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Map Maker: Bibliographische Institut
Date: 1939
Place: Leipzig
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 23.25 x 24.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Produced For The German High Command in 1939 - 1940

This detailed map of Africa offers a profound glimpse into a complex historical epoch, particularly illuminating German military strategy and ambitions in Africa during the years immediately preceding and during World War II. The title, which translates to "Only for Use within the Wehrmacht: Africa Map Pocket Edition of the High Command of the Wehrmacht, Domestic Division," bespeaks its intended audience and purpose—exclusivity for German military use.

The period in question was marked by escalating tensions globally, with Africa becoming an increasingly important theater for Axis and Allied powers alike. German activity in Africa at this time was particularly centered in North Africa, predominantly in Libya, which was then an Italian colony. Germany's initial involvement was to assist their Italian allies who were struggling against British and Commonwealth forces. The German Africa Corps, known as the Afrika Korps and commanded by General Erwin Rommel, was dispatched in 1941 to buttress the Italians. Rommel, also known as the "Desert Fox," achieved several tactical victories, pushing eastward and threatening to take Egypt and the Suez Canal, a key strategic objective.



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