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Somewhere in Egypt the Secretary of State for War formally reviewed detachments of the great army assembled by Britain in the Middle East. Sir Henry Wilson, commander-in-chief in Egypt, attended Mr. Eden. Significantly British Paramount was the only newsreel to take pictures of the tour, a service which brings to the screen a graphic report of British military strength in this vital theatre of war. Anthony Eden has all along advocated a vigorous prosecution of the war against Italy. He must have been heartened to see that the army, like the navy and Air Force, is in a position to deal damaging blows.

Operating under the Middle East Command is Colonel Kopanski at the head of a Polish force. They are soldiers who escaped from their own country and made their way to Palestine, there to continue the war as Britain's allies. Steadfast men, fighting on to regain the homeland from which they are temporarily exiled.

Australians make up a large part of the army in this field. A contingent not large, but significant, is the Free French brigade (with mascot) part of General de Gaulle's band of fighting men, pledged to deliver France from bondage. Leaving a New Zealand hospital the War Secretary was accompanied by General Wavell. Though the Navy's Taranto triumph weakens the enemy in Libya, the British Commander-in-chief cannot afford to relax his hold on the Western desert. By air Mr. Eden journeyed to inspect the desert outposts. Paramount is the only newsreel to present pictures of this most important part of the tour.

New Zealanders occupied this sector, an exercise in patience for them, as Grazziani further delays his much-advertised thrust. Whether the Axis attack west of the Nile, or attempt a would-be Napoleonic swoop through Asia Minor, the unrivalled soldiers of Anzac stand prepared. Troops of Empire and homeland wrecked German military hopes in the last war; they will do so again when the great attack is launched.

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troops manning them in the best of spirits.

Tank traps are set all along the desert frontier. No secret has been made of the fact that Britain must at all costs defend Egypt; and while past misfortunes warn us against underating the Axis, even the Italian part of it, we can claim to be prepared for anything in the Middle East.

Hereabouts the British armies are at considerable strength, glad to have had the opportunity of showing the Secretary for War that they are fighting fit, eager for battle, a formidable array. The Gateway to the East is in strong hands.

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