

THE ARMY IS READY

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The British Army is coming into its own. The Chief of the General Staff, Sir John Dill, inspecting the Second Canadian Division, noted the Bren carriers. Like other branches of mechanisation they give the army its new-found speed, one of the qualities that overwhelmed the Italians in Libya. Mounted on motor-cycles the Brens can be in the van of the swiftest battalion.

(SV DILL) General Dill said that he expected an invasion attempt and that the Canadians, like all the army, were ready for anything.

Accent on speed particularly applies to this special shock-battalion of machine-gunners. Light lorries convey men and guns to the scene of the fight. The present operation set out to show how quickly the unit could be on the spot and in action.

Germany has given us seven invaluable months since Dunkirk, and in that period the army has been trained to perfection. In a matter of seconds the Vickers guns were assembled and got into firing position.

(GV) Twenty-four guns in line - were all set for the word to open fire.

The enemy supposedly in retreat the men crept forward, took cover and re-assembled the guns.

The Prime Minister, while meditating the broadcast that inspired the whole free world, paid a visit to his old regiment. Mrs. Churchill was with him. In the last war the man who now directs the war effort of the British Empire commanded a battalion of Royal Scots Fusiliers in France. The chief difference between that war and this lies in tanks and mechanisation in general; and in its machines, no less than its men, the army is now well abreast of the times.

(LV TANK) At this inspection the capture of Benghazi was announced by the man whose drive and genius have set us on the road to victory.