

40,000 REASONS WHY MUSSO CAN'T SLEEP

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This is a war of prisoners. General Wavell's brilliant advance into Lybia cut off a great host of the enemy and close on 40,000 men of Graziani's army are now in British prison compounds. We've got to feed them for the rest of the war, but we no longer have to fight them. Something like one-sixth of Mussolini's forces in Libya are now behind our barbed wire.

From Sidi Barani some Italian generals, battalian-commanders and staff officers were brought by air. It's rather a humiliating position, to be a captive general, but they made the best of it.

Gooda day.

No sooner had the officers arrived than they filled up pay warrants. By the rules of war captured officers continue to be paid by the country that takes them prisoner.

These men have just been de-loused, in the physical sense, that is.

Libyan natives make up a big proportion of the captured army. They'll be very glad when the Italian oppressors have been driven from their country and they can continue to live in peace.

The Libyans have a taste in headwear which Winston Churchill himself might envy...It's very handy to have a hat that you can use at night for a blanket. 40,000's a great number but we've room for a lot more yet.
