

POLISH CORPS WELCOMED TO EIGHTH ARMY

The Second Polish Corps under General WLADYSLAW ANDERS is fighting in Italy as part of the British Eighth Army. Lt.-General Sir Oliver LEESE, the successor of General Montgomery, has sent to the Polish Corps the following message of welcome:

"I am happy to welcome to the Eighth Army the Polish Corps under General Anders. The fighting quality of the Poles is well known to every British soldier. On my recent visit to the Polish Corps I was struck by the efficiency and keenness of the officers and men, by the high standard of saluting and the atmosphere of confidence and the determination to get to grips with our common foe.

"Already -- as I could see -- these fine troops have begun to learn the technique of battle in this mountainous land.

"The Polish Corps includes men whose fighting qualities were shown as far back as 1940-1942 at Tobruk and Gazala. They must be among the oldest members of the Eighth Army.

"Already the Eighth Army has begun the invasion of Europe. We form one of the spearheads of the attack on Hitler's fortress, and we are proud to welcome the Polish Corps to fight side by side with us on our drive towards Germany and victory."