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GENERAL SMUTS VISITS AN OUTPOST.

FORT WAJIR, a lonely outpost in North East Africa, became a vital stepping stone in the great advance which has taken South African forces well into Italian Somaliland.

Like a picture out of Beau Geste, Fort Wajir at the beginning of hostilities, was held by native troops from the Gold Coast.

It is to this 46 year old outpost that General Smuts comes, to see the new defences his men have put up. Located on an ancient trans-desert caravan route, the Fort lies in the centre of an area which holds over two thousand water wells.

General Smuts sees for himself that the lads mean business.

They're masters in the technique of tropical warfare, and have had many opportunities for putting it into practice.

The Springboks have been busy laying down new gun emplacements and building fortifications at this important outpost. Only one little corner in a colossal continent maybe, but let anyone try and take it, and see what happens!