

INSIDE TOBRUK

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News from the garrison in Tobruk comes to the screen by typical newsreel enterprise. The wreck-littered harbour testifies to twelve months of bombing. British and Italian ships lie plentifully on the mud. Our present pictures were brought by a ship from Palestine which took very welcome stores to the British troops, made moving pictures and brought them out again. Not only stores - the lugger came with still more welcome letters. One of the Australians learned that he'd become a father. His cobbers brought him just the things he'd want ...

It's 108 in the shade so D Company has cold bath, turn about; and bob down, there's a raid.

Tobruk has almost as many prisoners (Nazis as well as Italians) as there are troops. In the last two sorties no Germans were taken; all Italians, giving point to the theory that General Rommel and the Nazis have left Libya for Soviet Russia.

Abandoned enemy tanks are used by the workshop crews to get spare parts for our own machines. The garrison has held Tobruk for four months and in a siege you learn how to make best use of everything. Early anxieties over, the troops produce a newspaper. The Tobruk Times comes out every day and sells every copy. Against big odds our men have held the Germans at bay and have good reason to be pleased with themselves. A 15-hundred pound bomb that didn't explode is another good cause for satisfaction.

(SV BOMB AFTER CU) It's good to know that optimism is rife among His Majesty's troops occupying Tobruk.
