

THREE IND A HALF YEARS IFTER HITLER INVIDED AND IN SEPTEMBER, 1939, THE END OF THE WAR IS NOT IN SIGHT.

GERMANY HAS SUSTAINED SEVERE DEFEATS AT THE MINDS OF THE RED ARMY. THE BRITISH ARE MAKING GOOD PROTRESS FROM N. AFTRICA TO SICILY. JAPAN'S ONWARD MIRCH IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND TOWARDS INDIA HAS BEEN CHECKED, AND SOME ISLANDS RETAKEN.

YET BOTH GERMANY AND JAPAN REMAIN STRONG, AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE WHATEVER OF QUICK AND EASY VIC-

TORY.

Hitler Germany and its allies can be defeated in a relatively short time, but this will not take place unless the United nations strain every norve and pool their military, economic and diplomatic resources in a common war strategy.

The war against the axis Powers can only be conceived as a whole, despite the feet that the Soviet Union is not at war with Japan, nor is the U.S. at war with

Finland, and so on THE CRUX OF THE WHOLE WAR MUST LIE IN THE DEFEAT OF HITLER GERMANY, WHICH IS BY FAR THE STRONGEST AXIS MILITARY POWER.

Jepan gained a vast empire in a short space of time. It over-ran great areas with little resistance - for the simple readon that there was little resistance to overcome.

Concentrate on Germans

Germany's achievements have been more substantial. In 1941, which brought the Soviet Union into the war, the German military machine was the most powerful thenn known in history.

about 250 divisions, or 3,000,000 men marched over the Soviet border. Against this military machine, fod by the industrial resources of all Europe, the Red irmy has had to battle almost alone.

Britain and the U.S.A. have provided essistance in the shape of raw meterials and military equipment. About five Gorman divisions have been engaged by the Anglo-American forces in N. Africa.

Occupied Europs and Germany and Italy themselves have been subjected to heavy

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and continuous bomb rement from British and imerican planes, thus reversing the position when Britain had to face the whole weight of the Luftwaffe.

The British Mavy has kept the sea

routes open for the Allies.

Vast Battlefield of the East

The Red irmy has won victories of a kind unequalled in the history of warfare. Millions of Axis troops have been killed. Stupendous quantities of war materials have been coptured.

YET DESPITE THIS, HITLER AND HIS ALLIES REMAIN IMMENSELY STRONG. THE OPENING OF AN AMGLO-AMERICAN OFFENSIVE ON THE CONTINENT

WILL SPELL THEIR FINAL DOOM.

In the Pacific there is room for sober confidence, but none for completency. The Japanoso havo boon checked in New Guinea and the Solomons, and the tide is beginning to turn.

They have been besten in battles by the U.S. Navy.

While Japan retains possession of the vost territories stretching through Hong Kong through the Host Indies to the S.W. Facific, there can be no grounds for complacency in Justralia, New Zealand, or an other illied country.

Here again, the full weight of the oppressor has been berne almost entirely by one country - Chine. For six years she has grappled almost unarmed against one of the cruellest and most bestial of foos,

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF HARD FIGHTING AND HARD WORKING TO BE DONE BEFORE A COM-PLETE AND VICTORIOUS PEACE IS WON.