

BRITISH IN KEREN; FIRST PICTURES.

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Ringed by a perfect natural defence of craggy peaks lies Keren. These latest pictures from East Africa illustrate the toil and sweat and valour the British army expended to capture that well-unassailable fortress. The enemy shelled the approaches, day and night.

We broadcast propaganda to native troops in the Italian ranks. Lord Corvedale (formerly Oliver Baldwin) is in this branch. Here's the dope, and this is Fuzzy Wuzzy reading it. Loud speakers send the message over the mountains.

The main road through the hills was mined by the Italians when they fell back on Keren. To spot enemy gun positions our observation posts were on watch whenever the Italians shelled the road, which they did, on and off, all day, to make it too hot for repair-parties.

(LV OFFICERS) Richard Dimbleby, radio war-correspondent, watched the stuff coming over.

The O-Pip successfully registered the gun-positions and next night the road was repaired.

Despite the almost trackless country, tanks played a useful part in the conquest of Eritrea. This war has shown that they can operate over terrain considered impossible years ago.

At last Keren was ours. The long siege was over and the gates opened to the victors. Note that our bombardment carefully left the hospital untouched.

In Government House there was a picture of the former tenant....Without pausing the army pushed on to Asmara and completed the conquest of the colony - a triumph that was opened up to our forces after the enemy had been driven from Keren - key-city of Eritrea.

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