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Friendly Redland troops, looking suspiciously like G.I.s retreat to take up new positions alongside the B.A.O.R. as Operation Broadside begins. It's a double-headed plan to test the army in a war of movement against superior air power; and to test air power in stopping a war of movement. Interested spectator is Mr. Strachey. There as experts are Western Union ground-forces chief, General de Tassigny and General Keightley, of the B.A.O.R. In charge of American training is General Mark Clark.

In enemy Northland, pilots plot course to attack the 7th Armoured Division moving by train to a new front. Outnumbered, the defenders have to buy time by manoeuvrability.

Reconditioned wartime transport is taking punishment. Rain caused this crash - one of many. Bad weather interfered with the manoeuvres and even tanks are glad of a helping hand.

It's a real tough test. Look out, ducks! There's a war on! And for a nice piece of infiltration, how about this?

There's a river to cross. But somewhere ahead there's a pontoon bridge under construction and at bridgehead men are busy. But operations are interrupted when warning is received of enemy aircraft approaching.

Field Marshal Slim and General Keightley are not satisfied. We're building a quick-thinking, quick-moving, hard-hitting force, says the Chief of Staff. The Army must be larger and better equipped.

Halfway through, according to plan, Redland forces and the 7th Armoured turn traitor and that really makes things difficult for the British zone forces.

We don't know who won Operation Broadside, but, judging by Field Marshal Slim's broadside, the enemy certainly started something!