Order of the Day

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Issued by Marshal Stalin and addressed to Army General Volutin

Troops of the 1st Ukrainian Front, as a result of a resolute blow by mobile units and infantry and a skilfully executed outflanking manoeuvre, have captured the towns of Lutsk and Rovno, large regional centres of the Ukraine, as well as the town and important railway junction of Zdolbunov.

In the fighting for the capture of the towns of Lutsk, Rovno and Zdolbunov, distinction was won by troops commanded by Lieut.-General Pukhov, Lieut.-General Baranov, Lieut.-General Sokolov, Lieut.-General Kiryukhin, Lieut.-General Glukhov, Maj.-General Mamsurov, Maj.-General Vasilyev, Maj.-General Khrustalev, Maj.-General Zubov, Col.Borshchev and Maj.-General Pavlov, tankmen commanded by Lieut.-General of Tank Troops Novikov, Maj.-General of Tank Troops Korolev and Col. Pushkarev, artillerymen commanded by Maj.-General of Artillery Kubeyev, and sappers commanded by Col. Barash.

To commemorate the victory, the units and: formations which particularly distinguished themselves in the fighting will be recommended to bear the name of "Lutsk" and "Rovno", and for the award of Orders.

Torday, February 5, at 21.00 hours (Moscow time) the capital of our Motherland, Moscow, in the name of the Motherland, will salute with 20 artillery salvoes from 224 guns our gallant troops which captured the towns of Lutsk, Rovno and Zdolbunov,

For excellent military operations, I express my thanks to all the troops under your command which took part in the fighting for the liberation of the towns of Lutsk, Rovno and Zdolbunov.

Eternal glory to the heroes who fell in the struggle for the freedom and independence of our Motherland!

Death to the German invaders!

J. V. STALIN

Marshal of the Soviet Union Supreme Commander-in-Chief