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ISMAILIA ARMY SEIZE POLICE H.Q.

Centurion tanks, armoured cars of the Royal dragoons and men of the Lancashire Fusiliers prepare to attack Egyptian Police Headquarters. A surrender demand has been ignored and now fire opens up, as General Erakins takes stern measures in Ismailia. Many police of the auxiliary guard have taken part in terrorist activity and only complete British control can restore order.

One Headquarters building is on fire, and headed by tanks the Lancashires storm through a breached wall. In the battle, a British officer and twelve men are wounded, and three British soldiers killed. Again an offer of honourable surrender is ignored and fire intensifies, as the Egyptian Government order the police to resist. But now despite heavy fire, the Lancashires go in to storm the position.

Seen the prisoners come trailing out ... in all about 800, less than a hundred of them regular police. Untrained, undisciplined and easily agitated, these auxiliaries were a constant menace to our men and the people of Ismailia. Soon after, realising the harm that has been done, King Farouk dismissed his Cabinet.

In the three hour action, forty-one police were killed through what General Erakins called the lunacy of their superiors. A large supply of arms and ammunition (more than any police force would need) proves the threat these men were to Ismailia; nearly 600 rifles, sub-machine guns and pistols, and a hundred thousand rounds. The action was drastic, but the need was great.