Corps, the General Koenig, commander of the Fighting French Garrison at Bir Hacheim, to surrender. Believed to be the first enemy document to reach Allied archives bearing Rommel's actual signature. The original bears in red pencil a note in the lower right hand corner, made by the Fighting French sentry to whom the document was handed. "Recu le 3/6 a 9 h. 10."

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