

rush lines--Tobruk:

Once aboard this lugger luxury became a thing of the past. She's heading from Palestine to Tobruk--with an engineer aboard very fond of pictures of sinkings.

7. Gunnery practise rarely ceased.

9. But our real battle never ended--the ship (a pet, enjoying their perpetual feud.

11. Our glasses soon picked up Tobruk harbor--an unholy mess after a year of bombing. Italian ships, British ships, here they lie at anchor--forever.

16. But our good lugger had brought her cargo safely to port--food, tobacco, and personal packages shipped from far-off Australia.

20. Best of all, home news--for this lad a bulletin....It's a boy!

His coppers--Australian slang for buddies--an appropriate present....plus!

23. Tobruk has almost as many Nazi and Italian prisoners as it has Australian troops. The Aussies lay for the patrols at night--coaxing the men on -- and into their ambush.

30. Abandoned enemy tanks are everywhere. The Tobruk garrison blacksmiths use the old tanks as a handy source for spare parts. Saves shipping. Nearby I found the only rival of United Press in Tobruk. Nothing fancy, of course, but day in and day out

36. ..the staff of the Tobruk Truth turned out a newspaper that reached a guaranteed 100 per cent circulation.

42. Typical item: G Company leads in the dud competition. Landed another 1500 pounds. Everybody intact.

45. Another: Temperature last night, 34; all companies wore overcoats. Sunny Africa!

48. Still another; Temperature, midday, 108; D company has the bathtub..The Alarm! Bombers!

50. They're after that minesweeper...The sticks of bombs fall fast.

54. That's done it! Got her right through the forward hatch!

55. The men jump, under orders. Small boats are out to pick them up.

56. Only two men wounded--not a man lost. And, once again, it's thumbs up for His Majesty the King! Thumbs up!