

Ruins
Book One
Corpses in Armor

In December 1941, five German officers, each equipped with a squad of men, ventured deep into the Sahara to establish a lifeline of munitions complexes in defiance of the idiosyncratic management of Berlin that threatened Rommel's North African Campaign.

In February, the English forces in chaos, near ruin, German victory seemingly on the brink, Rommel unexpectedly ended his major offensive at Gazala, west of the English stronghold in Tobruk, Libya, his army, and supplies equally spent.

But while General Rommel sat through those weeks in February and months to come, the idea of the complexes began to take shape and grow under the noses of the Allies, Italians, and Berlin alike...

For a while, anyway, for a little while.

This is the story of one of those five officers, Baron Hauptmann Dieter Reineke. It is the story of what he found, and what he did, and the Englishman Justin Charles who waited one step ahead.¹

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