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the resources of the United States and become acquainted with much of the detail.

In June, 1942, General Eisenhower went to London to take command of the U.S. forces then being assembled and trained in the United Kingdom. It was from this appointment that he was transferred to the Supreme Command of the Allied force which landed in North Africa in November, 1942, and went on with the 8th Army to take Sicily and land in southern Italy.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, General Eisenhower's deputy, and formerly Air Officer Commanding in Chief in the Mediterranean, has served in the army as well as the air force. Before he joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1916 he had already served in France as a subaltern of the Dorsetshire Regiment. Then, in 1928, he attended the Imperial Defence College. He also attended, in 1923-24, the Royal Naval Staff College; so, in addition to the opportunity which his own recent experience has given him to study the co-ordination of all services in warfare, he has had a training which should help him in his present command.

To Air Chief Marshal Tedder is given the credit for welding the R.A.F. battle forces into the army as a single striking force. You may remember General Montgomery's statement last month:

"There used to be an accepted term 'Army Co-operation.' We never talk about this now. The Desert Air Force and the Eighth Army are one." Sir Arthur Tedder also introduced the functional division into tactical and strategic air forces, the first as flying artillery and the second to isolate the enemy on the battlefield from his supply bases. This division was so successful that it was later applied in Britain and India.

New attack methods for the tactical air force were also introduced by Sir Arthur Tedder. You will probably have read how pattern bombing enabled the R.A.F. in the Western Desert, by bombing simultaneously in formation, to ensure a hit on every 50 square yards of the target area. Against targets like moving tank formations this method gave a higher proportion of hits than precision bombing. Pattern bombing has also been used recently to pit flat ground with craters as cover for advancing infantry.

Again, Air Chief Marshal Tedder invented the "cab rank," which newspaper correspondents in Italy have recently been writing about. Fighter-bombers patrol the battlefield for twenty minutes each, attacking targets specified by the Army below on gridded maps. Air Chief Marshal Tedder exploited the quality of British aircraft in other ways, such as using the Hurricane as a tank-buster and apparently he will have new