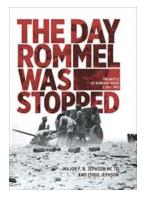
The Battle Of Ruweisat Ride July 1942: Unraveling the Forgotten Clash

The Battle of Ruweisat Ride, which occurred in July 1942 during World War II, was a significant conflict between the British Eighth Army and the German Afrika Korps in the North African campaign. This forgotten clash the world needs to remember showcases the bravery and sacrifices of the soldiers involved. Join us on a journey back in time to explore this historical event in detail.

The Gathering Storm

In the scorching desert of North Africa, two formidable forces were locked in a battle for control. The British Eighth Army, commanded by Lieutenant General Neil Ritchie, faced off against the renowned German Afrika Korps, led by General Erwin Rommel. Both sides were determined to gain dominance in this crucial theater of war.

July 1942 became a turning point in the battle's trajectory. It was during this month that the Battle of Ruweisat Ride hatched, a plan devised by the British to break the stalemate and regain the upper hand.



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The Plan Unveiled

The British strategists, eager to dislodge the Germans from their positions, hatched a plan for a broad front attack on Rommel's forces. The goal was to confuse, outmaneuver, and ultimately overwhelm the enemy.

On the night of July 14, 1942, the stage was set. In a coordinated assault, the Eighth Army struck the German positions. The attack involved a series of feints, diversionary tactics, and surprise flanking maneuvers that caught the Germans off guard.

The Fury of Battle

As dawn broke on July 15, fierce clashes erupted across the Ruweisat Ridge. The battlefield was engulfed in a maelstrom of artillery shells, machine gun fire, and tank battles – a chaotic symphony of devastation.

Both sides fought tenaciously, with great heroism and determination. The desert landscape quivered under the fury of battle as soldiers maneuvered and traded blows. Bomber planes streaked across the sky, dropping ordnance that created clouds of dust and smoke.

A Desperate Struggle

The Battle of Ruweisat Ride quickly turned into a desperate struggle. The British troops faced tremendous challenges as they battled against the German lines. The flat and featureless terrain made it difficult for them to gain tactical advantage, while the superior German weaponry took a heavy toll on their ranks.

Nevertheless, the British troops pushed on, displaying remarkable courage and resilience in the face of adversity. They fought tooth and nail, inch by inch, refusing to yield.

The Price of Victory

The battle raged on for several days, with tremendous losses on both sides. The desert sands were stained with the blood of fallen soldiers. The Ruweisat Ridge became a haunting testament to the horrors of war.

However, after days of fierce fighting, the British forces managed to gain a foothold in the enemy lines. The resolute determination and sacrifices of the soldiers finally bore fruit.

The Aftermath

The Battle of Ruweisat Ride was a bittersweet victory for the British Eighth Army. Despite their hard-fought gains, they could not exploit their breakthrough due to a strategic blunder. The opportunity to decisively cripple Rommel's forces slipped through their fingers.

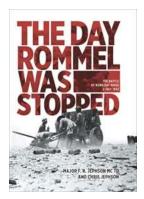
Nonetheless, the battle exposed the vulnerable side of the German Afrika Korps. Rommel's forces faced severe losses and were forced to adopt a defensive posture. This event marked a turning point in the North African campaign.

A Legacy Remembered

The Battle of Ruweisat Ride, though often overshadowed by other major World War II conflicts, holds immense historical significance. It demonstrated the bravery and unwavering spirit of the soldiers who fought in this grueling and forgotten clash. Remembering the sacrifices made during this battle is vital to understanding the price of freedom and the horrors of war. It serves as a poignant reminder of the impact that individual acts of courage can have on the outcome of monumental conflicts.

The Battle of Ruweisat Ride will forever remain a testament to the human spirit's resilience and the indomitable will to fight for what is right.

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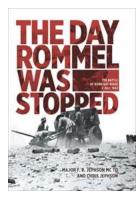
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Biographer Sir John Wheeler-Bennett once wrote, "The actual turning of the tide in the Second World War may be accurately determined as the first week of July 1942." This book argues that the time may be even more exact: about 2100 hours on July 2, 1942, when Erwin Rommel's tanks withdrew for the first time since the fall of Tobruk on June 20, or, arguably, January 14 at El Agheila.

At dusk the day before, Rommel had broken through the center of the British defenses at El Alamein. His tanks had overwhelmed the gallant defense of the 18th Indian Infantry Brigade in Deir el Shein at the foot of the Ruweisat Ridge. At that moment, and for the next twelve hours, there was no further organized defense between the spearhead of the Afrika Korps and Alexandria. Throughout the next day, only a handful of men and guns stood between Rommel and his prize.

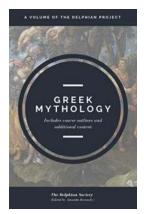
In Cairo, black clouds of smoke from burning files showed that many people believed Rommel would not stop short of the Suez Canal, his stated objective. But on July 3, Rommel called off his attack and ordered his troops to dig in where they stood. The Delta was saved.

Just a few weeks earlier, the 18th Indian Infantry Brigade, which took the brunt of the initial attack, and the guns of the small column known as Robcol that stopped Rommel, had been in northern Iraq. Gen. Auchinleck's desperate measure, pulling them 1,500 miles from Iraq into the western desert, succeeded—but if Robcol had failed, it is doubtful that Rommel would have stopped at the canal; it does not require much imagination to see his forces threatening to link up with Barbarossa in the Ukraine. This vivid account of the battle of Ruweisat Ridge, the beginning of the battle of Alamein, was written by an officer who was part of Robcol on that fateful day.



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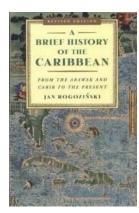
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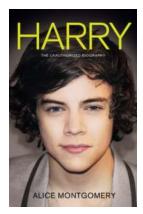
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