

BRITISH MOVIE TONE NEWS.

Cameraman: N. FISHER.
Date 14.8.41.
Location Western Desert
Footage 750 feet.
Consignment No. 31.
Light conditions Good.

MARSHAL SMUTS VISITS SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT.

Marshall Smuts carries out a lightening tour of the South African Forces in the front line in the Western Desert by plane and car.

Various scenes in the plane flying to the front showing the Marshal at the window of the machine, and the escort of Tomahawk fighters of the South African Air Force. On arrival at a Desert aerodrome of the South African Air Force, the Marshall is received by Gen. G.E. Brink, G.O.C. of the 1st S.A. Div. and Lt. Gen in the Western Desert. He inspects a guard of honour of the S.A.A.F. while the escorting fighters roar overhead.

The Marshal then addresses assembled South African troops under the palm trees, and carries out a tour of inspection of the positions. Going to a high vantage point, Gen Pierce explains to him the lie of the land. On arrival at a R.A.F. Aerodrome, the Marshal is met by Air Marshal Tedder, while R.A.F. Fighters roar overhead. Marshal Smuts concludes his tour by driving along the desert road lined with cheering S.A. Troops.

In the meantime, Mrs. Smuts gives a tea party to the troops at the Y.M.C.A. in Cairo, and tries her hand at darts.